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Ordinary Time I

13 January 2019

12 Jan	SATURDAY		6.30pm	Kevin O'Brien
13 Jan	SUNDAY	Baptism of the Lord	8.45 am 10.45 am	Joseph & Marian Jenkins Harold William Thelwell
14 Jan	MONDAY		10.00 am	Priests intention
15 Jan	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
16 Jan	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
17 Jan	THURSDAY	St Anthony	9.10 am 11.00 am	Mass at school Funeral for Maurice McDonnell
18 Jan	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Marie Pugh
19 Jan	SATURDAY	St Wulstan	10.00 am	Fr John Wilkinson
19 Jan	Next Weekend SATURDAY	2 nd week of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Paddy Finneran
20 Jan	SUNDAY	Day of special prayer for World Peace	8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family William (Bill) Hannaway

Weekdays: Adoration morning prayer from 9.00am; then Mass at 10.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

	12 Jan / 13 Jan			19 Jan / 20 Jan		
	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers – Readings	S Davies	T McGlynn	T Topping	D Davies	R Pisarek	J Tunstall
Readers - Intercessions	M Green	AM Millar	J Braidwood	P Flanagan	M Corcoran	Jones Family
EMHC	C Haimes J Gordon	K Garrod K Hughes	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	M Branch M Green	M Davies S Ety	D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping
Counters	Kevin Garrod and Roy Howard			Andrea Williams & Wyn Penfold		
Cleaners	W Morgan, A-M McLean			Brian and Veronica Casey		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; **Wed:** Choir 7-8pm; **Thur:** Communion Visits; **Sun:** YSVP 10am in hall

2nd Thurs of month: SPUC 10.45 am in hall; **3rd Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall

Last Sunday's Offering: Thanks for your support!

News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:

Staff and children returned to school last week and will be celebrating their first mass of the New Year this **Thursday 17th January in school at 9.10am**. All welcome to attend.

A date for your diary – **PTFA** are holding a meeting at the **Royal Oak at 7pm this Tuesday 15th January**. If you have children or grandchildren at the school and would like to be involved, then please come along. Further details can be found under the community section on the school website.

Speaking during his homily at Mass on Thursday morning, **Pope Francis** said that in order to love God concretely, one must also love one's brothers and sisters – all of them: both those we like and those we don't like.

The Pope also said good Christians must not neglect to pray even for "the enemy", nor give way to feelings of jealousy or engage in harmful gossip.

At the heart of his message was an encouragement to overcome a deceitful and divisive "worldly" spirit with the strength of faith.

The spirit of the world is deceitful.

Taking his cue from the First Reading of the Day, the Pope noted that St. John the Apostle speaks of "worldliness" when he says that "whoever is begotten by God conquers the world".

He explained that this refers to our everyday struggle against a worldly spirit that is deceitful and lacks in consistency while "God's spirit is truthful".

"The spirit of the world is a spirit of vanity, of things that have no strength, no foundation and that are destined to fall" he said.

The spirit of the world divides families, communities, society

The Pope said the Apostle shows us the way reminding us that if we go by God's spirit, we will do good things.

Concretely, he says that "If anyone says, 'I love God' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen".

"If you are unable to love something you see" the Pope explained, "why would you love something you do not see?" Describing this as fantasy, he urged us to love "what you see, what you can touch, what is real. Not the fantasies that you do not see".

Francis also said that if one does not show his love for God in a concrete manner, it is not true love.

He then spoke of the spirit of the world which he said can be divisive and create splits in families, communities and society.

"When divisions multiply, they bring hatred and war" he said.

Pope Francis went on to dwell on three signs that indicate that one does not love one's brother.

The first, he said, is actually a question we must all ask ourselves: "Do I pray for others? For those whom I like and for those whom I dislike?".

The second pertains to feelings of envy and jealousy and wishing someone ill: "Don't let these feelings grow" he said, "They are dangerous".

The third, he said, has to do with engaging in chatter - or gossip - that is harmful to others: "If I do this" he said, "I do not love God because with my words I am destroying another person".

Faith is victorious in the fight against the spirit of the world

Pope Francis concluded saying that the spirit of the world is conquered with the spirit of faith: believing that God is really in the brother and sister who are close to me.

Only faith, he said, gives us the strength to tread the path of true love.

EMHC/Readers Rota: A new rota for January - April is now available online and is also on the noticeboards.

Little Church Rota: A new rota for January - February is now available online. If you would like to help with Little Church, please do let us know by contacting Jayne in the parish office either by phone or e-mail.

Piety Stall: Open after each Sunday Mass in the church hall. Cards are also available in the back porch.

CWL: NEW YEAR PARTY in the church hall this Thursday 17th January at 2pm. A shared buffet table, quiz and raffle. **NO GIFTS.**

Soup & sandwiches: We will start again Monday 4th February 2019.

Prayer list: A list for the sick is by the prayer book in Our Lady's Chapel. If you would like to be added or indeed add someone to it, then please do and I will update it monthly. There are a number of parishioners who are in hospital at the moment and we ask that you remember them in your prayers. Thank you.

Choir: Rehearsal will resume this Wednesday 16th January in the church at 7pm.

CCRS: The next module – a choice of: Religious Education in the classroom or Introduction to Liturgy, for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies begins on Saturday 19th January 2019 at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY; 10:00 – 3:30pm with the second on Saturday 19th February 2019. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs. An option (non-certificate) is also available (no essays!) particularly aimed at Teachers, Catechists and those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. More information from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Clergy Education & Training Fund – Special Collection

Next weekend the annual collection for the Clergy education & Training fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

Special Envelopes are available for you to use. Please take an envelope after mass and return next week. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by standing order, or how you can make your donation either online or by cheque. I ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible for the provision of the best formation for a new generation of priest. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese. **Regards +Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury.**

Peace Sunday – Next Sunday 20th January

The theme for 2019 is "Good politics serves peace"

Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction.



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