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A welcome return to all our parishioners who took part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. From the many pictures online, they seem to have had a wonderful time. As the pilgrims gathered at the grotto in Lourdes, Bishop Mark reflected on the dignity of every human life and the responsibility we share to protect the most vulnerable. He spoke of the dangers of the Terminally Ill Adult (End of Life) Bill and called us to be prayerful and active in defending the sanctity of life. As Catholics, we are encouraged to make our voices heard by contacting our Member of Parliament and respectfully asking them to oppose the Bill. Resources and guidance are available at www.ccbew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide. On a related issue, there is a March for Life in London on 5th September which includes a visit to Westminster Cathedral. Please contact Alan Muscat on 07952 159555 for transport details.

‘Sing for Joy’ will not meet again until Monday 17th August at 10.30am in the parish hall.

Our Children’s Liturgy group are now taking a well-earned break until September. We thank the group leaders for all that they do for our children throughout the year.

The National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus will be held in London Saturday 10th October. If anyone interested in joining the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage to Adoremus, further details and booking information are available from natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Bishop Mark will be visiting our parish on Sunday 27th September. We hope that he will see a good attendance at all our Masses.

A free exhibition featuring a full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin and supporting information panels will be held at St Leonard’s Church, Bridgnorth, from Monday 26th October to Thursday 12th November, daily from 11am to 4pm. Contact Alan Muscat on 07952 159555 for more information.

Mass Times

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Les Winwood

11.00am Special Intention

12.30pm Baptism

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Priests Intention

Thu 9.30am Priests Intention

Fri 12.00pm Priests Intention

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Gordon Davies

11.00am Denise, Ron & Dolly Jordan

12.30pm Baptism

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

In August, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

As part of the Year of Saint Francis, all Franciscan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence. The Church of St Francis in Chester will be holding a pilgrimage day on Thursday 17th September beginning at 10.30am with Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and finishing with Evening Prayer at 5.30pm.

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.



Saint Clare

Feast day 11th August

O God, who in your mercy led Saint Clare to a love of poverty, grant, through her intercession, that, following Christ in poverty of spirit, we may merit to contemplate you one day in the heavenly Kingdom. 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..... you can make a waterbed more bouncy by filling it with spring water.

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