



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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Dear Friends, Last week we celebrated the feasts of St Bruno, Our Lady of the Rosary, St John Henry Newman, St Paulinus of York and St John XXIII. Amongst these saints we have the founder of the Carthusians, we have a feast of Our Lady, an Englishman who was a convert of Anglicanism and recently declared a Doctor of the Church, a monk and a bishop who was part of the Gregorian Mission to our land, and a Pope of the 20th century who called the Second Vatican Council. The recitation of the Rosary is one of the most popular devotions. To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother. What these saints have is their closeness to God and their desire to pass on their faith and love for Christ to others. They took heroic steps in their lives to reach out to others. St Bruno, the Carthusian monk, left the life of a diocesan priest and teacher, to pursue a life of monastic prayer and solitude. St John Henry Newman spent hours every day writing and searching for the truth. He was praised for his humility and unstinting care of souls, and his contribution to the intellectual life of the Church. May Our Lady and these saints inspire, guide, and lead us in the daily run of life. **Fr James**



Liturgical Calendar October 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 4

Sat 11th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Anna Kowalczyk & family
Sat 11th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 11th	6.00pm	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kania Anna RIP
Sun 12th	8.00am	28TH SUNDAY	The Parish
Sun 12th	10.00am	28TH SUNDAY	Samantha Ma
Mon 13th	9.30am Rosary 9am	St Edward the Confessor	Souls in Purgatory
Tue 14th	NO PUBLIC MASS. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30		
Wed 15th	1.00pm	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	David Cook RIP (anniversary) Izahaak Arun
Thur 16th	9.30am	Feria	Souls in Purgatory
Fri 17th	1.00pm	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	Dave Campell RIP
Sat 18th	10.30am	ST LUKE, EVANGELIST (FEAST)	Margaret Kenny RIP
Sat 18th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 18th	6.00pm	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	The Parish
Sun 19th	8.00am	29TH SUNDAY	Kamia Anna RIP
Sun 19th	10.00am	29TH SUNDAY	Patricia Mills RIP

World Mission Sunday There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend 18/19th for World Mission Sunday (Missio).

This is the main collection of the year for what used to be called Foreign Mission Sunday. The theme for 2025 is:

"Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples"
Please bring in your Red Boxes for the autumn count which supports Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries by Sunday 26th October. They can be left in the sacristy. Thank You.



Parish Christmas Bazaar

It's time to start thinking about the Christmas Bazaar! This will be held on Saturday 29th November in the Parish Hall. There will be more details to follow over the coming weeks, but in the meanwhile, a sign up list for stall holders/volunteers will be put in the Narthex during the week. Any help and support will be greatly appreciated as this is an important fundraising (and social) event for the Parish.

We remember all who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Lately Dead-Rita Rees

Anniversaries: Patricia Mills, Michael Clear, Patricia Winterburn, Sadie Hawksworth, Anne, McManus, Malcolm Clark, Norman Hunt.



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pray for the Sick: Ania Kuzba, Jan Beavan, Robbie Bell, Meg Furber, Ann Currie, Midad Jasari, David Madgen, Lynne Howells, Katherine Melia, Christina James, Ana Rudnicki, Nicola Merrick, Martin O'Connor, Patricia Moroney, Margaret Davis, Margaret Skelding, James Spradbery, Teresa Bord, Sarah, Patricia Marongiu, Sarah James, Kath Feely Pauline and David Day, Mark Edmunds, Didit Buhain, Margaret Davis, Ann Marie Hughson.

Parish Safeguarding News

I have just taken on the voluntary role of Parish Safeguarding Representative. What does that mean? I hear you ask. Archbishop Mark tells us that: "One of the central messages of the Gospel is the innate and inviolable dignity of every human person, created in the image and likeness of God. It naturally flows from this belief that every person deserves to feel safe and respected. This is something that must always be at the forefront of our minds in our mission and in everything we do as the Catholic Church. To this end, we have become acutely aware, in these years, of the need for high safeguarding standards in the way we carry out our mission." My role is to support the parish priests in establishing best practices of safeguarding for all within the parish to enable us in achieving this mission.

I hope to support Father James and Father John by:

- Promoting information about safeguarding and its importance within the parish. You will see an area in the Narthex outlining various pieces of information including my contact details, which will also appear in each Newsletter.

- Providing relevant information and updates through the parish website.
- Ensuring the parish fulfils its statutory duties with regard to Safeguarding and those holding positions of trust have the necessary information, training and checks required to safely carry out their roles within the parish.
- Supporting with risk assessments of trips and events held within the parish.

We might assume that Safeguarding relates only to children but this is not the case. Statistics tell us that children and young people, those with a disability or older members of our community are within the groups most at risk.

If you have any concerns at all or anything you would like to discuss regarding safeguarding – past or present - please contact me at the above email address or through the parish office. I might be able to help or signpost you to some who can. Thank you. **Kathy Weston**

Poetry for Pleasure The next meeting is on Thursday 16th October 1030-1200 in the Parish Hall. The theme is "**Specific forms of Poetry**". Bring a few poems to share in any of the following forms: sonnet, haiku, limerick, acrostic, villanelle, ode, ballad, free verse.

Congratulations to Stuart Fox who has been elected as Chair of the Diocesan Pastoral Advisory Council for the Cardiff Menevia Archdiocese.

Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6pm Wendy Winterburn Angela Holmes Vigeetha Joseph	6pm Fiona Stokes Helen Booth
8am Cecilia Balestra Frances Hetterley	8am James Morris Dorothy Kennedy
10am Lorena D L Auer Thomas Kottuppallil Noel Elegado	10amGwenfair Gillick Valerie V Williams

HEREFORDSHIRE DEANERY - HORIZONS OF HOPE

The Church & Young People Nurturing Faith and Hope



with **James Potter**
Chaplain, Wimbledon College

How does the Church build a bridge with the next generations?
James has worked with young people for over 20 years in school / university chaplaincy and parish youth ministry.

Thursday 30th October at 7pm
At St Francis Xavier's, Broad Street, Hereford HR4 9AP

200
TWO HUNDRED CLUB

Parish 200 Club. We have pleasure in announcing the winners of the **August Draw**. 1st Marc and Alison Holmes £30; 2nd Maureen Joynt £20; 3rd Alison Davis £10. Winners of the **September Draw**. 1st Brigid Fresle £30; 2nd Edward Perks £20; 3rd Kathryn Ling £10.

Congratulations to the Winners, who can collect their letters from the Sacristy. Thanks, Paul&Brenda.



First Holy Communion Lessons for children NOT attending Catholic Schools

There will be a meeting for parents and children on Saturday 18th October at 4pm in St Francis Xavier's Church. Children must be in Year 3 or above.

To register your child before the meeting please email me **brendafirstcommuion2025@gmail.com** Please include your child's name, school and year group. Also a contact phone number is required. It would be helpful if you can pass this information on to friends and family who may be interested. Brenda Williams.

Welcome to new parishioners and visitors. Do introduce yourselves to the welcomers and **come along after the 10.00am Mass for coffee and cake.**



Collection 05/10/2025
The Parish £ 769.06
ACN Collection £714.00



What's on in October 2025

Wed 15th	7.00pm	Parish AGM – Parish Hall
Thur 16th	10.30am	Poetry for Pleasure
Mon 20th	7.00pm	SVP meeting
Wed 22nd	6.30pm	ABC Scripture group—all welcome

