

# OUR PARISHES NEWSLETTER

3rd November 2019 - 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading                      Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Psalm                                      144:1-2.8-11.13-14.R.cf.v1

Second Reading                      Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel                                      Luke 19:1-10

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading**  
Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

**Psalm**  
16:1.5-6.8.15.R.v15

**Second Reading**  
Thessalonians 2:16-3.5

**Gospel**  
Luke 20:27-38

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## REFLECTION

The reading from the Book of Wisdom is well worth reflecting on and re-reading! It speaks of the sight of the Lord seeing the whole world as a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of dew falling on the ground.

The writer sees that God is merciful to all.... "Yes, you love all things that exist, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it". This is a picture of an amazing God - a lover of life. "You spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all!"

Here is the Good News for all! What God has already done for us, is still doing for us, and the wonderful dignity that this bestows on us. Morality is not a command, it's an invitation; not a threat, but a reminder of who we truly are. We become taller and less petty when we remember what kind of family we ultimately come from - You and I are beloved of God. We are cherished by the "Lord and lover of our souls."

We heal not by confronting all our wounds and selfishness head-on which could overwhelm us and drown us in discouragement, but by growing to what our deepest potential has destined for us, what makes us whole, makes us tall - humanly, spiritually, and morally.

Zacchaeus - a small man, a tax collector is touched by Jesus' love and concern and becomes a greater man. God does not withhold love and grace from him. Christ wants to love the man's goodness into existence. Are we bold enough to have the master of the universe to dinner? Even though our clothes may be torn and dirty? Even small and unworthy as we are.

Where, in your life and work, does God's goodness and beauty most shine through? What have you been blessed with? What are you good at? Zacchaeus showed the goodness that Jesus knew was there, by standing up tall and acknowledging how he would make reparation to those he had wronged. No wonder Jesus said, "Salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."

*"God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have a part in a great work; I am a link, a chain, a bond of connection between persons. Therefore I will trust him."*

*St. John Henry Newman (canonised 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019)*

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## TODAY'S MASS

### PSALM

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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## ALL PARISHES

### BISHOP BRIAN NOBLE

Can we all please remember him in our thoughts and prayers.

Funeral arrangements are as followed:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Bishop Brian's mortal remains will be received into Shrewsbury Cathedral at 5.00 pm with the Prayers of the Vigil and Reception. His body will rest before the Altar until the

**Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm** His mortal remains will then be transferred to rest overnight at Saint Joseph's, Birkenhead

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** Bishop Brian's mortal remains will be transferred to the Church of Saint Michael and All Angels, Birkenhead at 10.00 am where his body will rest before the Altar **Requiem Mass at 12.00 Noon**

### POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal It is the organisation's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance. It is a chance to honour the invaluable contributions being made by the Armed Forces community. Collection boxes can be found at the back of church.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November.

### COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP MEETING

We now have a Training/Workshop Evening arranged to continue with this process. The meeting will last about two hours and begins at 6.30pm on Thursday 7th November. All involved in this project need to be there.

## MASS FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Just for your diaries, to let you know our Mass in November for our deceased relatives and friends will take place on Friday 22nd November 7.30pm at All Saints.

## CARER NEEDED

We have a parishioner's daughter who is looking for someone who could sit in with her mother a couple of nights a week and on the odd occasions, mainly for company. Her mother is a local 96 year old lady and suffers with Alzheimer's. Would probably suit somebody who is retired. Please call 07961127339 for more details.

## COMMUNITY MASSES

St Margaret Ward School - All Saints - 30th November - 5.00pm Mass

All Saints School - All Saints - 1st December - 9.30am Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes - Our Lady's of Lourdes - 1st December - 11.00am Mass.

The children from school on their day will do the offertory, readings and bidding prayers. So readers and all concerned please make note if you are on the rota for that Sunday.

## PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

A meeting has just taken place with our three headteachers and the following dates have been arranged.

### **First Forgiveness**

Our Lady of Lourdes - 3rd March 2020 - 6.15pm

All Saints - 4th March 2020 - 6.15pm

St Margaret Ward - 5th March 2020 - 6.15pm

### **First Communion**

St Margaret Ward - 25th April 2020 - 11.00am

Our Lady of Lourdes - 2nd May 2020 - 11.00am

All Saints - 16th May 2020 - 11.00am

## MONDAY CLUB

This week we have a return visit from the Sale store of Marks and Spencer. If it's anything like their last visit we are in for really enjoyable afternoon.

## MARGARET GRAY

Life long parishioner of St Margaret Ward but moved out of the area, died recently. Her funeral is Tues 12th November 10.45 am All Saints. Let us keep Margaret and family in our prayers.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ALL SAINTS

Community Sponsorship Meeting - Thursday 7th November - 6.30pm

Little Church Meeting - Saturday 9th November 10.00am

Mass for the Deceased - Friday 22nd November - 7.30pm

Christmas Concert - Saturday 14th December, 7.30pm

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 5th November at 8pm

Advent Talks - Tuesday 3rd December 8pm - Tuesday 17th December 8pm

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## ALL SAINTS

### PIETY SHOP

Come and get your Christmas essentials at the Piety Shop as you leave church, you will find all the Christmas stock has now been put out including Christmas Cards, Advent calendars etc are now available, a lot of hard work is put in to the shop so your custom would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY/LITTLE CHURCH

A meeting is being called for Saturday morning 10.00am at All Saints Church on 9th November. So please if you are involved in the Children's Liturgy do come along, it will be less than half an hour.

### ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS ROTA - NOVEMBER

3rd Anita Hewitt

10th Elaine and Mike Giles-Thomas

17th Paul Goddard

24th Nina Chidgey

### TRADCRAFT NEWS

Traidcraft's breakfast blend, decaff, Earl Grey, and loose leaf tea have all received Great Taste Awards from the Guild of Fine Foods. Chilean Nectar Set Honey also received an award and they are all on the stall!

Christmas foods and chocolates are discounted just until the end of October and the new range of cards are here.

Do check the catalogue and let us know if you would like to order anything else

### CAFOD

The amount raised was £335. thank you to all who donated.

### CHURCH ROOF

**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/ fundraising ideas are so much appreciated.

The Offertory Collection was £1026.74 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH COUNCIL

Just a reminder the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 5th November at 8pm. Please put the date in your diary.

### PIETY STALL

Our Piety stall has a good selection of Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and candles etc.

Our stall is manned every Sunday after Mass. Please do take a look on your way out of church.

The Offertory Collection was £203.80. **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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## OTHER NEWS

### CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

All welcome to St Joseph's CAFOD quiz and chilli night  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November in St Joseph's Parish centre.

Doors open at 7pm. Quiz starts 7.30pm. £8 per person to include a substantial supper (Vegetarian and non-spicy options available)  
bring own drinks.

More info from Fran 07958025886

## CATHOLIC SINGLES

### **Single, separated, widowed or divorced?**

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## THINKING OF RETIRING TO IRELAND

There is an offer to a couple who might be contemplating moving to Ireland for their retirement, to a rent free, exclusive occupancy of an apartment (attached to a bungalow) and use of a car, in exchange of a "caretaker" role for the attached bungalow.

The owner travels a lot and needs someone to keep an eye on his property. This is offered as not a job but is offered as a home and the only expenses would be your food and electricity.

The property is in the village of Kilmore Quay, County Wexford, 20 minutes from Rosslare, Ferryport and Wexford Town. If you are interested and would like to hear more about this offer, please see Fr Ned.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.

A day for those involved in leading

On Saturday 23 November 2019 - At Saint Joseph's Parish Centre - Birkenhead, CH42 7JY

Coffee & registration from 10am. The day will finish with prayer at 3pm

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. £5 per person.

The Diocesan Office for Liturgy in partnership with the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis

please send them to [events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**Mass and Service Times this week**

**All Saints**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**

Sat. 2nd	5.00pm	Ellen McCann		
Sun. 3rd	9.30am	Ged Ludlow	11.00 am	Paddy Higgins
Sun. 3rd	5.00pm	Lorenzo Fort		
Mon. 4th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service
Tues. 5th		No Service	7.30pm	John Diggle
Wed. 6th	7.30pm	Frank (int)		No Service
Thurs. 7th	7.30pm	Kay McHugh		No Service
Frid. 8th		No Service	12.15pm	Seamus Rooney

**32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**

Sat. 9th	5.00pm	Margaret Gray		
Sun. 10th	9.30am	Lillian & Margaret	11.00 am	Pat O Hara
Sun. 10th	5.00pm	Gloria Harty		