



## St John the Evangelist RC Church

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 – Eighth Sunday of Year C

We celebrate Ash Wednesday this week with Mass and the distribution of ashes at 9.15am in School and 12.00pm in Church. You are welcome to attend either Mass. It is a day of fasting and abstinence but not a holy day of obligation. Beginning the following Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, we will pray the Stations of the Cross after the midday Mass. If you can help to lead this in future weeks, please see the list at the back of church. There will be a soup lunch in the parish hall on Fridays in Lent beginning on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Donations will be given to Friends of the Holy Land. If you would like to join us, for lunch, please add your name to the list at the back of church.

If you missed collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund last weekend and you would like to contribute, there is a collecting box at the back of church for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Details and booking forms for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now available on the table at the back of church. It promises to be a very special pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. I am sure Bridget Dorman will also be able to answer any questions you may have.

The Chosen – everyone is welcome to join us to watch this extraordinary TV series during Lent. "Imagine seeing the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who walked with him." Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

I will be conducting the funeral of Lillian Crawley on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am at Telford Crematorium. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm Vivienne Ashe

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Cis Cartwright

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

#### Ash Wednesday

Wed 9.15am Mass in School

12.00pm Mass in Church

Thu 9.30am Priests Intention

Fri 12.00pm Priests Intention

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am TBC

11.00am Deceased members of the Duffy family

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 5.30pm until 6.00pm and on request.

In March, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at **Cartway Methodist Church, on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm**. It was written by the Christian women of Cook Islands on the theme "I made you wonderful". A preliminary bible reflection will be held at **the same time and place on 10<sup>th</sup> February**. All are welcome to either or both events. Please support it if you are able.

**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.



### Saints Perpetua & Felicity

Feast day 7<sup>th</sup> March

O God, at the urging of whose love the Martyrs Saints Perpetua and Felicity defied their persecutors and overcame the torment of death, grant, we ask, by their prayers, that we may ever grow in your love. 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..... did you know that removing potatoes from your diet can reduce 80% of your will to live.

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