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20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
18 August 2019



Gospel (Luke 12: 49-53) In the Gospel, Jesus shows his human anxiety at the prospect of facing the 'baptism' of death, and also reveals He has already encountered opposition in His work. There are many who don't find the 'good news' helpful. This will cause division as sinful humanity fails to seek the ways of reconciliation and true peace that He preaches.

For further prayer resources visit: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>

Parish Outing. The SVP in Nantwich have arranged a trip to Llandudno on Tuesday, 10th September which includes a ride up the Great Orme by tram. Cost is £20. Coach is leaving St. Anne's Church at 9.30am. You will have to make your own way to St. Anne's Church and back, if you wish to go; please give your name to Fr. Tony or Deacon Eddie if interested.

Day of Reflection and Healing for those affected by mental health issues and their families.

On 5th October, Bishop Richard Moth, who leads the ministry to those affected by mental health issues, will lead a day of reflection and celebrate Mass with anointing of the sick at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1PL from 11am to 5pm. More information in September.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimages to The Holy Land 21-28 October 2019. A prayerful journey in the footsteps of Jesus under the leadership of Bishop Mark Davies. More details can be found on www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

DIOCESAN MISSION FOR CATECHESIS: For priests, parents, catechists and all those interested in passing on our precious Faith in Jesus Christ in today's world, you are welcome at the launch of the new Diocesan Mission for Catechesis on Saturday, 24 August at the Cathedral, Shrewsbury, 11am – 3pm. A second date has been planned in Telford on 21 September to deliver the same vision. These dates are especially for those in the south of the Diocese. Reuben Purchase and Caroline Farey, the two new Diocesan Mission Catechists, look forward to meeting you. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Farey at caroline.farey@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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 for details or see website www.boarbankhall.org.uk

The 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

Alsager Food Bank. Sincere thanks have been received from Food bank organizers for our generous contributions. From January to June 2019, the food bank has fed 77 adults, 64 children and 65 households. With school holidays here, meaning no subsidised meals, our support is needed more than ever. Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness. Box in porch for food donations.

REST IN PEACE; Margaret Hewetson, Georgia Lewis, Morvyth Escombe & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Wilfrid Byatt, Frances Byatt, Kenneth Strong, Joan Eileen Dwyer, Henry Gordon Cartlidge.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Especially for Annie Shallow, 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, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, 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, Baby Emmanuel, Gerard Davey, Ruth Hilton, Ned Hilton, Helen Edwards, June Hibbert & George Evans and all in our hospitals & nursing homes

Congratulations to Eileen & Ray Reynolds on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. They were married at St. Gabriel's Church on August 18th 1979 (40 years ago!) We pray for God's blessings on them and their family.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 18 AUGUST 2019

Saturday 17th August Blessed Virgin Mary	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Wilfrid Byatt RIP
Sunday 18th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Mass	Eileen & Ray Reynolds (Ruby Wedding Anniversary) Margaret Hewetson RIP & Georgia Lewis RIP
Monday 19th August St John Eudes	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour For Rebecca Dajani in thanksgiving on successful treatment of her recent illness & Annie Shallow (Sick) & Thanksgiving for the recovery of Rick Lawson SVP Meeting
Tues 20th August St. Bernard	7pm	Requiem Mass for Margaret Hewetson at St.Gabriel's
Wed 21st August St. Pius X	12noon	Requiem Mass for Margaret Hewetson at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme
Thurs 22nd August The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	Celebration of Word and Communion
Friday 23rd August St Rose of Lima	10am 10.30am	Shrewsbury Secular Clergy & Morvyth Escombe RIP Holy Rosary
Saturday 24th August St. Bartholomew 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 25th August	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Georgia Lewis RIP Henry Gordon Cartlidge (Anniv)
Saturday 24th August Sunday 25th August	6.30 pm	11.30 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	David Hudson Mary Atkinson	Mark Howitt Francis Insaiddo
READERS	Philip Clarke Paul Howard	Nicola Hassall Paul Hassall

Collection, 11th August, £549.18p

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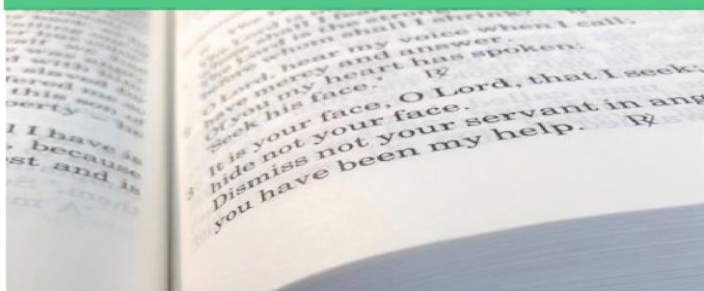
Ordinary Time ...

Ordinary, as applied to two significant parts of the Liturgical Year, derives from the word ordinal which refers to the positioning of something in a numbered list. Therefore we have two periods of numbered Sundays and weeks during the year. We have recently entered into the longer of the two. This began on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday.

Because the date of Easter changes from year to year, we returned this year to week 9 of Ordinary time on that Monday and at the end of week 34 we will begin a new cycle of worship and prayer on the First Sunday of Advent. The other period of Ordinary time this year began as usual on the Monday after the Baptism of the Lord and concluded with week 8 as we entered into Lent.

Weeks 1-8 enabled us to reflect more deeply on the mystery and purpose of the Incarnation. Weeks 9-34 encourage us to participate more fully in the age of the church, strengthened by the power of its beginnings. At the end of the year as we reach the Solemnity of Christ the King and continue into the first part of Advent we will be encouraged to look forward in confidence to the coming in glory of our Risen Saviour.

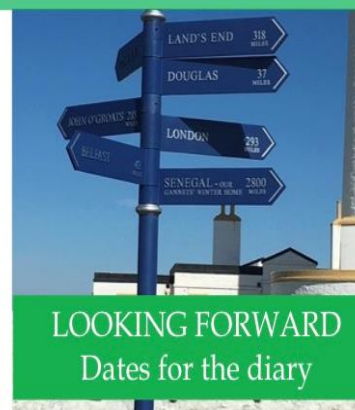
Father Peter Dutton



LITURGY OF THE WORD A journey through Ordinary Time

- The Gospels of the 14th to 18th Sundays of Ordinary time demonstrate some of the challenges faced by disciples. We are reminded that discipleship is not easy; disciples must expect suffering for they are marked with the sign of the cross.
- The Hebrew Scripture reading on the 18th Sunday uses the word 'vanity' in a way we neither use nor understand it. Another translation of Ch1 v2 is: "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless!" which makes the passage more easily understood, *although the text in the Lectionary must always be the one proclaimed*. The readings on this Sunday reflect on the lack of importance of matters of daily life and goods and make clear that what is important is our relationship with God.
- The reading from the Apocalypse on the Feast of The Assumption is difficult if the symbolism is not understood. The original audience was persecuted Christians who received this as a coded message. The woman in this reading is symbolic of the Church, and her offspring represents the way the Church brings Christ into the world. The dragon represents the world's resistance to Christ and the truths that the church proclaims. The twelve stars are the twelve tribes of Israel.
- The Gospel readings from the 18th to 21st Sundays are a single teaching that Jesus gave on his way to Jerusalem which was addressed to the crowd as well as the disciples. Jesus warns them about hypocrisy and about the persecution they will meet. He asks them to give away their belongings and trust God to meet their needs, to keep their perspective, be clear about their priorities and not become complacent.
- The readers of the letter to the Hebrews were getting frustrated and complacent because Jesus' return was not as imminent as they had expected. The extract from the letter read on 21st Sunday begins "Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons?" That encouraging text is: "The discipline of the Lord, my son, do not spurn; do not disdain his reproof; For whom the Lord loves he reproofs, as a father, the son he favours." (Proverbs 3:11-12). The discipline referred to was probably the prejudice and persecution they suffered from those around them. The extract goes on to explain that suffering is necessary for growth.

Jane Brazier



LOOKING FORWARD Dates for the diary

At a recent Commission meeting the Diocesan Liturgy Office began looking at plans for next year. 2020 has been declared a Year of the Word under the title *The God who Speaks*, and this has influenced much of our planning.

So far the diary looks a bit like this:

October - 'Opening up the RCIA' a time of sharing and updating for RCIA coordinators.

November - 'Sharing our Story' a time for our children's liturgy leaders.

February - 'Our Salvation Story' a look at the great Easter Vigil.

15 February - *Bishop's Retreat Day* for those on the RCIA journey.

1 March - *The Rite of Election* for those seeking Communion with the church at Easter.

March - 'Singing God's Praises' a day for Psalmists and cantors.

July - 'God Speaks' - a day of recollection for Ministers of the Word.

Dates, times and venues will be confirmed soon.

We are also planning the relaunch of our training for Ministers of the Word and we will let you have more details as soon as possible.

Father Chris Matthews