

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

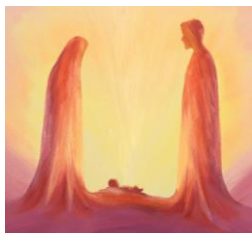
Gracious Mary, Mother of God and Our Lady of Kiev, we humbly ask for you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for the people, their government, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood beside your son at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. Grant, 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 13th December, 10.00am - 12.30pm** at 'The Chapterhouse', Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ. All are welcome.



STARBRIGHT: A Reflective Course for Advent

This course has been postponed until Lent.



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Second Sunday of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent		10:00am	Fr. Stuart's Intention
		6.30pm	For Peace
Monday 8th December	Immaculate Conception	9.30am With the Children	Our Lady's School
Tuesday 9th December	Feria	9.30am	Celia Sharland
Wednesday 10th December	NO MASS	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday 11th December	Feria	6.30pm	Pro populo
Friday 12th December	Feria	9.30am	Deceased family and friends
Saturday 13th December	St Lucy	10.00am 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions Emilia & Edward Dzierza RIP
GAUDETE SUNDAY		10:00am	Fr. Stuart's Intention
		6.30pm	For Peace

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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. To book an appointment, please phone the school office on 01432 274814 or email: admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk.

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

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

1st Prize: £50

2nd Prize: Food Hamper

3rd 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 7th December in the parish hall, during our shared Christmas table event.



Christmas Flowers

There will be a voluntary retiring collection next weekend **Sunday 14th December** for Christmas Flowers so that the church will look beautiful for the festive season. Any donations will be gratefully received

Advent Carol Service

On **Friday 12th 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)

If you have a child in primary school or younger who you think would like to take part in the Nativity play for the 6:30pm Children's Christmas Mass then please stay after the 10:00am Mass on December 14th and December 21st for a short rehearsal. *Annmarie*

Movie Night

SVP youth group is hosting a children's game, pizza and movie night on **Saturday December 13th 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!



Advent Penance Services across Hereford

Tuesday 16th 7.00pm: Belmont Abbey

Thursday 18th 7.00pm: OLQM and SFX

Please take this opportunity to come for confession and so better prepare yourselves for the coming of the Saviour

Fr. Andrew's Sponsored Slimafon Update

Many of you have asked about how my sponsored slimafon is going and some of you have kindly commented on how much better I look. Since September, I have lost a total of two stone and one pound. The target was two stone before Christmas. I want to thank all of you for your sponsorship, support and encouragement. God bless you all. *Fr. Andrew*