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An Irish traveller along with his wife and son frequently used to come to the presbytery begging for money. They were known to come into church during Mass and steal things. They also visited all the other churches in and around Bridgnorth. They have not been seen for some time, but they are now back in the area. If they approach you asking for money, please do not give them anything. Simply refer them to me. Can I also ask that you do not leave money on the table at the back of church, and if you sit towards the back of church do not leave valuables in the pews when you come up to receive holy communion. Thank you for your cooperation and if you do see any unusual behaviour in or around church, please let me know.

If you missed the collection for the Clergy Education and Training Fund last weekend and would like to donate, the collecting box is still at the back of church. You may also be able to donate online via the diocesan website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Our Christmas Fayre is just two weeks away on Saturday 29th November at 1.00pm in the parish hall. Donations of bric-a-brac, books, toys, bottles for the bottle stall, prizes for the tombola, and cakes for the cake stall would be much appreciated along with your support on the day. Donated items should be left in the church porch. Please do not bring items to the presbytery or leave them outside. Thank you.

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Meal at the Punchbowl on Thursday 11th December costing £25. Get yours as soon as possible as it is bound to sell out quickly.

The funeral of Mairwyn Ivis take place at 11.00am on Friday 28th November. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 5.00pm Frank Hayton

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Denise Jordan

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass.

Wed 12.00pm Harry Hilton

Thu No Mass

Fri 12.00pm Tony Glaze

Sat 5.00pm Dec'd of Sabin & Moore Families

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Norman Peel

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

In November, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray for the elderly, that they may be valued and respected in society, and their wisdom may guide future generations.

As you may or may not know, Advent is often referred to as the Minor Lent. It is meant to be a time of prayer and fasting in preparation for the great Feast of Christmas. To that end, we will have soup lunches in the parish hall on Friday 5th, 12th, and 19th December. We will collect donations from these lunches for Marys Meals.

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.



The Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day 21st November

As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. 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..... my cannibal girlfriend asked me to stay the night. She said she could make me breakfast.

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