



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, you have formed us into a community of faith, hope and love—a priestly, prophetic and kingly people. Make our parish a place of love and peace. Help us turn from sin, believe the Gospel and grow daily as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Guide our parish leaders with wisdom and love. Inspire us to offer our time, talents and treasures in service of the Gospel and the growth of your Kingdom. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to fulfil your mission as a worshipping, witnessing, evangelising and serving community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. 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, Sister Agatha and John Brennan, 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

Last week's Statistics 11th October 2026

Attendance: 173

Plate Collection: £212.99 Hall Renovation Fund: £75.00

Thank you for your continued generosity



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.



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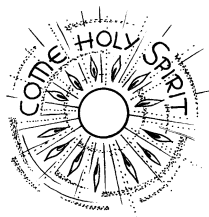
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday		10:00am 6.30pm	Emilia & Edward Dzierza Brendan Logue
Monday 19th October	Feria	9.30am	Pro Populo
Tuesday 20th October	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 21st October	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday 22nd October	St John Paul II	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday 23rd October	Feria	9.30am	Fr Michael Glover
Saturday 24th October	Memoria of Our Lady	10.00am 11.00am	Exposition and confessions Mass: Brendan Logue
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		10:00am 6.30pm	Pro Populo For Peace

Today is World Mission Sunday when we remember and pray for all those who work to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. **There will be a voluntary second collection** to help support all those organisations that work to promote the spreading of the Gospel.

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.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

I am putting out an urgent request for anyone who can help form a group of people who will assist in preparing our children for their First Holy Communion. At the moment there is only me and I cannot do it by myself. If you feel, after prayer and reflection, that God is calling you to help in this very important ministry please let Fr Andrew know as soon as possible. Remember these are your children and this is your parish. Thank you.



All Souls

We are nearing November the month when traditionally 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.



Hall Fundraiser – Adopt a Star!

We're delighted to announce our '**Adopt a Star**' fundraiser, led by Frank Shovlin, to help raise funds for our new hall. For a minimum donation of £50, you can dedicate a star in memory of a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or honour someone who means a great deal to you. Whether it's a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening or a loved one who has gone to their

eternal glory, your dedication will mark a person or moment close to your heart. The stars will form part of a special display in our new hall, possibly on the ceiling, creating a lasting tribute to the people and occasions that are important to our parish community.

How to take part

- **Minimum donation:** £50 per star.
- **Personal dedication:** Limited space will be available for a name or short message. An additional charge may apply, with details to follow.

Why not dedicate a star to someone special or give one as a thoughtful gift? Every donation will help towards our new hall, while ensuring that the people and memories we hold dear can become part of its story.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



Spiritual Reflection

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

The scriptures teach that earthly success and wealth may be lost tomorrow, and that we need to focus on Jesus to prepare for Heaven. It is human nature to desire the trappings of success but, no matter how much money we have or how beautifully our homes are decorated, we will not be remembered for these things when our earthly lives have ended. No! We will be remembered for our love and goodness, and these do so much more for our Lord than expensive possessions. Saint Paul tells us, that we need to fight against the sins of deceit and greed and work towards a Jesus inspired life. Of course, despite our best efforts and intentions, we will inevitably fail sometimes because we are human and we sin. We can all be guilty of a little dishonesty and avarice, but we know that Jesus will always forgive us. Our Blessed Lord died for our sin and, by His death and resurrection, He guarantees us a place with Him in Heaven. It is essential that we follow Jesus every day and that we try to put Him into whatever we do. Let us say sorry for all the times we have failed the Lord and then thank Him for His forgiveness and glory.

Louise Bowen