



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HEREFORD

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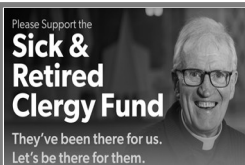
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Dear All, As November begins, the Church invites us to lift our eyes to heaven and to rejoice in the great feast of All Saints. This solemnity reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people but is the calling of every Christian. The saints—famous and hidden, ancient and modern—show us what it means to live fully for God in the ordinary moments of life. They were people just like us, who allowed God's grace to work through their joys and struggles. The First Reading was written by St John who was trying to give reassurance to the early Christian community that was beset with persecution and hardship. The two visions he shares are apocalyptic code. In his first vision, he sees the Church as protected against the troubles to come by placing their trust in the Lamb. The second vision is of the Church in glory, composed of those who have triumphed and resisted to the end. These are the martyrs who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." Here at St Francis Xavier's, we celebrate this feast with particular joy, as we give thanks for the men and women whose quiet faith has inspired our own. This year's celebration is especially joyful as we welcome those who will be baptised and received into the Catholic Church, joining the communion of saints in a new and living way. What a beautiful sign of God's grace at work among us! May this feast renew in all of us a desire to live as God's saints today — not perfect, but open to the transforming love of Christ. **Fr John**

Liturgical Calendar November 2025 Yr C Psalter Wk 3

Sat 1st	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Peter Millin RIP
Sat 1st	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 1st	6.00pm	ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)	Anna Kania RIP
Sun 2nd	8.00am	ALL SAINTS	The Parish
Sun 2nd	10.00am	ALL SAINTS	Herring family RIP
Mon 3rd	Mass 8am, 9.30am & 1pm Rosary 9.am	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)	Souls in Purgatory November Dead List
Tue 4th	NO PUBLIC MASS. Mass at Our Lady's 9.30		
Wed 5th	1.00pm	Feria	Ania Kowalczyk birthday
Thu 6th	9.30am	Feria	Souls in Purgatory
Fri 7th	1.00pm	St Willibrord, Bishop	Tom McCourt RIP
Sat 8th	10.30am	Mass of Our Lady	Busko, Rapa, Stojewski families RIP
Sat 8th	11.00am	Confessions & Adoration	
Sat 8th	6.00pm	THE LATERAN BASILICA	The Parish
Sun 9th	8.00am	THE LATERAN BASILICA	November Dead List
Sun 9th	10.00am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Remembrance Sunday Requiem Mass



Please Support the
Sick & Retired Clergy Fund

They've been there for us.
Let's be there for them.

Retiring Collection next weekend

for the retired and sick clergy in our archdiocese. Please do what you can to support this collection.



Special Request - for transport to Sunday 10am Mass, for a retired lady in the Hampton Dene area who is happy to contribute towards the petrol cost. Contact the office.

Special Event here at SFX– Thursday 13th November 7pm



Fr Dominic White OP, Prior of Blackfriars ,Oxford is coming to share a musical experience of beauty and faith as a composer, organist and pianist.

'Composing the Music we have heard in Heaven'

Please see the posters at the back of church for more details

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

Lately Dead-Rev. Dom Stephen Holdsworth, Sanal Antony, David Madgen.

Anniversaries: Vera Barrington Hopkins, Shirley Gutowski, Paula McQuillan, Katie Meakin, Noah Bolt, Ann Lock, John McSherry, Jim Baskerville, Harold Welch
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, 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, Vera McHale.

NOVEMBER

With the clocks going back one-hour last Saturday night, we reached the end of British Summer Time; the evenings are longer and darker. At the same time, we have a busy month ahead of us with the start of Advent at the end of November. The beginning of the month commences with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls; this year these two feasts are transferred to 2nd and 3rd. Over the years the Church has recognized and named countless saints and accepts that many more are unknown to us. The feast calls on all to recognize that powerful spiritual bond which exists between the living and those who have achieved spiritual maturity and are now bathed in God's glory in heaven. St John Paul II wrote, 'we join all the saints who eternally celebrate the heavenly liturgy to offer thanks again with them to our God for the wonders he has accomplished in the history of salvation.....for having raised up in the Church a great multitude of saints, whom no one could count...not only the saints and blessed we honour during the liturgical year, but also the anonymous saints known only to him.'

Close on the heels of All Saints is the Commemoration of All Souls. It is the day when we pray for all who have died. All of us will have members of our family, other relatives and close friends who have died. It is a day when we unite with the Church to pray for All Souls. Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being.'

Throughout the month November we pray for All Souls. During the month, at every mass, we shall remember the Benefactors of our Church. This magnificent church would never have been built without generosity and prayers of so many. At the end of the month Fr John and I will have been on the parish for one year. It is a moment to thank you for making us so welcome. It is a privilege to be part of this parish of St Francis Xavier. St Francis Xavier was a great missionary. All of us are called to be missionaries; we are all called to communicate the Gospel to others.

Fr James



Ministers of the Eucharist		Ministers of the Word	
6pm	Kathy Weston Angela Holmes Jane Gennard	6pm	Philip Dixon Stuart Fox
8am	Cecilia Balestra Frances Hetterley	Tracey Buckley	
10am	Maria Brennan Moses Obanimoh Gerald Okafor	10am	Andy Milne Valerie V Williams

Christmas Bazaar 29th November 2025

12.30pm – 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. The Raffle will be drawn at 1.30pm The Bazaar is an important social and fundraising event for the Parish. In order for it to be a success, we need everybody to be involved by running a stall, donating items for the stalls and raffles, buying raffle tickets and most especially by coming to the Bazaar. Make sure the date is in your diary!

How can you help?

1. Thank you to all those who have signed up to help run stalls. There are still a few gaps so please look at the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and see where you can help.
2. There will be a Parish Raffle. Do you have any suitable items or services that you are willing to donate as prizes? e.g. a voucher for a business, bottles of whiskey, homemade Christmas cake. If you are able to contribute anything, please see Fr James or Fr John. Tickets will be available for sale in the coming weeks.
3. Items will be needed for the following:
 - Ø Christmas Hamper Raffle (see separate notice)
 - Ø Toy Stall: small, clean, good quality toys and games are needed. No large items please, as we do not have enough space.
 - Ø Jewellery Stall: Do you have any items of jewellery that you can spare for this popular stall?
 - Ø Cake Stall: homemade cakes will be needed on the day of the Bazaar.Please bring items for the stalls into the sacristy before or after any weekend or weekday Mass from now onwards. Labelled boxes will be available.



The Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Look out for those early Christmas Bargains Parishioners are asked to donate items to make up Christmas Hampers. See the notice in the Narthex. Please look at the lists; you will see that the Hampers contain many items that will help you enjoy a festive Christmas. Please sign against an item that you can donate (before 23rd November). Please place your donation in the Christmas Hamper box in Sacristy. Thank you for your continued support for this fund raising venture.

Thursday Social Club

Why not call in to the Parish Hall on Thursday 6th November 1.30-3.00 for a cup of tea and a chat? It's a great way to meet old friends and new. All are welcome.

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 26/10/2025
The Parish £941.95



What's on in November 2025

Mon 3rd	7.00pm	SVP in Kemble Hall
Wed 5th	6.30pm	ABC Scripture Group
Thu 6th	1.30pm	Thursday Social Club