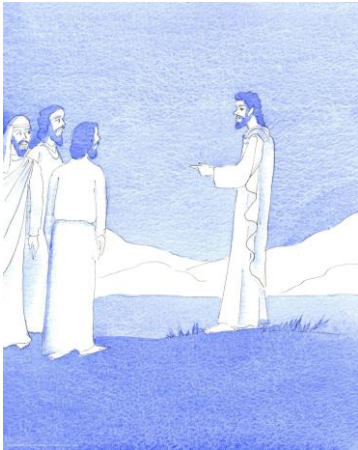


Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

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



Discipleship

When we hear the cost of Christian discipleship, our spontaneous reaction probably sounds something like this: “Lord, you’re going too far. Asking us to live like that would make people think of us as fools.” That kind of reaction means that we have heard Jesus correctly. We tend to ignore the foolishness of Christ’s teaching about discipleship. Saint Paul does not: he acknowledges the foolishness of the gospel he preaches, almost as an essential characteristic of its authenticity. In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul writes: “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who

are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” Why does Paul say that “Christ crucified” is an obstacle to believers and foolishness to reasonable people? The answer touches upon the essential revelation of the gospel: God, the heavenly Father, is love; Jesus, his only Son, perfect image of the Father, can only be love, even to giving up his life on a cross. This human, free act of giving up his life even for those killing him appears foolish because it is so contrary to our deepest human instinct to preserve our own life by whatever means – more violence, retaliation, possessions, power, money than those who are in hostile competition with us to stay alive. By our own fragile freedom and strength, we cannot liberate ourselves from the prison of self-love and the fear of death. It is only through accepting the gift of sharing in the freedom and strength of the Risen Christ that we can live as children of God in love.



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Jim Meenaghan RIP
		6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 13th October	St Edward the Confessor	9.30am	For Our Country
Tuesday, 14th October	Feria	9.30am	World Peace
Wednesday 15th October	NO MASS	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday 16th October	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	6.30pm	Jim Meenaghan RIP Pray for Edward on his birthday
Friday, 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30am	Jim Meehaghan RIP
Saturday, 18th October	St Luke the Evangelist	10.00am 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions Pro Populo
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Coecopola Giovanni
		6.30pm	For Peace

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. We pray for those who have died, Ross Williams. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Collection at Our Lady's for Week Ending 5th October

Last week's Statistics

Mass Attendance: 167

Plate Collection: £346.88

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

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.



The Church and Young People: Nurturing Faith and Hope with James Potter. How does the Church build a bridge with the next generations? James is Chaplain at Wimbledon College has worked with young people for over 20 years. Do join us at **St Francis Xavier's Church, Hereford, at 7pm on Thursday 30th October.**

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.

Please drop off your donations in the church foyer.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause!

SVP Youth Group:

Calling all Youth in Years 7-11 (Secondary School age)

Our next gathering is on October 26th after 10:00am Mass. Where we will spend time in fellowship, sharing our faith and our ideas, for our next big fundraising event. We hope you can join us.

Annie and Helen

First Holy Communions 2026

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.