

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

"Today we celebrate International Daughters Day. We bring to mind all daughters currently developing in the womb. That they would be loved and protected at all costs, and that they would all be given the opportunity to experience life outside the womb. Lord hear us"

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.
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Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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26th September, 2021 – The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 25th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 26th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Nick Hopkinson
Monday 27th	10.00 am	Special Intention
Tuesday 28th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 29th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 30th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 1st	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 2nd	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 3rd	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
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(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

CAFOD Family Fast Day Harvest 2021 – Fri 1st October – Retiring Collection Next Week

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 fund-raising 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*

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.”*

40 Days for Life

Bishop Mark writes *“I am happy to commend this peaceful, worldwide initiative of prayer and fasting outside abortion facilities. The vigils of 40 days are repeated twice a year during Lent and in the Autumn and have involved an estimated one million individuals worldwide. This witness alone is believed to have saved some 18,000 lives since 2007. In the Diocese, I am aware of one such vigil being kept at an abortion clinic that has tragically functioned in Stockport since the 1970’s.”*

Supporting Refugees from Afghanistan: Bishop Mark writes, *“Almost 15,000 people have been evacuated in the past few weeks from Afghanistan to the United Kingdom amid those harrowing scenes we witnessed in media reports. The Catholic Church is already active in its support of the refugees through many of its charitable societies and agencies. I hope we will be able to offer support to Local Authorities in material assistance and welcome. The Home Office will soon be launching a new Afghan Citizens’ Resettlement Scheme to accommodate an estimated 20,000 refugees. The expertise parishes have gained from the resettlement of Syrian refugees may be of assistance. The plight of refugees who have fled across the borders of Afghanistan to neighbouring countries is the focus of a special appeal launched by CAFOD.”*

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.