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15th February 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Year A

This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. Whilst it is a day of fasting and abstinence, it is not a holy day of obligation. As it is half-term week, there will be only one Mass at 12.00pm. During Lent we will be running another series of the programme 'The Chosen' in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings beginning on 24th February at 7.00pm. We will also pray the Stations of the Cross after Mass on Wednesdays beginning on 25th February. If anyone would like to help lead this, please sign the list at the back of church. We had also hoped to have soup lunches on Fridays, but this may no longer be possible.

If you were unable to give to the appeal for LEPRO last weekend, the collecting box is still available at the back of church. I am sure that whatever you give will be gratefully received and much appreciated. I hope to send your donations to them in the coming week.

The sisters of Dylan McGoldrick would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to support him in his battle with Motor Neurones Disease. A total of £1125 has been raised.

We will be hosting the 2026 World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday 6th March at 2:30pm**. It will be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

The funeral of David Carr will take place on Friday 20th February at 12.00pm. We keep him and his family in our prayers.

Pat Hilton writes: "Many thanks to all my friends at St John's for all the good wishes, cards, gifts, flowers and donations towards my charities on the occasion of my 90th. I feel so blessed and loved. Thank you."

Mass Times

Sat 5.00pm Anne Pollard

Sun 9.00am Int. of Neil Basford

11.00am Fred Greenwood & Eileen Smith

Mon No Mass

Tue No Mass

Ash Wednesday

Wed 12.00pm Mass

Thu No Mass

Fri 12.00pm Funeral of David Carr

Sat 5.00pm David Duffy

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Denise Jordan

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 4.00pm until 4.30pm and on request

In February, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical and support, never losing strength and hope.

If there are any young parishioners in the second year of secondary school or older, who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please let me know as soon as possible. Bishop Mark will confer this sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, at the cathedral.

Bridgnorth Food Bank would be grateful for donations of tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, biscuits, squash, cereals, long-life milk, toiletries. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Thank you for your support.



Ash Wednesday

18th February

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Finally..... roses are red, chocolates are nice, I'll get yours tomorrow when they're half-price.

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