

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

Forgiveness

All of us tend to think that faith is simply a matter of doing the right thing at the right time in the right way. We have a tendency to believe that we are right and that God loves us more than anyone else. The prayer on our lips is “look at me God I am not like those sinners over there.” When we look at our lives of faith, our relationship with God, do the things we say and the things we do reflect what is truly in my heart and in my mind or have we shut God out? We may not be major league sinners but we are sinners nevertheless. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The trouble is we don’t see it. We see the sins of others all too clearly and have no problem pointing them out. However, that’s not the way of a follower of Jesus, our way is to imitate the Father and do what He does and what does He do? He forgives; He kneels on the ground before us and writes His name in the barren earth which is our hearts. He reaches out to us in our need and whispers “I do not condemn you, go and sin no more.” The heart of the law is mercy, and we are asked to be compassionate as our Father in Heaven is compassionate. Jesus challenges us to examine our lives, to be open and honest before him so that he can bring about healing, wholeness and peace. For Jesus there are no half measures he doesn’t want anything, he wants everything, and it is only through our total self-giving that can bring about change in our lives. Each one of us must choose for or against Jesus. If I choose to follow Christ and walk the long, narrow, rugged path that he sets before me then I know that I will eventually come into a loving encounter with the one who calls us away from the dark night of sin and into the brightness of a new dawn. I will dwell in the Lord’s own house where everyone is welcome, saint and sinner and no one is excluded. If I ignore Christ then he will not know me on the day of judgement. Let us pray that we may never lose sight of Jesus who leads us in our faith and who will lead us into an ever-deeper realisation of his love if only we would open our hearts to him.



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Coecopola Giovanni
		6.30pm	Emma Haverty Special Intention
Monday 20th October	Feria	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Tuesday, 21st October	Feria	9.30am	World Peace
Wednesday 22nd October	NO MASS	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday 23rd October	Feria	6.30pm	Adela Foster RIP
Friday, 24th October	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday, 25th October	Memoria of Our Lady	10.00am 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions Pro Populo
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Barbara and Andy Spanjers
		6.30pm	For Peace

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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 12th October

Last week's Statistics

Mass Attendance: 193

Plate Collection: £300.94



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.

NOTICE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be a meeting of extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist on **WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 6.30PM** in the parish room. There will be a short Eucharistic reflection as well as a chance to meet with each other and share thoughts, experiences and ways to best serve the parish community of Our Lady's. I very much look forward to seeing you all and I hope the time together will bear much fruit.

On **SUNDAY 2ND November** at the 10.00 am Mass we will have the re-commissioning of all the extra-ordinary minister.

On behalf of the parish, I want to thank all those who help myself and Fr Stuart in the worthy celebration of Holy Mass.

God Bless

Fr. Andrew



To Bernadette and Derek Hughes who are celebrating fifty years of marriage this week. We give thanks to God for their Christian witness and wonderful example to the sanctity of married life and we pray for them as they renew their vows.

Message from our Vincent de Paul Youth Group

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

The Parish First Holy Communion Mass will be at 10am on Saturday 13th June 2026. For those children within the parish who do not attend Our Lady's school 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 by SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2025 so that arrangements can be made for them. Please note we will not accept applications after this date. We will be in touch as soon as we have finalised the dates for the preparation course.

Those children who go to Our Lady's School will continue to be prepared by the school and you will hear from them soon. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk

MASS TIMES

Please note that there will be no 9.30pm Mass here at Our Lady's on MONDAY 20th October. I don't like cancelling Masses, but this is sometimes unavoidable. Many thanks for your understanding.