



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 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

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen

Prayer for Our Parish

Loving God, all you desire is our wholeness and wellbeing. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve for precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future. We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, for you, the God who does not abandon your people. Amen

FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

We pray for the sick of our parish both at home and in hospital. For those who have died, and all those whose anniversaries of death are at this time and those known only to God. We pray for those affected by the war in Ukraine, the Middle East and the Venezuelan Earthquake.



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

		10:00am	Valerie Domalik RIP
		6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 20th July	Feria	9.30am	For Peace
Tuesday 21st July	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 22nd July	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday 23rd July	St Bridget of Sweden	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday 24th July	Feria	9.30am	Our Lady's School
Saturday 25th July	St James the Apostle	10.00am	Exposition and confessions
		11.00am	Mass: Peace
		10:00am	Kathleen Garrity RIP
		6.30pm	Pro Populo

Collection at Our Lady's for Week Ending 12th July

Last week's Statistics

Attendance: (Numbers are approximate)

Plate Collection: £

Hall Renovation Fund: £. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.



Parish Quiz Night with Cold Supper

On Saturday 25th July at 7.00pm in the parish hall we will be holding our parish quiz night. Entry is £10.00 per person (£5 for children) with teams of up to six players. The price also includes a delicious cold supper. Tickets available after

Mass. Come along, have a great evening and enjoy each other's company.

Lost Property

In the narthex there are several lost items including assorted umbrellas hats, jumpers, coats and even a baby's bib. If you have lost something like that in the last few weeks, please check if they are yours. Anything left behind at the end of this week will be disposed of.



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School currently has **places** available in nearly all year groups. Families seeking a caring, nurturing environment with high expectations, excellent teaching, and a strong Catholic ethos are warmly invited to visit. Our recently published Ofsted report recognises that "*A positive and inclusive culture is at the heart of Our Lady's RC Primary,*" reflecting a school where children are safe, valued, and supported to achieve their very best. If you are

considering a place for your child, or would simply like to find out more about everything Our Lady's has to offer, please contact the school office on **01432 274814** or email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk to arrange a personal tour of the school.



Thank you for your continual support for the 200 club. If you aren't already a member why not join in the fun? It's just £25 per annum and you have a real

chance of winning. Why not join today? Ask Fr Andrew for an entry form. Remember you have to be in it to win it.

June winners are: Richard Seamarks. Carol Thompson

July winners are: Angela Ridgeway. Kate Tanswell

Jesus said: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS for my yoke is easy and my burden light".... Matthew 11 verse 28. We do not think

often enough of how precious and special each one of us is in the eyes of God. Yet each one of us was chosen in Christ before the world was made. Since we are chosen by God it is only natural to want to live lives that reflect the love of God for each of us and yet we all know that all too often we wander far from God and the image we reflect is more of our own making than that of God's. Someone had to pay the price for our sins and Jesus paid that price. During every Mass we offer Jesus once again to the Father to pay that price on behalf of us. Since we have been saved through the blood of Jesus think of how precious and valuable each of us. You are worth the precious blood of Jesus. That is how much you cost because Jesus shed his blood for you. You are worth the precious blood of Jesus because Jesus shed his blood for you. Sometimes we hear people say, "It's my body and I can do with it what I want." Our bodies have been purchased for God by the precious blood of Jesus. When we know our worth and value, we cannot say "It's my body and I can do with it what I want." Instead, we recognise that we have been chosen by God and that we are worth the price of Jesus' blood and that our vocation is to be holy and faultless. So have no fear in approaching Jesus. He is a friend of sinners. Jesus understands our trials and temptations. He was tempted in every way that we are though he did not sin. He understands your trials and does not condemn you but asks you to go and sin no more, so have no fear in approaching Jesus, he loves you and wants nothing more than for you to be happy. "Look, I am standing at the door knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal, side by side with him." *Louise Bowen*



Summer Holiday

This week the children finish school for the long summer holidays. We'd like to wish them and the teachers a restful break so that they may return in September raring to go. Let us also

pray for those children who are leaving Our Lady's to go to the 'big school'. May they continue to 'aspire through the love of Jesus they may have life and have it to the full.'