

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

All Saints

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints and gives thanks and praise to God for all those men, women and children of faith who dedicated their lives to God wholeheartedly and without reserve and who now live with him in Heaven. The saints are not people who were in some way super human but they, like us, experienced all the trials, cares, worries of life. The saints are the most human of people because they were totally aware of their faults and failings. They knew that they weren't perfect however, they were also able to overcome these failings and by doing so show us what it means to be so totally in love with God that you are willing to give up your life for him. The saints kept their eyes fixed firmly on God and so we can look to them as examples of what it means to follow him. But today isn't just about those people whom the Church formally recognises as saints but all those throughout the world and throughout all time who sought to carry out the divine will in their lives, faithfully and lovingly. We are all called to be saints because all of us are called to holiness of life; all we have to do is live in God and allow God to live in us. If we do this, if we allow God to work in us and through us just as he did with who have gone before us, then we too will be children of God and show his love to the world. As that great Catholic writer Oscar Wilde once said: "every saint has a past and every sinner has a future". But how do we become holy? We have a clue in today's Gospel reading from the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes show us a way of life that, invites us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become peacemakers in everything we do, even if it exposes us to ridicule and persecution. Today we are invited to walk the path of the saints, the way of the Beatitudes. The way is narrow and hard. We need faith and courage to walk it. The example of the saints and their prayers encourage us and help us on. So today let us give thanks and praise to God for those countless numbers of people who have lived out Gospel values in their lives, who have put God first and let us pray that we too may one day be numbered with them in Heaven.



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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		6.30pm	For Peace
Monday 27th October	Feria	9.30am	Tom Tanswell RIP
Tuesday, 28th October	St's Simon and Jude	9.30am	Fr. Andrew's intention
Wednesday 29th October	NO MASS	NO MASS	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday 30th October	Feria	6.30pm	J.J. Conroy
Friday, 31st October	Feria	9.30am	P.C. Matthew
Saturday, 1st November	Memoria of Our Lady	10.00am 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions Mandy Flint SP
All Saints		10:00am	Jim Meenaghan RIP
		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, Barbara (Floss) Preedy, Sandi Bray, Jim Winters. We pray for those who have died, Ross Williams and Tony Channin. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Collection at Our Lady's for Week Ending 19th October

Last week's Statistics

Mass Attendance: 215

Plate Collection: £233.79

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

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

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

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 I started back at the beginning of September, I have lost a total of one and half stone. The target is two stone before Christmas. I want to thank all of you for your sponsorship, support and encouragement.

God bless you all. *Fr. Andrew*

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. 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 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

All Souls

November is traditionally the month when we pray for the Holy Souls. Envelopes will be available for you to place the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all whom you wish to pray for. Please hand these into Father Andrew with your donation and these will be placed before the altar. Holy Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls during the month of November.

Message from Bernadette and Derek

Bernadette and Derek would like to thank everyone for our 50th Wedding Anniversary wishes especially to Fr Andrew for the renewal of our vows and blessing. We had a lovely weekend celebrating with the family and feel very blessed.