

# OUR PARISHES NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Lent (B) 18th March 2018



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading                      Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm                                      50:3-4.12-15R.v12

Second Reading                      Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel                                      John 12:20-33

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

### Psalm

21:8-9.17-20.23-24

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

### Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

## REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say, "Do not worry. Trust me, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit." If we want to see Jesus, we need to look for the fallen grains of wheat around us - the sick and impoverished, the abused, and those who are losing their lives - the victims of poverty, abuse, discrimination and war. We need a new covenant - a covenant of love and forgiveness, and to have written in our hearts that we are God's, that we aspire to be like Christ in transforming the darkness of the world's pain into the life and joy of Easter.

"Jesus, who came as Emmanuel - God with us - and who promises to be with his people until the end of the ages - hidden in those most in need - To reject them, is to reject God, made manifest in history." (U.S.Bishops - Economic Justice for All.)

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## PSALM

A pure heart create for me, O God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord,  
he must follow me;

Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen, I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains a single grain.  
But if it dies it bears much fruit.

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# ALL PARISHES

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL.

It's been a few years since we have had an appeal from Aid to the Church Appeal. We welcome Terry O Gorman who will be talking at all Masses this weekend.

Each year we fund over 5,000 projects in more than 140 countries around the world, helping to support the Church in its mission, and bringing hope and solidarity to millions of people. From priests to catechists and seminarians to Sisters, you enable us to help persecuted and suffering Christians live out their faith.

By helping these key Church leaders, you are actually reaching out to many more of our brothers and sisters – millions in fact, as the projects that we support have the specific aim of providing pastoral and spiritual support to Christians in parishes and communities all over the world. Often they witness to Christ in the face of persecution, oppression or poverty. In their hour of need it is the hope of Christ that sustains them – as well as your prayers and solidarity

This weekend there will be an appeal at all Masses on behalf of this Papal Charity which helps Christians who suffer for their faith. There will a retiring collection at all Masses, and there will also be a small piety stall with a selection of items from their catalogue.

## WELCOME KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

We welcome members of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre as They join us for Evening Mass 7.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, please do say hello to them. Under its Papal Constitution they provide a regular support of prayer and works, To strengthen in its members' the practice of Christian life, in absolute fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff and according to the teachings of the Church, observing as its foundation the principles of charity of which the order is a fundamental means for assistance to the Holy Land for the Christian communities in the Holy Land.

## LENTEN TALKS

The next Lenten talk is Wednesday 21st - All Saints - 21st March - 8pm

## HOLY HOUR

We have a Holy Hour 3.45 to 4.45pm at All Saints, Just a time to reflect and think during Lent. Holy Hour will be on all Sundays during Lent.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER ALL SAINTS & ST MARTINS

This is the time of year again we come to pray and share our faith together.

All Saints Church - Thursday 22nd March - 8pm

We also have invited St Martins to join us Good Friday Evening 7.30pm for a Prayer Service for Good Friday Night.

## MONDAY CLUB

Following on from last week's celebration of the Monday Club's 3 Year Anniversary we have this week a Talk on 'The Gambia' which will, no doubt, be very interesting.

## PROTECT CHRISTIAN BELIEF IN SCHOOLS.

Dr Tom Rodgers in The Universe this week highlighted a petition to protect Christian belief in schools and to stop Ofsted abusing their powers. We thought this was something worth sharing. If you would like more information about this subject or wish to sign the petition, please go to the link below. <http://www.citizengo.org/en/156104-protect-christian-belief-schools-stop-ofsted-abusing-their-powers>

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ALL SAINTS SUMMER FAIR

The date has now been fixed and the fair will take place on Saturday 23rd June. We are lucky that Win has once again decided to take the reins, so please put this in your diary and all help is so important. All new comers very welcome and new ideas very much needed.

### ST MARGARET WARD SUMMER FAIR

A note for your diaries, the fair is on Saturday 7th July 11.00am til 1.30pm. Volunteers still needed, a list of stalls needing assistance is on the noticeboard in church. Please help if you can.

### PARISH BBQ

A long way off but we know our diaries fill up very quickly so please put the date in your diary Friday 31st August at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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# ALL SAINTS

## PIETY SHOP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for two volunteers to run the Piety Shop as soon as possible, this is a great asset to our church and would really appreciate some help in running this. Please have a word with Fr Ned or Joyce who can give you more information as in what is required from the volunteers.

## PIETY SHOP NEW STOCK

Please do go in and take a look at the Piety Shop as you leave church. New stock has been ordered for the up and coming events. St Patricks Cards, 1st Communion Gifts and Cards Easter Cards etc. If there is something particular you want, have a word with the ladies in the shop and if possible they will order it for you.

## FIRE & SAFETY

A few have expressed concern regarding Fire and Safety in the church. Just to let you know the Dioceses have been contacted and it seems we are doing most of the things right, but they will be here in a few weeks to do a full audit and inspection.

## ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS - MARCH 2018

Thank you to everyone who volunteered sometime ago to contribute bidding prayers for March. It was a while back, so here's a reminder to those of you who signed up.

18th - Anne Marie and Dominique

25th - Chidgey Family

You can find a complete list until the end of March on the noticeboard at the back of church or the Three Parishes website at <http://ourparishes.church/>

Please submit your contribution by the Friday before the Sunday either directly to the parish office or via email at [our3parishes@gmail.com](mailto:our3parishes@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2018/2019

Boxes of envelopes for the next financial year are now available in the porch as you leave church. Any member of the Gift Aid Scheme who no longer pays income tax must please notify David Bancroft on 0161 282 0078. Anyone who wishes to change by using a Bankers Standing Order can obtain the necessary form from David by calling 0161 282 0078. Thank you.

## CHURCH ROOF

We have set up a special Roof Account the details are as follows;

**All Saints Roof - Sort Code 30-15-52 - Account No. 55585068**

If you ever wish to give directly just let us know you have deposited something. Also all activities are so much appreciated. We do need to keep this up to clear our debt.

The Offertory Collection was £1030.03 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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## ST MARGARET WARD

### ST MARGARET WARD OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2018-19

For parishioners who use weekly envelopes, the boxes of envelopes for the year 2018-19, labelled with your name and address, are now ready for collection from the back of the church.

If you would like to start using weekly envelopes, kindly feel free to take a blank box. You are invited to complete your details on a card

In the box and enclose this in the first envelope you use. For details of how to Gift Aid your donations please contact

St Margaret Ward Parish Gift Aid Organisers Maria and Peter Barker (Phone Number 973 1425). Many thanks.

Offertory Collection was £556.85 - **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity**

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### 50/50 CLUB MAIN DRAW.

It would be great if more parishioners, family and friends would join the next 10-week session. It is only £2 per week with 2 - £10 prizes drawn each week. On the 10<sup>th</sup> week (depending on the number involved) a total of £600 can be won. This is a great fundraiser for the parish as half the proceeds go to the parish or a chosen charity and half is paid out in prize money.

If you are interested in joining the 50/50 club please see Margaret Cornwall

### ROTAS

The new Rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Welcomers are available this weekend. Please collect your copy from the Sacristy. If you are unavailable on the dates given, please contact Margaret Cornwall (Eucharistic Ministers) or Pat Fannon (Readers) who will try and arrange an alternative date for you. Many thanks.

Offerory Collection was £238.52 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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## OTHER NEWS

### INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS URGENTLY NEEDED:

The time is now for all young people who want to see change in the Church take action. If you are between the ages of 16 and 29, you can **sign up on Facebook #Synod2018** to join in this all-important meeting and make your voices heard online. Pope Francis is inviting all youth - whether Christian or non-Christian, whether practicing Catholic or those who've dropped out. If you are someone who has children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, call on them to take action. Even if they have given up on the Church and moved on with their lives, they are the very people who could influence change for the good. The future of the Church rests in the hands of youth.

It is evident that the vast majority of church goers are the geriatric generation. When this group passes away, unless young people are listened to and find relevance in the church's teaching, the Church will dwindle into oblivion.

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## JOB VACANCIES

### FINANCE MANAGER

**Salary £40,000-£45,000 dependant on experience**

Full details of the post and application form can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

Completed applications should be returned to [pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

***Closing date 23 March 2018***

### VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR

Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic person to be their Volunteer Co-ordinator.

The post is for 28 hrs per week and will you will be expected to travel extensively across the Diocese.

For more information and an application pack please contact Claire Griffiths  
Tel 0151 652 1281; email [claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk).

		St. Margaret Ward		All Saints		Our Lady of Lourdes
5th Sunday of Lent						
Sat 17th	5.30pm	Gerry Lowe				
Sun 18th			9.30am	Catherine Bell	11.00am	Derek Collins
Sun 18th			5.00pm	Peter Wardle		
Mon 19th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service
Tues 20th	9.15am	School Mass		No Service	7.30pm	Ronnie Glynn
Weds 21st	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Anne Moreman (Get Well)	12.15pm	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 22nd	7.30pm	Michelle Read		No Service	9.30am	Requiem Mass Kathleen Sharkey
Frid 23rd	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	9.15pm	School Mass Joan Mary Brook	12.15pm	Annie Ryan
Palm Sunday						
Sat 24th	5.30pm	Georgeana Irlam				
Sun 25th			9.30am	Paul Martin	11.00am	Intention (J)
Sun 25th			5.00pm	Mouwaffaq Attisha		