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19th July 2026 – 16th Sunday of Year A

St John's School is now closed for the summer holidays, and we wish all the staff and children a very safe, relaxing time and a much-needed rest with their families. We look forward to welcoming our new Headteacher Mrs Price when they return to school in September. On a not entirely unrelated subject, after a relatively quiet time since COVID, I now have a baptism every week until October. It is hoped that those who are baptised will eventually make their way to St John's School. It is only in this way that we can ensure that the school is well funded and able to keep the full quota of staff.

Many thanks for your generous donations to the CAFOD Venezuela appeal which raised £670.

The Relics of St Gerard Majela will be at Shrewsbury after the Midday Mass on Monday 25th July.

The 'We Believe' Festival of Catholic Life takes place at St Mary's College, Oscott from 24th to the 27th July. Details can be found at www.webeliefestival.com.

The National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus will be held in London Saturday 10th October. If anyone interested in joining the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage to Adoremus, further details and booking information are available from natalie.orefce@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

It is only a matter of weeks before parishioners join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you have any prayer intentions you would like to be taken to the grotto, please put them in an envelope marked 'Lourdes' and leave them at the back of church. Do not include any money.

Mass Times

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Bob Wheelhouse

11.00am Mick Massingham

12.30pm Baptism

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Priests Intention

Thu No Mass

Fri 12.00pm Frank Hayton

Sat 5.00pm Irena Staszewska

Sun 9.00am Bob & Vera Jennings

11.00am Harry Hilton

12.30pm Baptism

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

In July, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

As part of the Year of Saint Francis, all Franciscan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence. The Church of St Francis in Chester will be holding a pilgrimage day on Thursday 17th September beginning at 10.30am with Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and finishing with Evening Prayer at 5.30pm.

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 Bridget of Sweden

Feast day 23rd July

O God, who guided Saint Bridget of Sweden along different paths of life and wondrously taught her the wisdom of the Cross as she contemplated the Passion of your Son, grant us, we pray, that, walking worthily in our vocation, we may seek you in all things. 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..... phones are so expensive these days that when you fall and hear a crack you hope it's just your leg.

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