

### Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour out our 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

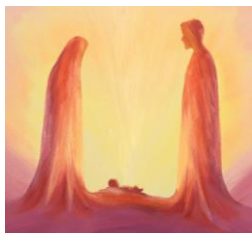
Gracious Mary, Mother of God and Our Lady of Kiev, we humbly ask for you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for the people, their government, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood beside your son at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. Grant, 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: Joan Dykes, Ann Orchard, Barbara (Floss) Preeedy, Sandi Bray, Jim Winters and Brian Tanswell. We pray for those who have died, Ross Williams and Tony Channin, Dom Stephen Holdsworth. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur about*

### Horizons of Hope

The Middle Coming: Fr Michael Casey OCSO. For our next Horizons of Hope talk, a renowned Cistercian spiritual writer will talk about the interior landscape of spiritual experience: the quiet ways in which grace transforms the human heart. He is on a rare visit to the UK from Australia. **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am - 12.30pm** at 'The Chapterhouse', Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ. All are welcome.



### STARBRIGHT: A Reflective Course for Advent

As we prepare to meet the Christ-Child who comes as a light to the world, take time to pause and reflect on the mystery of the God who was pleased to dwell with us. Starting on Tuesday 2nd December, 6.30pm in the parish room of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Belmont Road. Over the four weeks of Advent, the course will weave together scripture, art, music and poetry to help us reflect fully on the message of Advent. The course is open to all, so please come along as we embark on this special Advent journey. For more information, please contact the parish office on 01432 265177



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### First Sunday of Advent

<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>		10:00am	Whent Family
		6.30pm	Pete Stallard
<b>Monday 1st December</b>	Feria	9.30am	Burgoyne Family
<b>Tuesday 2nd December</b>	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 3rd December</b>	NO MASS	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
<b>Thursday 4th December</b>	Feria	6.30pm	Pro populo
<b>Friday 5th December</b>	Feria	9.30am	Deceased family and friends
<b>Saturday 6th December</b>	St Nicholas	10.00am 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions Jim Meenaghan RIP
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>		10:00am	Fr. Stuart's Intention
		6.30pm	For Peace

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## First Holy Communions 2026

Unfortunately applications for the First Holy Communion Preparation Course is now closed and we cannot accept any further names at this time. Those who have already been in contact and expressed a desire to receive Our Blessed Lord for the first time in Holy Communion will be contacted in the next few days.

God bless: Fr Andrew



**Our Lady's Catholic Primary School - A caring Catholic education for your child or grandchild**

*If your child or grandchild was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you will need to apply for a Reception Class place for your child to start school in September 2026. Our Lady's School – next door to Our Lady's Church – offers a good, caring Catholic education in a happy and supportive environment. There are no fees to pay, and you can choose*

*a Catholic education even if it isn't the school nearest to where you live. We would be delighted to welcome you to this hidden gem of a school. Come and meet our new Headteacher, Mrs Przybylska, who will be happy to show you around the school and introduce you to some of our pupils and staff. Further details and application forms are available on our school website: [www.our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk](http://www.our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk). To book an appointment, please phone the school office on 01432 274814 or email: [admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk).*

**We aspire that, through the love of Jesus, everyone should 'have life and have it to the full**

## **Reminder for your Diary**

On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass** we are holding our Christmas '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. You will be made welcome.

**A date for Confirmations** has now been agreed with Archbishop Mark for **Wednesday 17th June at St Francis Xavier, Broad Street**. Anyone who would like their child to receive this Sacrament of the Church please contact your parish priest. Please include the full name and contact details of the young person seeking confirmation, also include their date of birth and the school they are currently attending. **Registration details should be received no later than January 1st, 2026.** Preparation classes will begin in the New Year. Further details to follow



## **Our Lady's Parish Christmas Draw!**

**Prizes Include**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £50**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Food Hamper**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Meat Voucher**

**Other Prizes Include: Spirits, Wine & Chocolates**

**Tickets are now available after Mass price £1 per ticket.**

**The draw will be made on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the parish hall, during our shared Christmas table event.**



## **Advent Carol Service**

On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm** we are holding our annual, **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**. This year we welcome the choir of St Mary's Lugwardine who will be joining us as we gather to sing the praises of God. St Augustine famously said: "They who sing pray twice" and this is an ideal opportunity for us to give glory to the God who comes to us in humility and love. So come along and join in thanksgiving and praise. There will be mulled wine and mince pies to keep us going.

**Jubilate deo omnis terra. (Praise the Lord all nations on Earth)**



*Thank you for your continual support for the 200 club. If you aren't already a member why not join in the fun? It's just £25 per annum and you have a real chance of winning. Why not join today? Ask Fr Andrew or Janet Winter for an entry form. Remember you have to be in it to win it. October winners are: Arthur Staton and Mary Whent.*

## **Movie Night**

SVP youth group is hosting a children's game, pizza and movie night on **Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm** in the church hall.

Tickets are £5.00 per child

£1.00 per adult (Adults are required to stay)

Under 18 months go free!

SVP Youth group will be providing fun games, followed by pizza and movie (The Nativity). All proceeds will go to Khmelnytskyi Catholic school in Ukraine. Tickets will be sold at the back of the church.

Please support this worthy cause!