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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday 2nd January – Sunday 9th January

Sunday 2 nd Jan	Saturday Vigil Mass SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Family Mass	6.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	Tony McDevitt (RIP) Alex Hughes (RIP) Parish Family
Monday	Monday of the Christmas Season	10.00 am	Joe Kennedy
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Christmas Season	10.00 am	Sick and Housebound
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Christmas Season <i>Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10.00 am 6.00pm	Special Intention Tony McDevitt (RIP)
Thursday	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>Solemnity</i>	10.00am	Greg Cropper and Family (Intention)
Friday	Friday after Epiphany	10.00am	Margaret Veronica Povey (RIP)
Saturday	Saturday after Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am	For the Deceased
Sunday 9 th Jan	Saturday Vigil Mass THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Family Mass	6.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	Parish Family Harry and Marie Thelwell (RIP) Monica Jungbluth (RIP)

SUNDAY	1 st /2 nd January			8 th /9 th January		
	6.00pm	9.30am	11.00am	6.00pm	9.30am	11.00am
<i>Readers</i>	C Haimes	M Corcoran	A Cropper	M Branch	Clark family	H Jones
<i>Welcomers</i>	A volunteer	A volunteer	A volunteer	A volunteer	A volunteer	A volunteer
WEEKDAYS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Readers</i>	A Cropper	C.Haimes	10am A Cropper 6pm J Tunstall	T McGlynn	tbc	J Tunstall

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow)*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including:

Dorothy Barber, Patricia Davies, Frances Wright, Rosemary Southwell, Pat Cummins, Sarah Alouane, Ruth Murray, Ted Henesy, Dorothy Robinson, Shella Burrell, John Swann, Joe Hemington, Bill Williams, Joyce & Maurice McAsey, Judy Howard, Fr Paul O'Grady, Maureen Grace, Maureen Adams, Betty Davies, Barbara Evans, Eva Bennion, Sharon Wallace, Greg Cropper, Dorothy Strawson, Ronnie Phelan, Maureen Knox, Louise Dickinson, Joseph Kennedy.

Please inform Parish Office if anyone needs to be put on or taken off this list.



Funeral Mass for Margaret Veronica Povey (Michael Povey's mother) will take place at the English Martyrs, Litherland, Liverpool at 10am on 7 January 2022 followed by committal at Ford Cemetery, Litherland. We offer our condolences and prayers to Margaret's family especially Michael and Judith. May her soul rest in peace.

Recently deceased: We pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Anthony (Tony) McDevitt who passed away on Tuesday 21 December. Please keep Angela his wife, and their children, Anna, Clare, Emma and James and grandchildren in your prayers.

Church Flowers: The Christmas church flowers were donated by the McDevitt family – we thank them and we especially remember Tony and his family at this difficult time.

Collection: Our collection totals for the Christmas Masses and last weekend will be updated next week. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

UNIVERSAL SYNOD 2021- 2023: Your responses are requested!

What is a Synod? Why should I be involved? Pope Francis has called a **Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission**. This meeting will provide an opportunity for all bishops to discuss various aspects of "synodality" focussing on these three areas. Pope Francis is keen for each one of us to have the opportunity to participate in some way. For details of the process either visit the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org or the Vatican website www.synod.va Bishop Mark has asked each parish to prayerfully listen, reflect and discern on the themes Pope Francis has given us. To help us through the process the Parish Social and Community Group have created a Synod team comprised of Helen Jones (facilitator), Jacinta Adonis, Marie Branch, Sam Furnkranz and Katharine Powell to guide our parish through this process and create opportunities for us to pray, listen and discern. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be offering online meetings during January and February 2022, details to come in next week's newsletter. We have until 1st March 2022 to submit our views to the Shrewsbury Synod Office by email or by post.

The second of the five themes are given here (the questions may be found in full on our website). We suggest you reflect on the questions you are most drawn to. Do consider taking part in order to discern and to listen to others in our community as we travel on our journey 'firm in faith, joyful in hope, active in love'.

6. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY- *Dialogue requires perseverance and patience, but it also enables mutual understanding.*

- To what extent do diverse people in our community come together for dialogue?
- What issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?
- What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers of other denominations, other religions and with those who have no religious affiliation?

7. ECUMENISM - *The dialogue between Christians of different traditions, united by one baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.*

- What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian denominations?
- What fruits have we drawn from walking together and what are the difficulties?
- How can we take the next steps in walking with each other?

8. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION - *A synodal church is a participatory and co-responsible Church.*

- How is authority or governance exercised within our local Church?
- How is co-responsibility put into practice?
- Have we had fruitful experiences of synodality on a local level?
- How can we foster a more synodal approach in participation and leadership?

9. DISCERNING AND DECIDING - *In a synodal style we make decisions through discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit in our whole community.*

- Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the wider community?
- How do we promote participation in decision-making, transparency and accountability locally and within hierarchical structures?
- What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making, and how do we put this understanding into practice?

10. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY - *Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and on-going learning.*

- How does our church community form people to be more capable of "walking together," accompanying one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?
- What support do we need to continue to grow in synodality?
- What formation is needed to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way?

Health and Safety: Following the announcement made by the Government in relation to the new Covid measures, it is **now a legal requirement to wear face coverings in all churches and places of worship**. We do already ask that parishioners wear **face coverings** when attending church, however, this is now required by law unless exempt. Thank you for your continued support. We still need to maintain distancing in the church, so please either sit or stand during the Mass, do not kneel. **If you think you may have symptoms, please do not attend church. Thank you. Please take your newsletter with you when you leave the church.**