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22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
1 September 2019



In the Gospel this week, those at the margins are to be invited to share in the banquet of the kingdom; the Eucharistic banquet which is a symbol of the values of the kingdom. Those who cannot repay are specifically invited. They are invited precisely because they cannot offer anything in return. The host's pleasure comes from the sheer act of giving in the generous pouring out of hospitality. Just that pouring out which is accomplished on the cross and made available to us in the breaking of the bread and the pouring out of the cup in the Eucharistic banquet where all are beggars, even those who minister. We all come with our hands outstretched. We are invited precisely because we have nothing to offer. It is not our banquet. The Lord is the host. When He looks at our Eucharistic banquet, He sees His own life reflected back at Him. It is the life of the Body of Christ celebrating one glorious free lunch.

SVP Awareness Month, **"Mary Atkinson President of the SVP at ST Gabriel's will talk at each Mass on Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September about the work of the SVP.** There will then be a second collection for the SVP on Saturday and Sunday 7/8 September. Many thanks for your generosity.

"Sunday 1 September marks the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation." This day of prayer was instituted in the Catholic Church in 2015 by Pope Francis, although it has been celebrated in the Orthodox church since 1989. It also marks the start of the "Season of Creation," which unites Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The Season of Creation ends on 4 October, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Especially at this time, with attention on the fires in the Amazon Rainforest, we pray for those in positions of power and influence to be effective 'guardians of God's creation,' which includes all of us who exercise influence as consumers. We also pray for those who are involved in the preparations for the Synod on the Amazon, that their discussions will be fruitful in highlighting the challenges faced in the region and bringing more people to the Good News of Jesus Christ. We all have our part to play in caring for our common home, and in our recent statement, "Guardians of God's Creation" we encourage a Christian spirituality of ecology, and a call to a new lifestyle, beginning in personal and family life. As disciples, we are invited to be part of the redeeming mission of Christ and to approach our task with joy and gratitude. "Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise [Laudato Si', 12]." <http://www.cbcew.org.uk>

Day of Reflection and Healing for those affected by mental health issues and their families. On 5 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 21st September at Telford 11am – 3pm to deliver the 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

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to recruit a Youth Mission Team Member to engage with young people in schools and parishes across the Diocese. Full details and application forms can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed applications should be returned to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 13 September 2019

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 23 September 2019. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

REST IN PEACE; Margaret Hewetson, Wilfrid Byatt, Martha Parral, Christian Thornton, Georgia Lewis, Morvyth Escombe, Laurence Guppy & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frances Byatt, Kenneth Strong, Joan Eileen Dwyer, Henry Gordon Cartlidge, Muriel Petit, Maureen Hudson & Ethel Bagshaw, Elizabeth Gannon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Especially for Annie Shallow, Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Theresa Lawton, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Deacon Peter Bravey, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, 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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

Saturday 31st August Blessed Virgin Mary	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Intentions of Pedro Cruz & Ethel Bagshaw (Anniv)	
Sunday 1st September 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time World day of prayer for the care of creation	11.30am Mass 3pm	Margaret Hewetson RIP (SVP intention) Henry Gordon Cartlidge (Anniv) & Martha Parral RIP & Daniel Rosenbaum (sick) Milton House Service. SVP. All welcome.	
Monday 2nd September	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour George Dorrian (Anniv) & Robert Campbell RIP SVP Meeting	
Tues 3rd September St. Gregory The Great	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
Wed 4th September St. Cuthbert	10am 10.30am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
Thurs 5th September	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
Friday 6th September	10am 10.30am	Intentions of Fred Bell & Catriona (Just Engaged) & Thanksgiving Holy Rosary	
Saturday 7th September Blessed Virgin Mary 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 8th September Day of special prayer for education.	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Maureen Hudson (Anniv) & Kris Prabhu-Naik RIP Morvyth Mary Escombe RIP Laurence Guppy RIP & Margaret Hewetson RIIP Elizabeth Gannon (B'day Anniv)	
Saturday 7th September Sunday 8th September	6.30pm		11.30am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Gabriella Tams Mary Atkinson		Carol Wilkinson Nicola Hassall
READERS	Jacqueline Lowery David Hudson		Richard Bailey Lisa Cartlidge

Collection, 25 August, £594.39p

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GOD CALLS

Pray for vocations



Vo ations Sunday

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