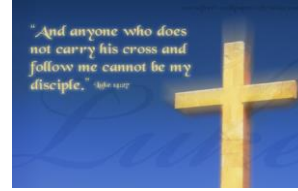




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23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
8 September 2019



In the Gospel this week, Today's readings are a powerful reminder that however admirable is the virtue of loyalty (to family, friends, company, political party), it is not an ultimate value, unless it is understood as loyalty to God and the kingdom of God. Our allegiance must be first and foremost to God whose kingdom is based on truth, love, liberty and justice for all! Jesus is not knocking family life or loyalty to family and friends, nor patriotism. He is rather challenging our sense of priorities. We owe obedience first and foremost to the kingdom of God. The first reading is a sober reminder of how much we need God's wisdom and counsel to discern the truth in the midst of so many competing voices and partial truths. There is simply no easy way to be a disciple of Jesus. There is no short cut. The cost of discipleship is never cheap but demands calculation to make sure we have enough resources for its completion. The demands of discipleship are no guarantee of pain free marriages and prosperity. They promise instead eternal life and a deep peace and calm that no calamity in this world need shake.

SVP Awareness Month.

There will be a second collection to aid the work of the SVP this weekend. Many thanks for your continued support and prayers. If you would like to join the SVP, please come to our meetings on Monday night at 8pm in the Presbytery. All welcome. Many thanks for your generosity.

The next SVP social afternoon for senior citizens will be on Tuesday (10 September) from 2pm to 4pm in the presbytery. Philip Eardley will talk about Miscellany of Magic followed by the usual refreshments. If you require a lift please call Mary Atkinson on 01270 879328 or Michael Massey on 01270 872515."

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.

Request: Bicycles for Refugees

Have you any unwanted bikes at home? Have your children grown too big for them? This wonderful charity will take these off your hands and donate them to asylum seekers and refugees in the Stoke-on-Trent area who have very little. A bike can make such a difference to their lives. If you do have any unwanted bikes then please contact church and we can put you in touch with the charity who will come and collect them for you.

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

Prayer for a New School Year. Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty. Help us to know what is pleasing to you and to understand what is right and good in your sight. Give us the spirit of learning that we may please you by our thoughts and love you in your creation. Give all teachers your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work. Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of your truth to all whose lives we touch. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis met with participants from the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, who are exploring the theme, "Members of different religious traditions in civil society". Speaking to the participants of the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Pope Francis underlined the importance of friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions. He noted that due to increasing movement of peoples because of phenomena such as migration, Christians are being challenged to be more open to different cultures, religions and traditions. Quoting from his recently published Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, the Pope said "an attitude of openness in truth and love must prevail in dialogue with believers of non-Christian religions, despite the various obstacles and difficulties, particularly fundamentalism on both sides" Recognizing the fact that there are situations in the world where coexistence is difficult due to fear, the Holy Father underlined that the one way to overcome this fear, was to foster dialogue. <https://wccm.org>

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, Fr. Frank Rice, 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 & George Dorrian & Gwyneth Kern.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Especially for Annie Shallow, Terry Flanagan, Rick Lawson, 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, Daniel Rosenbaum & George Evans and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

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) & Gwyneth Kern (Anniversary) Daniel Rosenbaum (sick)
Monday 9th September St. Peter Claver	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour George Dorrian (Anniv) & Alison Biffen RIP & Baby Rover (sick) & Annie Shallow (sick) & Rick Lawson (sick) SVP Meeting
Tues 10th September St Ambrose Barlow	10am 2pm-4pm	Celebration of Word & Communion SVP Tea Party.
Wed 11th September	10am 10.30am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Thurs 12th September Most Holy Name of Mary	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday 13th September St John Chrysostom	<u>N.b. 9.30am</u>	St.Gabriel's School Welcome Mass. Kenneth Strong RIP & Shrewsbury Secular Clergy Fr.Frank Rice RIP
Saturday 14th September Exaltation of The Holy Cross 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 15th September Nation day of prayer for Home Missions.	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Georgia Lewis RIP & Intentions of Terry Flanagan & Margaret Pearson Margaret Hewetson RIP & Martha Parral RIP Daniel Rosenbaum (sick)
Saturday 14th September Sunday 15th September	6.30pm	11.30am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dennis Large Barrie Knapper	Sian Bithell Val Mason
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Collection, 1st September, £656.54p

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