

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 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

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

"May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into ploughshares, and the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation." 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. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. 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 at home and in hospital. For those who have died, especially Marion Luscombe, Leszek Fabisiak, Fran Smith and Renee Jakubowicz and those whose anniversaries are at this time George Mercia and those known only to God. We pray for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and the Middle East.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS ON TUESDAY FIRST SEPTEMBER WILL BE AT 10 O'CLOCK NOT 9.30 AM. FR. ANDREW WILL BE AT OUR LADY'S AND ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

		10:00am	Roy and Isabel Mead RIP
		6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 31st August	St Aiden	9.30am	Marion Luscombe RIP
Tuesday 1st September	World day of prayer for creation	10.00am	For the created world
Wednesday 2nd September	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday 3rd September	Pope St Gregory	6.00pm	Marion Luscombe RIP
Friday 4th September	St Cuthbert	9.30am	Pope Leo XIV
Saturday 5th September	St Teresa of Calcutta	10.00am	Exposition and confessions
		11.00am	Mass: Leah Wells
		10:00am	Belmont Monastic Community
		6.30pm	Pro Populo

Last week's Statistics 23rd August 2026

Attendance: 194

Plate Collection: £ Hall Renovation Fund: £ Thank you for your continued generosity.



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School currently has places available in 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 on 01432 274814 or email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk to arrange a personal tour of the school.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

On **Saturday 19th September** Chris Moore and his friend and fellow parishioner Adam Michnoik will be participating in a sponsored 100 mile cycle ride to raise funds for **Our Lady's Parish Hall Restoration Fund**. This is a worthy cause and will help the parish raise the £50,000 that we have pledged as part of our share towards the renovation of the hall. Donations can be made using the card machine and there is a sponsorship form for cash/ cheque payments available in the narthex. If you would like to sponsor Chris and Adam or contribute in any way all donations will be gratefully received.

Massive Congratulations

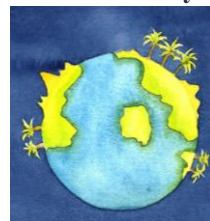
To all those involved in organising the strawberries and Pimm's shared table last Sunday. A lot of time and trouble go into putting together these events so massive congratulations and grateful thanks for all the hard work that went into making it happen. It was a lovely occasion and an enjoyable one which really brought the parish together. Well, done everyone.

Welcome Back

This week the children return from their summer break. Let us continue to pray for the children and the staff at our school that they may all grow strong in knowledge and faith. We also pray for those starting school for the first time and those starting the big school. May they all 'aspire through the love of Jesus they may have life and have it to the full.' May God bless you all.



The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Tuesday 1st September 2026



Pope Francis set aside **1 September** as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and encourages us to pray for our common home, the Earth. This year theme chosen by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV comes from Isaiah 2:4 reminding us that it is only through God's peace resting in our hearts that there will be peace in the world.

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks" Isaiah 2:4. Pope Leo shows us that there is a link between war, environmental destruction, and human suffering. War is "a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, undermining food security. This in turn brings about poverty, inequality, and social tensions."

We need to break this cycle of destruction by renewing our hearts in order to bring about an inner conversion which, in turn, will lead to a peaceful world and a peaceful world. "What has been used for destruction, can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation." Let us pray that our hearts may be opened to the spirit of the Lord and that we may thank God for the environment, and pray for protection of the earth, our shared home.

Read Pope Leo's full message for the start of the 2026 Season of Creation.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>



Monastic Experience Weekend Fri 18th - Mon 21st Sep

Have you ever wondered whether God might be calling you to a deeper life of prayer, community, and service? Would you like to experience the rhythm of monastic life from the inside? Belmont Abbey invites men who are exploring their vocation to spend a weekend living alongside the monks and sharing in the

great Benedictine tradition. Whether you are actively discerning a monastic vocation or just curious about the monastic life and open to God's call, this weekend offers an opportunity to step away from the pressures of daily life and listen more attentively to the voice of Christ.

"Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart." Rule of St Benedict. **The weekend is open to men aged 18 to 45.** It begins on the Friday with departures after lunch on Sunday or Monday morning. To find out more please contact:

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