

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality – Next Meeting The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on Sunday 10th October at 2pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. This is a hybrid meeting with both the option to attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the online password, apologies or items for the agenda at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

General Guidance & Rules in the Parish

Whilst it is no longer required to stay two metres apart from people you do not live with and there is no limit to the numbers you may meet, the guidance goes on to say “in order to minimise the risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the contact you have with those you do not usually live with and increase close contact gradually. This includes limiting the number, proximity and duration of social events.” This is a note of caution for us in returning to parish activities. There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. This allows a return to pre-Covid-19 safety capacities whilst taking into account the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales.

General guidance in church:

- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic.
- Please use hand sanitiser available at the entrance & exits doors of church.
- The wearing of face coverings is encouraged.
- Church stewarding will now end.
- Track/Trace: Parishioners are asked to take personal responsibility by way of scanning the QR code in the church porch on their phones – you will need to download the NHS Covid-19 App to do this.
- The holy water stoop remains unavailable at this time.
- All church pews to open. Socially distanced seating remains available in the two transepts.
- Church windows/doors will remain open to maintain good ventilation.
- Frequently touched areas will be cleaned regularly.

Liturgical Guidance in church:

- The physical sign of peace remains suspended in the Liturgy of Mass.
- Offertory collection – this will remain in baskets on the tables at the back of church for you to place donations in as you enter/leave church.
- Holy communion will continue under only one kind with no administration of the Chalice. Ministers are asked to sanitise their hands and wear face coverings as before. Holy Communion is still recommended on the hand, though all who wish to receive on the tongue may do so with special care being taken.
- There is no longer a requirement to have a one-way system or other restrictions on movement within our churches so Holy Communion will be administered at the usual time with parishioners able to return to their seats thereafter. People should exercise good responsible behaviour when moving to receive Holy Communion and should avoid getting too close to each other.

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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3rd October, 2021 – The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 2nd	6.30 pm	Intentions of Mark & Stella Belder Bos
Sunday 3rd	9.00 am 10.30 am	The Parishioners Kathleen Brindle
Monday 4th	10.00 am	Intentions of Madeleine & Jack Van Steene
Tuesday 5th	10.00 am	Tony Van Steene
Wednesday 6th	10.00 am	Helen Van Steene
Thursday 7th	10.00 am	Intentions of the Parish Priest
Friday 8th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 9th	6.30 pm	Intentions of Felicity & Michael Cafferata
Sunday 10th	9.00 am 10.30 am	The Parishioners Intentions of Serra

- (1) Church open daily for private prayer after Mass until late afternoon.
- (2) Confession available after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

Imminent Assault on the Sanctity of Human Life

Bishop Mark writes *“Bishop John Sherrington has written of an unprecedented attack in the next few weeks on the sanctity of human life. Baroness Meacher’s Assisted Dying Bill will come to its Second Reading in the House of Lords next month. It is possible that the Bill will be passed to Committee Stage without a vote and return to the Lords for the Third Reading before being sent to the House of Commons. The Government will then come under pressure to allow time for the Bill to be debated.*

We need to be prepared in prayer, catechesis and active campaigning. The Euthanasia Lobby is highly mobilised and using strong, emotional narratives to win over public opinion. It is seeking to mobilise a small number of religious leaders who are willing to countenance this crime against human life as seen in the recent controversy between two former Archbishops of Canterbury. The British Medical Association has by the narrowest of votes adopted the ambivalent position of neutrality so we cannot expect the same strength of resistance even from the medical profession.

The threat to the safety of the vulnerable who may come under pressure due to changed, societal attitudes to ‘worth’ and ‘quality’ of life and the exponential growth of “assisted dying” in countries and jurisdictions that initially made narrow, legal provisions are already fully documented. Disability Rights Groups are fearful and actively engaged in fighting the Bill. Concerns are also being raised as to the extent a society will invest in “end of life care” once “end of care” is introduced in what Pope Francis has called the “false compassion” of medically assisted suicide. The demographic change which sees an ageing society dependent that will be increasingly on a reduced number of younger, working people must also be a source of concern as the Euthanasia Lobby advances.

Time may be short, so there is need to highlight the gravity of the moral question at stake; the real threat posed to the most vulnerable; the change this will bring to our medical and caring professions in the care of the aged and the dying; and strongly advocate the provision of the best palliative care and the values associated with it. Finally, the Dioceses of England and Wales will join in a Novena of Prayer to Saint John Paul II for the nine days leading to his Feast on Friday 22nd October.”

Resources can now be accessed:

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues

The recording of a webinar with Baroness Ilora Finlay and Robert Preston can be accessed on: www.cbcew.org.uk/a-rational-guide-to-the-assisted-suicide-debate/

The All-Parliamentary Group for Dying Well provides news and resources on assisted suicide debate: www.dyingwell.co.uk

Parish 150th Anniversary Celebration

We look forward to the Bishop’s visit on Friday 15th October at 7 pm (many more details next week!). Thank you to those who have volunteered to help clean the church for this day. We would also welcome your own memories of the parish over the years be it old photographs, order of services, or any other memorabilia.

Kathleen Brindle RIP It is with sadness that we report the death of Kathleen Brindle. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be in church during the second week of October (further details will be announced next week). Please pray for the repose of her soul.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Harvest 2021 – Retiring Collection This Weekend

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can find our Harvest video at www.cafod.org.uk/fast-day. Donate online through the CAFOD website (www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. **(There will also be a parish retiring collection next weekend).**

**Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you’ll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you’d like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: www.cafod.org.uk/privacy*

Serra On Sunday 10th October Serra GB, a lay organisation whose work is to foster vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, will be holding a day conference in our hall which will begin directly after 10-30 Mass. Father Anthony is Serra’s national chaplain. We welcome our visitors to the parish and ask parishioners to note that for that Sunday only the hall will not be available for coffee after Mass.

Wilmslow Wells for Africa- Afternoon Tea delivered to your door

There will not be a Souperday this autumn instead, on **Thursday 28th October**, let us deliver an afternoon tea to you at home. Cost is £8 per person and delivery will be between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. Orders need to be received by Thursday 21st October. Deliveries can only be made in Wilmslow, Handforth or Alderley Edge. Full details and an application form can be downloaded from www.wilmslowwells.org or contact Helen Battilana on 01625 250368/ helenbattilana@gmail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022: 29th July - 5th August 2022

Bishop Mark writes, *“We very much look forward to returning as a Diocese to Lourdes next year. The dates for our Diocesan Pilgrimage have been confirmed as being from 29th July to 4th August (by air); 28th July to 5th August (overland). Full details, itineraries and booking forms will soon be available on the Shrewsbury Pilgrimage Website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office at St Alban’s, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD.”*