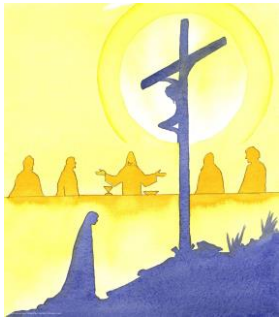
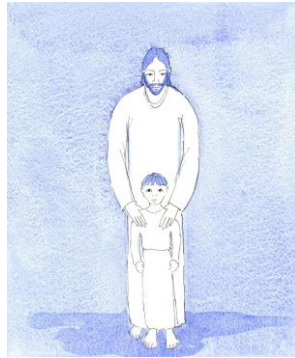


Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

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 you 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



Fifth Meditation of Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Jesus instituted Holy Communion, in order that He might unite Himself entirely to our souls. He had given Himself to us as our teacher, our example, and our victim. All that remained was for Him to give Himself to us as our food, that He might become one with us, as food becomes one with the person who eats it. Jesus did this by instituting this Sacrament of love. St. Bernardine of Sienna says, "the last degree of love is when Jesus gave Himself to us to be our food,

uniting with us in every way." Jesus was not satisfied with this unity with our human nature but, He would, by this Sacrament, find a way to unite Himself to each one of us. In this way Jesus makes Himself one with the person who receives Him in the sacrament. Because Jesus loves us so much, he desires to unite Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, in order that we might become the same thing with Him. Jesus wills that our hearts and His heart should form one heart. Jesus said *"the person who eats me will have life from me"* (John 6:57). Whoever receives Holy Communion, has life from Jesus and Jesus lives in them. This union is not mere affection but is a true and real union. "As two candles, when melted," says St. Cyril of Alexandria, "unite themselves into one, so the person that communicates becomes one with Jesus Christ." Let us, therefore imagine, when we receive Holy Communion, that Jesus says to us that which He said one day to His beloved servant, Margaret of Ypres: "Behold, my daughter, the beautiful union between me and you. Come, then, love me, and let us remain constantly united in love, never more to be separated."



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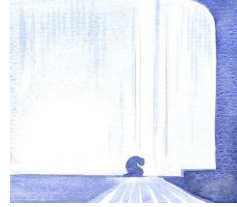
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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		6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 6th October	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday, 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	World Peace
Wednesday 8th October	NO MASS	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday 9th October	St John Henry Newman	6.30pm	Brian and Vicky Tanswell
Friday, 10th October	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday, 11th October	Memoria of Our Lady	10.00am 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions Holy Souls
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Jim Meenaghan RIP
		6.30pm	Pro Populo

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, Teresa Gross, Barbara (Floss) Preedy, Sandi Bray, Jim Winters and Celia Sharland. We pray for those who have died, Father Paul Johnson, Ross Williams. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Collection at Our Lady's for Week Ending 28th September

Last week's Statistics

Mass Attendance: 176

Plate Collection: £142.55

MISSIO RED BOXES

Please bring in your Red Missio Boxes before the end of October and hand them to Denise our Mission Secretary so they can be counted. These donations can also be gift aided on completion of a simple form available here: <https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Red-Box-GAD-2025.pdf>



ADVANCED NOTICE



Parish Quiz Night with Cold Supper

On Saturday 11th October at 7.00pm in the parish hall we will be holding our parish quiz night. Entry is £8.00 per person (£5 for children) with teams of up to six players. The price also includes a delicious cold supper.

Please come along, have a great evening and enjoy each other's company.

As part of our fund-raising efforts, we will be holding a **jumble sale** in the parish hall on Saturday 18th October starting at 1.30pm. If you have any good quality jumble that you can contribute, please leave it in the parish hall rather than the church narthex. The hall is open on Saturday morning and Sunday after Mass. There will also be a cake stall so if there are any bakers out there your offerings will be greatly received. Help is also needed so if you can spare a few hours all help, is again gratefully received.



Message from our Vincent de Paul Youth Group

Dear parishioners,

The SVP Youth Group needs your help! We want to support our local Hereford food bank and we are asking if you can bring one item.

We welcome all gifts of non-perishable food or donations of money (but not clothes). The food bank is short on:

Tinned Meat

Tinned vegetables

UHT milk

Food for vegetarians

Tinned Soup and Tinned Fish

Dog/cat food

Hygiene products

Carrier bags are always welcome

We ask if you can bring your donations in no later than Sunday October 26th when Father Andrew will bless the donations before we send it off to the food bank after the 10am Mass. Please drop off your donations in the church foyer.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause!

First Holy Communions 2026

This year we have decided to do things a little differently than in previous years due to the numbers expected. Those children who go to Our Lady's School will continue to be prepared by the school and you will hear from them in due course. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on

admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk

For those children within the parish who do not attend Our Lady's school and yet still need to be prepared for their First Holy Communion. If your child is aged 7/ 8 (Year 3) could you, please contact Father Andrew by email on hereford@rcadc.org to register your child. This must be done as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for them. We will be in touch as soon as we have finalised the dates for the preparation course.