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This weekend approximately 200 people from our Diocese, including some from our parish, are taking part in the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Fr David Long, the pilgrimage director, writes: ‘This Friday, our Diocese returns to Lourdes after a two-year absence. It is a joy to be able to return to this wonderful place of pilgrimage. We will keep the whole Diocese very much in our thoughts and prayers throughout the pilgrimage. If you wish to join us via the livestream for the International Mass on Sunday 31st July at 9.00am BST, and our Mass at the grotto on Monday 1st August at 9.00am BST, please go to the Sanctuaries website www.lourdes-france.org and click on the link.’ Throughout the pilgrimage, Bishop Mark will be praying for the renewal of the Diocesan Pilgrimage, for peace in the world especially in Ukraine and Russia, for the people of our diocese that they may return to the Eucharist, and for all our young people amidst the uncertainties of the present time. Let us unite our prayers with the pilgrims in Lourdes.

Advance notice: we will have a Quiz Night in the parish hall on Thursday 15th September. This is a fundraiser for our Parish Pastoral Team formerly the SVP. More details nearer the time but please put the date in your diary.

The relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will be visiting the UK in the autumn and will be in our diocese on 13th and 14th September. They will be available to venerate in the Cathedral from 1.00pm on the 13th until 9.00am on the 14th. It is anticipated that large numbers will be in attendance and a booking system will be in place. I will let you know when places are available.

If there is anyone who can help with tidying up the church grounds, please let me know your availability.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Mark Morris

11.00am Joan Banks

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Les Winwood

Thurs 9.30am Priests Intention

Fri 12.00pm Michael Sabin

Sat 6.30pm Harry Hilton

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Terry McNamara

Confessions may be heard by appointment.

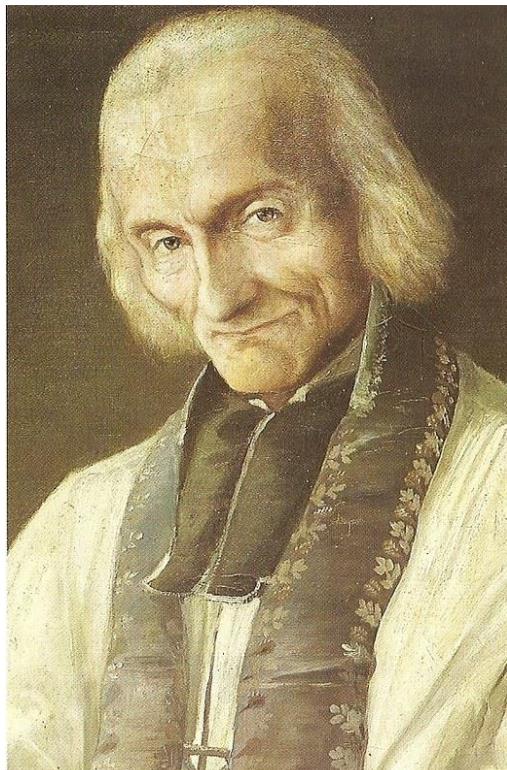
Live Stream Masses from our Cathedral are available on the Diocese of Shrewsbury Website. Their schedule is Sunday 8.00am and 11.00am Mass, 4.30pm Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer. Monday to Saturday 12.15pm Mass, 5.30pm Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer. Other Masses may be found from churches throughout the UK and Ireland by going to <https://www.churchservices.tv>.

In August, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: "We pray for small and medium-sized businesses in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities."

Our Knit and Natter group have decided to take a break during the month of August when so many members are away. They will reconvene in September.

Bishop Mark has appointed an ordinariate priest, Fr Lee Bennett, as parish priest of Newport and Market Drayton within our deanery. Please pray for him as he takes up this post and also pray for his predecessor, Fr Anthony Wild, who continues to convalesce after a period of illness.

Bridgnorth Food Bank would be grateful for donations of pasta sauce, biscuits, squash, cereals, shampoo, dog and cat food, washing up liquid, egg boxes. Please be aware that the food bank cannot accept items that contain alcohol. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Your support is much appreciated.



Saint John Vianney

Feast day 4th August

Almighty and merciful God, who made the priest Saint John Vianney wonderful in his pastoral zeal, grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ and attain with them eternal glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Finally..... I struggle with Roman numerals until I get to 159. Then it just CLIX.