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This Sunday we welcome Bishop Mark to the parish who will celebrate both Masses on Sunday morning only. Tea and coffee will be served in the parish hall after the 11.00am Mass which will give parishioners the opportunity to meet the bishop. In the paperwork I had to complete in preparation for the bishop's visitation, I was asked to give an assessment of the present state of the life and mission of the parish, in addition to answering the questions: How do we encourage the lapsed to return? What strategies do we have for evangelisation? What aims and objectives do we intend to address in the next two years? Clearly there is much food for reflection and prayer. A key aspect will be the re-establishment of a Parish Council for which I hope to arrange a parish meeting in November at a time yet to be decided.

The Knit & Natter coffee morning last Tuesday raised £350 for MacMillan Cancer Care. Many thanks to those who supported it and to those who organised it.

2nd October is First Friday and we have lunch in the parish hall after Mass. If you would like to join us, please sign the list at the back of church.

Tickets are now on sale for our social event on Friday 23rd October – Fish & Chip supper with entertainment by 'Clear Vinyl'. Tickets are selling fast so get yours to avoid disappointment.

Mass in school at 9.15am on Thursday 1st October is their annual Harvest Mass. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

The funeral of Toni Donnelly takes place on Thursday 1st October at 12.00noon. We keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Shrewsbury Cathedral will welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco on Saturday 3rd October from 10.00am until 3.00pm.

Mass Times

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Gerard Winwood

11.00am Toni Donnelly

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Special Intention

Thu 9.15am Mass in School

12.00pm Funeral of Toni Donnelly

Fri 12.00pm Special Intention

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Steven Purshouse

11.00am Margaret Rose Jones

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

In September, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

CAFOD Family Fast Day falls on 2nd October. If anyone would like to contribute, please pick up a CAFOD envelope from the back of church. You can also fill in your details on the envelope so that they can claim Gift Aid. Whatever you can afford to give makes a big difference to those in need.

Donations to the **Bridgnorth Food Bank** from all its usual sources have decreased quite considerably of late. This means that they must use their financial reserves to buy whatever is needed to make food parcels for clients. If you can donate any items, it would be appreciated. You can always look at their website for more information and a list of what they need. Go to www.bridgnorthfoodbank.co.uk



St Therese of Lisieux

Feast day 1st October

O God, who open your kingdom to those who are humble and to little ones, lead us to follow trustingly in the little way of Saint Therese, so that through her intercession we may see your eternal glory revealed. 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..... many women say their husbands never listen to them. I am pleased to say I have never heard my wife say that.

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