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12th April 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

I am very pleased to say that two of our young adult parishioners, Jacob and Charlie, will be taking part in the Bridgnorth Walk on Monday 4th May. They will be doing this to raise funds for our parish Lourdes Group. They will be joining the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer to work as helpers. Their sponsorship form should be available at the back of church this weekend. Please give them your support. The cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has risen sharply in recent years. This can prove prohibitive to many people especially the young helpers, the sick and the elderly. Our parish Lourdes Group does try to support people as much as possible and your donations will be very gratefully received.

Sing for Joy will meet again in the parish hall this coming Monday at 10.30am.

Bookings are now open for the 2026 75th Anniversary Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, by coach 30th July to 7th August and by air 31st July to 6th August. Brochures can be found on the website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk along with a link to the new online booking system. Alternatively, please speak to Bridget Dorman.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will hold their first Hospitality Members Focus Group on Tuesday 21st April at 7.00pm at St Columba's, Chester CH2 1PL. Fr Sean Henry, Chaplain to the Hospitality will be in attendance. Please email secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk if you wish to attend.

A memorial service for Clare Topley, recently deceased, will be held at 2.00pm on 23rd April. The funerals of Jean Gallagher and Maggie Duggan have yet to be arranged. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Mass Times

Sat 7.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Bob & Eileen Graham

11.00am Ken Blewitt

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Priests Intention

Thu 9.30am Priests Intention

Fri 12.00pm Gerard Winwood

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Margaret Baker

11.00am Mary & Harry Morse

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

In April, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray for priests experiencing crises in their vocation, that may find accompaniment and support from their communities.

If there are any young parishioners in the second year of secondary school or older, who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please let me know as soon as possible. Bishop Mark will confer this sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, at the cathedral.

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 Martin I

Feast day 13th April

Grant, almighty God, that we may withstand the trials of this world with invincible firmness of purpose, just as you did not allow your Martyr Pope Saint Martin the First to be daunted by threats or broken by suffering. 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..... a friend reckons I don't know how to play scrabble. It's his word against mine.

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