

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour out your 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 besides 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

We pray for our new Pope, Leo XIV

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion.

Plate Collection/Offering at Our Lady's last Week

Last Sunday's Loose Plate collection: £160.27.

Retiring Collection: £46.

May God reward and bless you.

God from God, Light from Light

An Ecumenical service celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea: Thursday 12th June at 5.30pm at Hereford Cathedral. This has been organized by the Herefordshire Catholic Deanery together with Hereford Cathedral. We are delighted that Archbishop Mark will preach, and preside alongside the Bishop of Hereford. Do join us in this opportunity to witness to our common faith. What are we celebrating and why is it important? The Council of Nicaea, held in 325 AD, was the first ecumenical council of the Church and marked a turning point in Christian history. Its central significance lies in its definition of orthodox belief in the divinity of Christ, "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God...consubstantial with the Father." It also gave us the core of the Nicene Creed, uniting the Church over the centuries in a shared profession of faith. Something to celebrate!

Please note that to allow as many people as possible to attend this important event the Parish Advisory Council has been postponed. There will be no Holy Mass at 6.30 pm. Unfortunately, there are no priests available to say it. My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mass Times

Please note that the time of Mass on Monday has been moved to 9.30am. The reason for the change is that as well as being your parish priest I am also the novice master at the abbey and Monday is one of the days when I teach the novices. Please accept my apologies for any trouble this may cause.



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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE, YR C – 1st June 25

Sunday, 1 st June	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE World Communication Sunday	10:00am 6.30pm	Sam Evans Pro Populo
Monday, 2 nd June		9.30am	In Thanksgiving for blessings received
Tuesday, 3 rd June	St Charles Lwanga and companions	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed, 4 th June		No Mass	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday, 5 th June		11.00am 6.30pm	Requiem Mass for Adrian Quinn Holy Souls
Friday, 6 th June	St Norbert	9.30am	The Premonstratensian Order
Saturday, 7 th June		10.00	SCHOOL FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS No confessions, exposition or Benediction
Sunday, 8 th June PENTECOST		10:00am 6.30pm	For Peace in the World Pro Populo

Prayer for Pentecost

Gracious Lord, you have fashioned everything out of nothing, giving life and breath to all that exists. You order everything according to your loving providence, and establish the relationships by which our lives are nurtured. Confirm in us the gift of piety, so that by our honour and reverence for you and for those you have given us, we may bear witness to the working of the Holy Spirit, and become instruments of a new Pentecost in our time. Amen.

FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

We pray for the sick of our parish both at home, in hospital and in care homes: Joan Dykes, Denise Schofield, Teresa Gross and Barbara (Floss) Preedy, Sandi Bray, Paul Lissamen.

We pray for those who have died, Robin David, Adrian Quinn and all those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH – Every Saturday morning (10.00am), we have Exposition and Benediction for the intentions of growing our parish and reaching out to those who need our prayers. There is an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions). This is followed by the Mass at 11.00am. If you cannot be there in person, join us on the live stream. (*see the parish website*)

1st Holy Communion Preparation Course – 16 Children from our parish are being prepared for 1st Holy Communion and the next session of preparation is this Sunday following the 10am Mass. It is important that children preparing to make their 1st Holy Communion attend the Sunday morning Mass before the Catechesis session. Their First Holy Communion will taken place, here at Our Lady's, on **Saturday 21st June at 11 o'clock**. Please pray for our children as they prepare for this special day.

School First Holy Communions

On **Saturday 7th June at 11.00am** we will celebrate the First Holy Communion Mass for our school children. This is a time of great rejoicing not only for them but for us as a parish family. Please keep our children in your prayers as they receive our Lord in the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and pray that they may continue to spread the Gospel and to praise God by their lives.

Please note that there will be no confessions, exposition or Benediction.

Longworth Catholic Chapel

We are very fortunate and grateful that His Grace Archbishop Mark O'Toole will be coming to celebrate Holy Mass in Longworth Chapel on Thursday 24th July at 11.00 am. The Chapel is on the road leading to St. Michael's Hospice, Bartestree. All are welcome.

Contact: desmondkeohane@gmail.com for further information

Retiring Collection

This week's second collection is for the **Catholic Communications Network**, an organisation dedicated to the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world by means of social communication. The theme for this year is "Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts"

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass to be said for your intention, there are envelopes available at the back of church for you to use. Holy Mass makes present the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer than the Mass, since it is the most perfect offering we can make to God. In offering Mass for a specific intention, we are asking that the fruits of Christ's redemptive power may be applied to the requested intention. The offering you make also helps support the clergy. I will try my best to accommodate your request however, if the date given is not available, the nearest possible date will be given. Please give a contact number so that I can ring you if need be.

PAC Elections

The elections to the PAC have been postponed for a couple of weeks to give Fr. Andrew the chance to settle back into parish life. This election is an important part of parish life and will happen soon. Watch this space.

WE BELIEVE, 25th-28th July 2025, A FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE

celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

Pope Leo's Intention for June

That we all might grown in love and compassion

A Gentle Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that mobile phones must either be switched off or set to silence before Mass begins. Thank you

Parish Advisory Council

The parish Advisory Council due to be held on Thursday 12th June has been postponed. This is to allow as many people as possible, to attend the Ecumenical service at the Cathedral. Fr. Andrew will be representing the parish on that occasion.

Please also note that there will be no Mass on that day at 6.30 pm. There are no priests available. I'm sorry for the inconvenience this will cause some of you.

Father Andrew