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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**



*The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, but that's normal, because a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows. Pope Francis*

**Jesuit Reflection for Today's Readings** Today's readings continue last week's theme. We are to be ready when the Lord comes. In the First Reading from the book of Wisdom, the people recall that it was at night that the Exodus to the promised land began. They were watchful and ready when the Lord called them. These are the qualities the Lord is expecting from his disciples in the Gospel passage we read today. They, too, are ready for action, ready to meet the Lord when he knocks at their door, even in the middle of the night. The Psalm is a song of confidence in God. It reflects on the concern the Lord has shown for his people over the generations. In trust and hope our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Second Reading from Hebrews reminds us that faith is essential. It sustained Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Sarah, who all believed in the promises made to them. It is faith which enables them to keep watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. In my prayer this week, I may want to consider that every time I attend the Eucharist, I am invited to the Lord's Supper – and that, like the Master in the Gospel passage, he waits on me with love and compassion. ([www.pathwaystogod.org](http://www.pathwaystogod.org))

### **Deeper holiness is answer to attacks on Christian moral inheritance. - Bishop Mark**

The faithful have a duty to raise their voices in opposition to mounting threats to human life and to the deconstruction of Christian morality for as long as their "time and liberty remain". It is a challenge which urgently calls Christians to prayer, conversion and charity, said the Rt Rev. Mark Davies. Preaching to English and Welsh pilgrims during the Shrewsbury diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, Bishop Mark said Christians are sometimes being cowed into silence at the same time as they are witnessing an attack on their entire "moral inheritance". The Bishop said that any such attack – manifest recently in such developments as radical attacks against human life in abortion, the redefinition of marriage, and an emerging ideology of gender at odds with "human identity as it comes from the hand of God" – must not dissuade them from expressing their faith. They must bear witness to their faith even amid a climate of intolerance which is increasingly denying them their right to disagreement, he suggested in his homily at the Grotto in Lourdes on Monday July 29. Such challenges, continued the Bishop, meant that Christians needed to respond with ever deeper prayer, charity and penance, which is the message of Lourdes. ( You can read the full article at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/news/deeper-holiness-is-answer-to-attacks-on-christian-moral-inheritance-says-bishop>)

### **Hello and Goodbye.**

We welcome Fr Tony back home this week from his holidays and hope that he is refreshed and enjoyed his break. Fr Melchior returned home on Friday last. We trust he had a safe journey home.

### **Free Online Book for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019, "Baptized and Sent:**

The Church of Christ on Mission in the World", promoted by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (CEP) and the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS), is a subsidiary text collecting contributions from and for Christians all over the world. The drafting of the Guide was made possible also thanks to the cooperation of the PMS National Directors based in various countries of all continents. It can be downloaded for free on [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

### **Health and Salvation In The Public Eye.**

A Conference and Retreat for healthcare professionals who wish to think, pray and talk together. This year's theme examines practical questions about healthcare communications through the media and social media. At Boarbank Hall, Cumbria, 6 – 11 January 2020. Contact Sister Margaret Atkins [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk) for details or see website [www.boarbankhall.org.uk](http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk)

## Alsager Food Bank

Sincere thanks have been received from Food bank organisers for our generous contributions. From January to June 2019, the food bank has fed 77 adults, 64 children and 65 households. Now the school holidays are underway there is more need than ever to support the important work of the food bank. Please keep your donations coming in. Your continued generosity is much appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness. Box in porch for food donations.

## SVP Social Afternoon

The next SVP social afternoon for senior citizens will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm until 4pm. This will be a Garden Party at the home of Jackie Roberts. If you would like to attend, require a lift, or other query, please contact Mary Atkinson on 01270 879328, Michael Massey on 01270 872515.

**REST IN PEACE;** Margaret Hewetson, Morvyth Escombe, Valoria Nurton, Winifred Bourne, Judy Potter, Eilish Fleming, Josette Delcroix, James Byrne, Susan Constantine, Tom Carnes, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Wilfrid Byatt, Frances Byatt, Kenneth Strong, Joan Eileen Dwyer.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Especially for Catherine Bevan, Barbara Chidlow, Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Theresa Lawton, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izurzu, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Baby Rover, Gerard Davey, Ruth Hilton, Ned Hilton, Helen Edwards, June Hibbert & George Evans and all in our hospitals & nursing homes

### **MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St. Lawrence</b>	5.30-6.15 pm 6.30 pm Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Frances Byatt RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>	11.30 am Mass	Joan Eileen Dwyer RIP Birthday Remembrance
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St Jane Frances de</b> <b>Chantal</b>	7.00 pm 7.30 pm <b>8.00 pm</b>	Holy Hour Kenneth Strong RIP Anniversary <b>SVP Meeting</b>
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Ss. Pontian &amp; Hippolytus</b>	10.00 am 2pm - 4pm <b>5pm</b>	Service of Word and Communion SVP Social Afternoon Garden Party <b>Reception into Church - Morvyth Mary Escombe</b>
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St. Maximillian Mary</b> <b>Kolbe</b> <b>Evening Mass of the</b> <b>Vigil</b>	<b>11.00 am</b> <b>12.30 pm</b>  <b>7.30pm Mass</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Morvyth Mary Escombe</b> <b>Burial Harthill Cemetery</b>  Parishioners
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>The Assumption of The</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	10.00 am	Service of Word and Communion
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>St Stephen of Hungary</b>	10.00 am <b>10.30 am</b>	Shrewsbury Secular Clergy <b>Holy Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>	5.30-6.15 pm 6.30 pm Mass  11.30 am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation  Parishioners  For those who are sick , in Hospitals and Nursing Homes
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b> <b>MINISTERS</b>	Gabriella Tams Barrie Knapper	Catherine Smith Jakeba Hulse
<b>READERS</b>	Kathleen Large Dennis Large	Francis Inshaidoo Cathryn Wright

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