



Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, For teir government, and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, Support them through prayer

and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. 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, in particular Barbara Wadley and Marion Luscombe in hospital. For those who have died, Fr. Jason Jones and all those whose anniversaries of death are at this time especially Robin David, Adrien Quinn and those known only to God. We pray for those affected by the war in Ukraine and in the Middle East.



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TRINITY SUNDAY

	TRINITY SUNDAY	10:00am	Pro Populo
		6.30pm	For world Peace
Monday 1st June	Justin Martyr	9.30am	Susan Garrity RIP
Tuesday 2nd June	Feria	9.30am	Fr Stuart's Int
Wednesday 3rd June	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday 4th June	Feria	6.00pm	Parish Community
Friday 5th June	St Boniface	9.30am	E.B.C.
Saturday 6th June	Memoria of our Lady	10.00am	Exposition and confessions
		11.00am	Fr. Jason Jones RIP
	Corpus Christi	10:00am	Raymond Meenaghan
		6.30pm	For world Peace

Spiritual Matters

The Blessed Trinity is the perfect union of life and love. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit live eternally, love eternally and pour divine love and life over all creation. God is a communion of love; the love of the Father for the Son in the unity and joy of the Holy Spirit and this love is so great that it over flows into the hearts of all those willing to open themselves up to him. We are drawn into the life of the Godhead by the way we live and the way we love. We are made in the image and likeness of God and we are called to live the life of God. When we become more like him in the way we live then his presence, power and love are made manifest to a world which is built on selfish individualism. Each one of us is called, through baptism, to commit ourselves anew to a life of love and service; to challenge the world by sharing in God's work of creating a communion of love among all peoples one that reflects the relationship that exists between the persons of the Blessed Trinity. In all of this it is God who takes the initiative out of love he approaches us; he gives his Son to us and for us that we might be freed from our sins and become a new creation in him, and he sends the Holy Spirit into our lives and hearts so that we can respond to love with love.

Prayer for Trinity Sunday

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

ADVANCED NOTICE

First Holy Communions



On **Saturday 13th June at 10.00** we will celebrate the First Holy Communion Mass for our 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 on this day



Confirmations

On **Tuesday 16th June at 6 p.m.** Archbishop Mark will be conferring the sacrament of confirmation on our young people from here at Our Lady's. This is indeed a great honour for the parish, and I know that it will be a joyous occasion for all concerned. Please pray for all our confirmands, that The Holy

Spirit of God will come down on them and make them into loving ambassadors of the Gospel.



Parish Hall

I want to say a massive thank you for the response I received from the appeal I made about the parish hall. The ambition is to make our hall a community hub, bringing people from across our local area together in a spirit of help and support. To reach out to those who need that little bit extra help and to make the hall a place of

Joyful gathering both for our parish family and those around us. We have always known that the hall needed renovation, but this area was, and still is, one of the most deprived in Herefordshire making money difficult to come by. However, we have decided to try and raise the money needed to bring the premises up to date and make it 'fit for purpose.' There's the need for proper disabled access and toilet facilities to allow those who are immobile to access the hall and make use of what we have to offer. Fire exits and proper insulation that meet modern standards, the list goes on. The cost to do these basic things is approaching one million pounds. As I said last week, we have applied to several funding organisations, reaching out to those who may be able to help us reach our goal. However, as I said to you last week, we too must play our part. **As a parish we have pledged to raise £50,000 towards the total cost.** In the next few weeks, I will write more about how I believe we can do this but, in the meantime, I ask you, first and foremost for your prayers. Nothing is more important than the prayers of God's faithful people. Pray for our parish, pray for those who are trying to raise the money we need and pray for me. Also, I ask that if you can help in any way, please do so. Maybe you can offer a one-off gift of money or even pledge a fixed amount over a period of time. I going to re-start the maintenance fund, which is totally voluntary but, as they say, every little helps. **Most of all pray.** I am indeed privileged to be your parish priest. May God bless us in all our endeavours.

Fr Andrew

Macmillan Mighty Hike Coffee Morning - Thank you!

May I take this opportunity to thank Fr Andrew and everyone who supported the coffee morning last Tuesday, to those who came, bought raffle tickets, supplied cakes, donated prizes and to the many parishioners who have made donations both in cash and online. There was a buzz at the coffee morning and a great sense of community. The coffee morning and cash donations amounted to £351.81 and a further £200 has been donated via the Just Giving page – that's a magnificent £551.81! All I've got to do now is hike 14.2 miles over the Peak District on 18th July after which I'll provide an update in the newsletter! Thank you all once again, Chris

Collection at Our Lady's for Week Ending 24th May

Last week's Statistics

Attendance: 189

Plate Collection: £207.62

Hall Renovation Fund: £344.49 Thank you so much for your generosity.