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18th May 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday our Holy Father Pope Leo celebrates his Mass of Inauguration in Rome with many dignitaries and world leaders in attendance. It officially marks the beginning of his papacy when he receives the fisherman's ring in honour of St Peter, and the pallium which is a reminder that he is our shepherd. Let us keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Sadly, in the digital age there is much speculation about the direction of his papacy and a lot of fake news. As I have often suggested in the past, the best source of information is from official channels such as the Vatican News website and the Catholic News Agency.

Francis McFarlane, the son of Matthew and Sue, sadly passed away 12 months ago at the age of 51. In his memory, his family and friends are doing a sponsored event to raise funds for 'Melanoma Focus'. This involves carrying all the parts of a mini up a mountain and assembling it at the top. The attached flyer gives more information on how to donate. There will also be a collecting box at the back of church. Please support it if you can.

It is quite some time since we had a parish group to look after the Car Park. If you think you may be able to help with this, I would be pleased to hear from you.

The coffee morning and bring & buy sale last Tuesday raised £370 for Christian Aid. Many thanks to all who supported it and provided the refreshments and items to sell.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm Brian Hallam

Sun 9.00am Francis McFarlane

11.00am Int of Jayne & Alan Davies

12.30pm Baptism

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 1.00pm Wedding

Thu No Mass

Fri 12.00pm Int. of Ben Williams

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am The Winwood Family

11.00am Denise, Ron & Dolly Jordan

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

In May, we are invited to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

St John's School are hoping to establish a vegetable garden to grow produce which can be used in the school kitchen. If anyone can offer any help and advice to achieve this, please speak to me or contact the school on 01746 762061.

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. Your support is much appreciated.



Our Lady Help of Christians

Feast Day 24th May

O God, who were pleased to choose Blessed Mary as the virginal chamber where your Word would dwell, grant, we pray, that under her protection, we may participate joyfully in her commemoration. 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..... buying books and reading them are two different hobbies.

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