



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 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, those whose anniversaries are at this time and those known only to God. We pray for those affected by the war in Ukraine, and the Middle East asking the Lord to send them the help they need and comfort to those who have lost loved ones.

Last week's Statistics 4th October 2026

Attendance: 185

Plate Collection: £211.20 Hall Renovation Fund: £305.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

SVP Volunteers:

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who may feel the Lord calling them to volunteer in the building up of the church. We are looking for people to help out. If you are interested in joining our wonderful SVP Youth group team, please see Annie or Helen after Mass. Thank you for your continued prayer, support and dedication to our parish community.

Blessings, **The SVP Youth Group Team**



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Danuta & Stasia Dzierza
		6.30pm	Peter Kyles RIP
Monday 12th October	Feria	9.30am	Pro Populo
Tuesday 13th October	St Edward The Confessor	9.30am	H.M. King Charles III
Wednesday 14th October	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday 15th October	St Teresa of Avila	6.00pm	Edward Smijo
Friday 16th October	St Margaret Mary	9.30am	Fr Craig Szmidt
Saturday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	10.00am	Exposition and confessions
		11.00am	Mass: Jim Hamilton
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am	Emilia & Edward Dzierza
		6.30pm	For Peace

Spiritual Reflection

While the world looks upon me as I struggle along. And they say I have nothing, but they are so wrong. In my heart I'm rejoicing, how I wish they could see. Thank you, Lord, for your blessings on me.

We all have times when life feels difficult, and our prayers can become cries for help. Yet, in the midst of our struggles, how often do we simply pause and say, "Thank you, Lord"? When we feel weary, discouraged or overwhelmed, Jesus gently reminds us that we are never alone. Even when dark clouds gather, His light continues to shine. His blessings may be found in the love of family and friends, the kindness of a stranger, a moment of peace, or an answered prayer. Sometimes, we become so focused on what is missing that we fail to notice the blessings already surrounding us. Yet when we open our hearts and look with grateful eyes, we begin to see God's love and goodness in even the smallest things. Today, let us give thanks for all that the Lord has given us. May we never take His blessings for granted, but recognise His presence in every season of our lives. And may our hearts overflow with gratitude, joy and praise for His unfailing love.

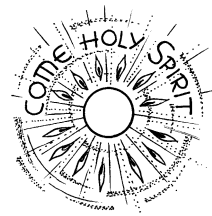
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Charity Cycle Ride

Adam and Chris completed the 100 miles ride with just one puncture! They would like to thank everyone for their kind support and generous donations towards the hall renovation fund. They've so far received over £1000 in cash and cheque donations plus those made via the card machine. I want to thank Chris and Adam, on behalf of the parish, for such a wonderful contribution to the hall funds. We are all truly grateful.

Confirmations 2027



Several people have enquired about the dates for confirmation in 2027. Both Our Lady's and SFX have submitted their preferred dates to the Archbishop, but we are still awaiting a response. As soon as the dates are confirmed, I will announce them and invite you to submit the names of those wishing to receive this great sacrament. Thank you for your patience. You will know as soon as we do.

First Holy Communions 2027

Due to the large numbers expected, there will be two separate First Holy Communion Masses: one for the school and one for the parish.

For those children attending the school

The school will organise preparation for its pupils and contact parents in due course. For enquiries, please email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk.

Parish children attending other schools

Children aged 7–8 (Year 3) who do not attend Our Lady's School should be registered for First Holy Communion preparation by emailing Father Andrew at hereford@cardiffmenevia.org. Please register as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. We will contact you once the preparation course dates are finalised.

Joining/Renewing Membership 2027



Thank you for your continued support of the **200 Club**. Membership costs just **£25 per year** and gives you the chance to win a cash prize while supporting our parish. If you're not already a member, why not join? Entry forms are available from **Fr Andrew, Janet Winter, or in the narthex**. Please return your completed form, together with your **£25 cash or cheque** (payable to *Our Lady's Church*), in an envelope marked for **Jan Winter**. Alternatively, you can pay by **Standing Order** using the details on the form or by setting this up through your online banking. Winning numbers will be published in the **Our Lady's parish newsletter**. **Remember—you have to be in it to win it!**



Parish Quiz Night with Cold Supper

On **Saturday 24th October 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.

Mission Boxes

If you have one of the red mission boxes could you please bring it in **as soon as possible** so that Denise can count it and a new mission box given out. Your contribution towards the missions is vital for the spreading of the Gospel.



Hall fundraiser

This month Frank Shovlin is launching his '**Adopt a star**' fundraiser, as well as raising funds it will be a great way to remember cherished family members who have gone to their eternal glory. The idea is to adopt a star that will be placed in the new hall possibly on the ceiling. The minimum donation for a star is £50 there will be limited room for engraving at an extra cost (TBC)