

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour out your power upon all your children in the Middle East. Let hatred be turned to love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation. Grant that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces and peace and justice be experienced by all. Amen

Gracious Mary, Mother of God and Our Lady of Kiev, we humbly ask for you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for the people, their government, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood besides your son at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. Grant, through your prayers, that peace may come to that troubled land. Amen

FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

We pray for the sick of our parish both at home, in hospital and in care homes: Joan Dykes, Ann Orchard, Teresa Gross and Barbara (Floss) Preedy, Sandi Bray.

We pray for those who have died, Robin David, Adrian Quinn, Kathleen Keeler, Slawomir Gabrhlewicz-Gorbaslewicz (Slav) and all those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

– Every Saturday morning (10.00am), we have Exposition and Benediction for the intentions of growing our parish and reaching out to those who need our prayers. There is an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions). This is followed by the Mass at 11.00am. If you cannot be there in person, join us on the live stream. (see the parish website)

MASS INTENTION

If you would like a Mass to be said for your intention, there are envelopes available at the back of church for you to use. Holy Mass makes present the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer than the Mass, since it is the most perfect offering we can make to God. In offering Mass for a specific intention, we are asking that the fruits of Christ's redemptive power may be applied to the requested intention. The offering you make also helps support the clergy. I will try my best to accommodate your request however, if the date given is not available, the nearest possible date will be given. Please give a contact number so that I can ring you if need be.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



WELCOME

We give a very warm welcome to Abbot Brendan who is joining us here today for Mass. This is his first visit to Our lady's since he became abbot last year and I know he has been looking forward to coming here and celebrating with us. I know you will all make him feel at home. There will be an opportunity to meet him informally over coffee in the parish hall.



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

101 Belmont Rd, Hereford, HR2 7JR

Parish Priest: Rev Andrew Berry OSB

Parish Telephone: 01432 265177

Website: www.olqmhereford.org.uk

Hospital visits: Fr Patrick Lobo 07922 323603

Served by the monks of Belmont Abbey

Safeguarding Reps: Jan Winter & Leigh Brazewell

Email: OLQMSafeguardingrep@outlook.com

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Kathy Weston

Telephone: 01432 274814

Parish email: hereford@rcadc.org

Charity number 242380

YR C – 6th July 25

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Anthea Jarvis
		6.30pm	Valerie Domalik
Monday, 7th July	Feria	9.30am	For Peace
Tuesday, 8th July	Feria	9.30am	Judy Allen RIP
Wed, 9th July	No Mass	No Mass	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thurs 10th July	Feria	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Friday, 11th July	St Benedict Patron of Europe	9.30am	English Benedictine Congregation
Saturday, 12th July	Memorial of Our Lady	10-10.50am 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions Samantha MA
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Jack Pick
		6.30pm	Pro Populo



Reminder for your Diary

On **Sunday 13th July**, in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am **Mass** we are holding our Summer 'shared table' event. We want to make this a multi-national gathering representing all the different communities that worship at Our Lady's. It would be wonderful if people could bring 'different food from different places.' So please bring food to share, something that will reflect the many cultures that have made their home here at Our Lady's. Let us enjoy each other's company coming together from our many nations and languages to praise the wonder of God's love. There will be Pimm's, strawberries and cream and who knows Fr. Andrew might be persuaded to cook his favourite dish, black pudding. You will be made very welcome.



Longworth Catholic Chapel

We are very fortunate and grateful that His Grace Archbishop Mark O'Toole will be coming to celebrate Holy Mass in Longworth Chapel on Thursday 24th July at 11.00 am. The Chapel is on the road leading to St. Michael's Hospice, Bartestree. All are welcome

Contact: desmondkeohane@gmail.com for further information

WE BELIEVE, 25th-28th July 2025, A FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE

celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir- Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

Apostleship of the Sea

*The next voluntary second collection (14th July) is the traditional one for the **apostleship of the sea** when the church prays and supports all those who live and work on the sea.*

Sick and Housebound

If you are sick or housebound and would appreciate a visit, then please let me know. Don't assume that I do already the chances are that I am in blissful ignorance. This also applies to those who are in a care home.

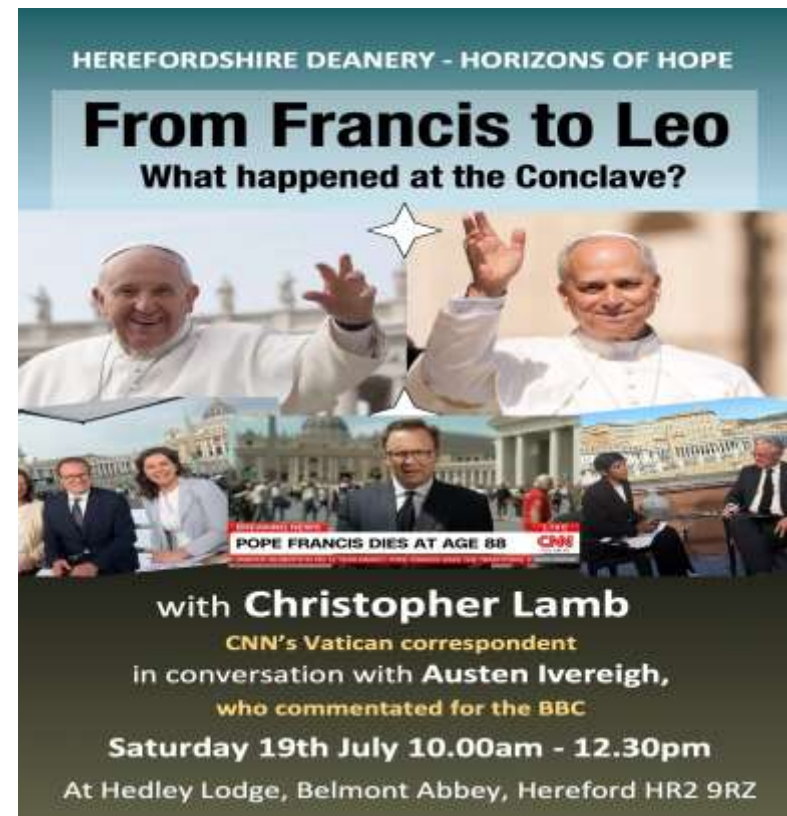


Plate Collection/Offering at Our Lady's

Last Sunday's Loose Plate collection: £193.23

Retiring Collection: Peter's Pence: £151.23

May God reward and bless you.

Spiritual Reflection

Christian discipleship is a relationship with Jesus Christ not unlike that which you share with the one with whom you fell in love. To be a disciple, a follower of Jesus isn't easy because it requires us to accept Jesus' invitation to take up our cross daily and follow him to become his friends and members of his family with everything that this entails. It means an unconditional 'yes' to whatever he asks of us and to give unconditionally without counting the cost. Jesus tells us that those who want to follow him has to give up everything, to place themselves utterly and completely into the hands of God and to say a radical YES to him. Why radical? Because to say YES to God means to change and we tend not to like change; to truly follow Jesus calls for self-discipline, sacrifice and a total commitment to the goal of bringing the Gospel to the world. To be a disciple is to love passionately, to trust wholeheartedly and to give ourselves totally to God.