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28th April 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

As mentioned last week, we have planned a visit to the National Arboretum, Alrewas, on Tuesday 21st May departing from Innage Lane Car Park at 9.00am and returning at around 4.00pm. The Arboretum is a great memorial to the many servicemen and women who gave their lives in times of conflict. It is particularly significant that we should be visiting this year when we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landing. Should our minibus be oversubscribed, parishioners are very welcome to make their own way there. We aim to arrive in time for the daily act of remembrance which takes place at 11.00am. There is a list to sign at the back of church if you would like to join us.

Apologies for the short notice, on Friday 3rd May we have lunch in the parish hall after the Midday Mass. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list at the back of church.

In this 25th year of my ordination to the priesthood, I shall be joining Bishop Mark and other jubilarians for Mass at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Friday 24th May at 12.15pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

As many of you may be aware, Shropshire Council are committed to closing two recycling centres in the county in the coming year. It is believed Bridgnorth could be one of them. Not only is this a great facility which would be sorely missed, it is an essential component of our commitment to safeguarding the environment. There is a petition to sign at the back of church to register our objection to this closure.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Bob & Vera Jennings

11.00am Ken Blewitt

12.30pm Baptism

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Paul Etienne Mackernan

Thurs 9.30am Priests Intention

Fri 12.00pm Mass & Lunch

Sat 10.30am Childrens First Confessions

Sat 6.30pm Edna Amoroso-Parayag

Sun 9.00am Bob & Eileen Graham

11.00am Terry McNamara

In April, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

In this Year of Prayer, a workshop is being offered by the Diocese and the Franciscan Catechetical Institute. For booking and further information, please contact jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

A March for Life will take place in London on Saturday 7th September. It is the largest pro-life demonstration in the country. Alan Muscat is involved with organising transport. For further information, please see the flyer sent out with this newsletter.

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 Catherine of Siena

Feast day 29th April

O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion and her service of your Church, grant, through her intercession, that your people, participating in the mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of his 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 always keep a photo of my wife and children in my wallet. It reminds me why there is no money in there.

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