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Lent IV

26 March 2017

25 Mar 26 Mar	SATURDAY SUNDAY	4 th Sunday of Lent	6.30 pm 8.45 am 10.45 am	Brian Wainwright Stephen Turley Sadie
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28 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Allen Royland
29 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10:00 am 7:00 pm	Maureen Bainbridge Grace Stringer
30 Mar	THURSDAY	House Mass	10.00 am 7:00 pm	Christine Jones Hose Mass Family Intention
31 Mar	FRIDAY	In school Stations of the Cross	9:10 am 7.00 pm	Gracy Konikara CWL
1 Apr	SATURDAY		10:00 am	Sr Mary Salmon
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Fr Paul writes...

Happy Mother's Day Weekend. Just think, as our clocks change to summer time, we have been given an extra hour to celebrate our Mothers. Now, if you have forgotten your mum this extra hour will allow the pain to continue for an extra 60mins!

Today we ask for the prayerful support of the **Mother of the Lord Jesus**. Over the next few weeks we will find her just standing by her Son. She does not use any words but inspires us through her actions. She is united with her Son and accepts that no matter what is to come, the faithfulness of God's promise will be fulfilled.

Last Wednesday evening we had a very fruitful meeting with all groups helping to put together the nuts and bolts in preparation for our Holy Week Liturgies. Over the next two weeks if you are approached by a fellow parishioner and invited to take a part in these liturgies please accept the offer. **Also, if you would like to put yourself forward perhaps** to be a Reader, a Eucharist Minister, a church cleaner, a collector, a welcomer or a member of the choir - the door is always open to new faces. Have a word with myself or Deacon Michael - you can even make contact via the internet.

I'm intending to introduce Holy Communion in the elements of bread and wine over our weekend Masses. This trial will start next Sunday at our 8.45am Mass. To help make this easier, we will be moving a few of the benches and chairs from the church to make more space for movement.

The method that will be used is very simple and I'm sure we will be able to do this successfully. I would be grateful if you could give me a little latitude in this matter - positive suggestions and are always welcome.

The practicalities are as follows:

All who wish to come for Holy Communion or a blessing come up the main aisle in twos. After receiving the Host or a blessing, move to the left to receive the chalice then return to your seat via the left-hand side aisle.

For those who are unable to come up for Communion the priest will come to you with our Deacon or Minister of the Eucharist with the chalice. I really hope this does not cause too much fuss. So, let's give it a go.

Soup and Sandwiches on Tuesdays from 12.00 to 1.30pm is going down a treat. This is an opportunity for our senior parishioners to come together for to have a bowl of homemade soup and a chance to have a natter. ALL ARE WELCOME, especially the MEN. There is no cost for the meal but there is a donations box if you would like to put something in.

Please keep in your prayers **John Robinson and Gracy Konikara** whose funerals will take place during the week. As always, I will keep you in my daily prayers.

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Lent III

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			10.45 am	Paul Walker, Tom & Pat Ellis
20 Mar	MONDAY	St Joseph, Husband of BVM	10.00 am	Ingeborg O'Leary
		House Mass	7:00 pm	Int: House Mass Family
21 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Lucy Broughton
22 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10:00 am	Isabell & Joseph Louche
			7:00 pm	Jean Houghton
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We journey into this third week of Lent. Our reading begins to focus on the coming of Jesus' Passion. Here we have an opportunity to reflect on the mystery of the Father's love for us. As we read or see the news on TV, our world does not seem a happy place. There are wars, famine and social unrest. Yet it is here that we will find the Christ at work. This weekend we have been asked by **CAFOD** to give money to help with their out-reach workers in the field in such places as across South Sudan, Somalia, northern Kenya and Ethiopia. Severe drought, and several compounding problems - lack of food and civil war - means that now over 16 million people are facing starvation. **The United Nations warns that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years.** Please be as generous as you can!

Sr Laurice is not able to be with us this weekend as a member of her family is not well, please do keep her in your prayers.

On Wednesday evening, I attended my first Governors' meeting in our primary school. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful headteacher supported by a strong staff and a talented board of Governors. I brought them some cake as I could not do better than celebrate my birthday with a two-hour meeting - what a lucky man am I!

Please keep in your prayers **John Albert Robinson** and **William James McVicker** who have died. Remember too the Joseph family whose mother has died very suddenly. Please also pray for them because their application for Asylum will be reviewed over the next few weeks.

A date you may like to put in your diary: On **Wednesday 12 April at 7.30pm** there is a meeting in our parish hall, to look at the Holy Days of the Triduum. Here, we will have the opportunity to explore how these 3 days are essentially one sacred event. As we approach these day of liberation be assured of my prayers.

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Parish Meeting: Monday 20 March, 7pm in the presbytery for all those who wish to participate in Holy Week. Following on from our meeting on 6 March, we will be looking at preparations in more detail for Holy Week. All welcome especially those involved in Children's Ministry.

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COMMUNITY NEWS: Congratulations to Patrick Roberts, one of our regular Saturday evening altar servers, as he was selected to represent Ireland at rugby for the Under 16's team. He travelled to the London Irish ground in Hazelwood, Sunbury-on-Thames, to play in a rugby tournament with others from all over the country. It was a fantastic opportunity and experience for him, and he is looking forward to representing both Ireland and Wales in the future (Sorry England and Scotland!) We wish him all the very best and will keep a close eye on his future!



"SPRING FOWARD"
CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR
ON SATURDAY 25 MARCH



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12 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am	People of the Parish
			10.45 am	Louis O'Sullivan, Anne Vernon
13 Mar	MONDAY	House Mass	10.00 am	Maureen Gibbs
			7:00 pm	Int House Mass Family
14 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mary Hensey
15 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10:00 am	John and Maureen O'Grady
			7:00 pm	Service of Word and Eucharist
16 Mar	THURSDAY	Funeral Mass CWL Mass	10.00 am	Ingeborg O'Leary
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It has been a varied week. Monday evening we had a meeting for parents of First Communion children. What a wonderful group of people they are! Full of faith.

We then had a meeting of those who are preparing the nuts and bolts of our Holy Week Celebrations. I am most grateful for their time and commitment. We shall be holding another meeting – open to all – on Wednesday of Holy Week – the 11th April, after the 7pm Mass. This will give me an opportunity to give an overview of the coming Triduum. There will be a few refreshments during the meeting.

Many thanks to all who helped with the soup and sandwiches on Tuesday last. So, if you fancy a bowl of soup and sandwiches plus an opportunity for a chin wag, please come along this Tuesday from 12 to 1.30 pm. And those who came last week, bring a friend!

Just a reminder that there is an extra Mass on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm during Lent.

Many thanks to those who have already signed up for House Masses during Lent. There are still a few dates available. The list is by the Lady Chapel.

Pastoral Worker: Sr Laurice Mc Mullen – of the Sisters of Nazareth, Birkenhead, has offered her services as a part time Pastoral Worker. Sr Laurice is not a stranger to our Diocese. She spent many years on the staff of Hawkstone Hall Retreat and Pastoral Centre. We are fortunate to benefit from her many gifts and talents which she will share with us. Sr Laurice will be with us next week end to introduce herself to the parish. We look forward to welcoming her.

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Fr Paul writes:

I ask your prayers for **Maureen Bainbridge** who died in the week and also **Ingeborg O'Leary**. Pray too for their husbands and families.

The **Joseph family** has sent in a request to the Home Office in pursuit of claiming UK residency. On Friday 17 March, they will present their claim. They are very grateful for the support of the parish. Many of you have asked me "what can I do to help them in their difficult situation?" At the moment, your prayers are most important. I do hope to have a little more information to give next weekend.

This **Wednesday we begin the season of Lent**. Although **Ash Wednesday** is not a holy day of obligation, there is an **extra opportunity for Mass in the evening at 7pm**.

During this 'holy season' I'm offering the possibility of a **Mass to be celebrated in our parish homes**. These Masses give an opportunity to celebrate with family, friends and neighbours as we journey towards the festival of Easter. **I suggest the Mass to be at 7.00pm and** therefore you will have us all out of your house by 8.15pm! At the end of Mass all that will be required, re refreshments, are a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a biscuit. Anything more would take away from the simple celebration of Mass. I suggest that these be celebrated on **Monday and Thursday evenings**. If you would like to have Mass celebrated in your home, **please sign the list by the Lady Chapel**.

I hope, with some help, to invite our **senior parishioners to "soup and a sandwich" on Tuesdays at 1.00pm until 2.30pm** throughout the season of Lent. This will be an opportunity, likened to our sister churches, who are most welcome, to come together for a catch up and a good natter. **I'm also asking for volunteers to help with the soup etc.** If you would like to come to this lunch, please can you place you name as you leave Mass by both doors. If you would like to help just tap me on the shoulder. **The first of these lunches will start on Tuesday 7th March**. As for the cost, there will be a box to drop in whatever you think!

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ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NDCT - Lent Discussion Groups: Information about the groups available will be in the porches very shortly. Do support these groups if you can.

Fair Trade Events for Fair Trade Week: As a member of Neston and District Churches Together, St Winefride's has made a commitment to promoting and supporting Fair Trade principles and events: *Friday 3 March 9am-1pm* in Neston Market Square. This is an opportunity to come and meet representatives from local churches and find out how you can support Fair Trade *Fair Trade Funday* Saturday 4 March, 11am - 4pm, Grosvenor Park Chester. www.cheshiredec.org
The Real Easter Egg: The only Fair Trade Chocolate Egg with the Easter Story on the box www.realeasteregg.co.uk
Traidcraft and Brexit: information leaflets in the porch.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Exhibition: By 33 painters – 'For One Hour only' (!) from 3 to 4pm Monday 27 February in Neston Youth and Community Centre on Burton Road. Parking limited: Church Lane / Station Road recommended. Entry free! And all welcome!



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Ordinary Time VII

19 February 2017

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21 Feb	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Sr Anthony SND
22 Feb	WEDNESDAY	Chair of St Peter, Apostle	10:00 am	Int: Christine Rourke
23 Feb	THURSDAY	St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr	10.00 am	Norman Perryman
24 Feb	FRIDAY	In Church	10.00am	Int: McMahon Family
25 Feb	SATURDAY		10:00 am	Int: Margaret & Geoff Davies
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The Women's World Day of Prayer started in the USA in 1887, as Mary Ellen Fairchild James, wife of Darwin Rush James from Brooklyn, New York, called for a day of prayer for home missions, and Methodist women called for a week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions. Two years later, two Baptists called for a Day of Prayer for the World Mission. The Day of Prayer initiated by these two women expanded to Canada, then to the British Isles in the 1930s. The movements focus on ecumenism and reconciliation led to growth after World War II. Since 1927 the March day is known as *Women's World Day of Prayer*. Catholic women were allowed to join the movement after the Second Vatican Council, beginning in 1967, and united what had been their May Day of prayer with the March Women's World Day of Prayer in 1969.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Every year, worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. World Day of Prayer National/Regional Committees of that country prepare the order of worship on these themes to be used on the next World Day of Prayer.

On the first Friday of March, in services all over the world that country becomes the focus of prayer and understanding. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, women worldwide learn how their sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. They learn of the concerns and needs of those women and to empathize and feel in solidarity with them.

Women's World Day of Prayer locally: Friday 3 March, 2pm at Ss Mary & Helen, High Street, Neston; 7.30pm at St George's United Reformed Church, St George's Way, Thornton Hough. Do join us in the largest act of worship on the planet. In over 170 countries, involving an estimated 3 million people we will be praying right round the world for the whole 24 hours on that day.

The service for 2017 has been devised by the Christian women of the Republic of the Philippines; a sovereign country made up of over 7,000 islands. All round the world each country will be using the same words and music – the service has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects. We are all looking forward to sharing the service and the insights of the Christians living in this country. We hope to learn more of their concerns so we can pray in an informed way with and for them. The Day of Prayer is not just for women, all are most welcome, men, children, families. Contact Veronica Cuthbert 0151 677 627.



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Ordinary Time VI

12 February 2017

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			10.45 am	Int: Sandra		
13 Feb	MONDAY		10.00 am	Josie Carr		
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Fr Paul writes:

Congratulation to our candidates who have been enrolled in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist at our 10.45am Mass last Sunday. Please look out for these young ones as they will be wearing a medal. Say hello to them and promise you will pray for them and their families during this time of preparation. Please keep Cardinal Murphy O'Connor and Fr Dwyer, who are sick, in your prayers. On Wednesday, there is the annual celebration of Teresa Higginson. You are most welcome to join with the group who are coming over from Liverpool at around 10.45am. Mass will be celebrated during the day. Be assured of my prayers over the coming week. Fr Paul

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SPUC: Our recent coffee morning raised £171, which will be used towards the sponsorship of three young people to this years youth and student conference, including two from our parish. The White Flower Appeal raised £590.88, many thanks for your wonderful support.

Meeting Tuesday 14 February 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Please come and join us and help us with our Pro-Life Work, All welcome.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 16 February, at 7.30 pm in the church hall.

Teresa Higginson: There will be a day of private devotion on Friday 15 February. Holy Hour starts at 11am followed by Mass at 12 noon. All welcome. For details please see the posters on the notice boards.

Thank you: The McMahon Family thank all those who helped to make Ken's funeral such a wonderful celebration of his life. Special thanks to Katharine and the choir and to all those who took part in the great Neston Bake Off and of course Fr Paul and Fr Chris. Many thanks for all the prayers and cards.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON REFUGEES – WHAT ARE THE BASIC TEACHINGS?

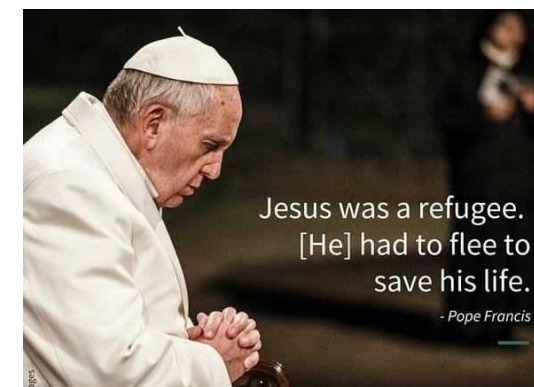
Catholic Social Teaching approaches questions of human mobility from the point of view of human dignity rather than legal status or national interest. Its key questions are not about legal obligations or defending sovereign territory, but rather how right relationships with self, God, others and creation, would call us – as individuals, communities, nations and international bodies – to respond to people on the move.

Catholic Social Teaching holds that anyone who is forced to move to preserve their lives or human dignity has a moral claim on the hospitality of others. The more vulnerable and needy the person, the greater their moral claim. Beyond responding to immediate needs it also requires the protection of rights and the transformation of the causes of displacement. Because every human person, regardless of one's legal status or geographic location, has a transcendent dignity that must always be respected, people on the move should enjoy the full range of human rights, and others have a duty to see that they are respected, protected and fulfilled.

According to Catholic Social Teaching, nation states exist to serve the human person by fostering, organising and promoting the common good. The dignity of persons comes before the interests of nation states and people must never be treated as means. Addressing the global phenomenon of migration requires all nations and international organisations to work together to ensure that all people and groups are able to meet their needs

and achieve their potential, that is, to share in the common good. Effective expressions of solidarity are needed.

National sovereignty should be respected and supported as long as sovereign states are willing and able to fulfil their responsibilities to respect and protect the dignity and rights of people within their jurisdiction and to promote the common good. The international community has a responsibility to support and assist where this condition is not met. This is how the principle of subsidiarity works. National sovereignty cannot legitimately be used as an excuse to neglect or abuse the human rights of people, no matter what their legal status, or to stand by while this happens. In practice however states do manipulate these concepts to justify their actions, sometimes with deadly results.





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Ordinary Time V

5 February 2017

4 Feb	SATURDAY	5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Priest's Intention
5 Feb	SUNDAY	Collection: <i>White Flower Appeal (SPUC)</i> First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass	8.45 am	Fred Dutton
6 Feb	MONDAY	St Paul Miki & Companions	10.45 am	Ken McMahon
7 Feb	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Heather, Una & Michael O'Shea
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CWL: Committee Meeting on Wednesday 8 February, at 7.30 pm at Angela's.

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In a message for the 2017 World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis called for renewed efforts in facing today's challenges in health care and in promoting respect for life.

"May we find new incentive to work for the growth of a culture of respect for life, health and the environment," he said, and may the day "also inspire renewed efforts to defend the integrity and dignity of persons, not least through a correct approach to bioethical issues, the protection of the vulnerable and the protection of the environment."

The World Day of the Sick is celebrated annually on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Thanking those who care for the sick, the elderly and those who suffer or are in need, the pope underlined the importance of treating everyone with respect and care because "every person is, and always remains, a human being."

Even those who have serious disabilities or are debilitated "have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life. They never become simply objects. If at times they appear merely passive, in reality that is never the case," he said.

Inspired by the selfless love and obedience of Mary and Jesus, the church continues to serve those who suffer or are in need, the pope said.

"The solidarity shown by Christ," with his birth and then death on the cross for the redemption of humanity, "is the expression of God's merciful omnipotence, which is made manifest in our life — above all when that life is frail, pain-filled, humbled, marginalised and suffering — and fills it with the power of hope that can sustain us and enable us to get up again."

The pope asked that "this great wealth of humanity and faith" not be lost or forgotten.

"It should inspire us to speak openly of our human weaknesses and to address the challenges of present-day health care and technology," he said, leading to greater efforts to build a culture of respect for life, health and the environment.

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Pope Francis leads a special audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican for patients and workers of Rome's Bambino Gesù children's hospital.

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Mary, our Mother,
In Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter.

Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts,
succour us in our infirmities and sufferings,
and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother.
Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father who
accomplishes great things.

Amen.



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Ordinary Time IV

29 January 2017

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29 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Egon Begush		
			10.45 am	Michael Halley		
30 Jan	MONDAY		10.00 am	The Unity of the Christian Family		
31 Jan	TUESDAY	<i>St John Bosco</i>	10.00 am	John & Barbara Healey		
1 Feb	WEDNESDAY		10:00 am	Anniversary: Brin Haggart		
2 Feb	THURSDAY	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	10.00 am	Int: Miller		
3 Feb	FRIDAY	<i>St Werburgh</i> <i>In Church</i>	10:00 am	Priest's Intention		
4 Feb	SATURDAY		10:00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist		
4 Feb	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Collection: White Flower Appeal (SPUC)</i>	6.30 pm	Priest's Intention		
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			10.45 am	Ken McMahon		
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Children's Liturgy and Confirmation: Saturday Feb 25th 10:00am-1:00pm (registration from 9:30am) at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ. Speakers: Teresa Kehoe and Hannah Vaughn-Spruce. Open to everyone interested in how to share the faith with children and adolescents.

Enquiries: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
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An invitation to the Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury Launch Saturday 4 February at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

Dear Friend

I am writing to invite you, your members, staff or volunteers to the official launch of the Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury agency. The establishment of Caritas is the result of a journey begun in September 2015 when we held the Caritas Roadshow "Being a Church for the Poor" in Ellesmere Port. We were delighted on that day to have so many groups with us in the Marketplace providing an opportunity for us all to see what is actually already being done in the Diocese, to share our knowledge and expertise and to talk with one another about how we can work better together. It has been a long but exciting journey and at last we are able to say that we have achieved the remit given to us in that event to create a Caritas Diocese with its own CARITAS Agency and we would be delighted if you could join us on the day to celebrate that achievement.

The launch offers an opportunity for individuals and groups within our Diocese to:

- Celebrate what we all do in witness to the love of our neighbour and in response to the call of Pope Francis to be a Church of the Poor
- Celebrate the foundation of the agency and pray for its success
- To hear about future plans and directions for its work in the Diocese
- To reflect on the national response to Catholic Social Action in England and Wales

The event will be chaired by Canon Phil Moor and we will also be joined by Mike Kane MP for Wythenshawe & Sale East, and Dr Philip McCarthy, Chief Executive of CSAN, who will speak about the development of Caritas in England and Wales. I hope that we will have an inspiring and enjoyable day, celebrating the present and looking forward to the future in the Diocese, creating stronger partnerships to better serve and support those in need.

Event Programme:

10.00am	Registration and Refreshments
10.30 am	Welcome by Bishop Mark Davies
10.45 am	Input from the speakers:
11.45 am	Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark and local clergy
1.00 pm	Close

If you would like to attend the Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury Launch it would be helpful if you could register beforehand with Pauline McCulloch email pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 0151 652 9855. I look forward to seeing you on the day

Yours faithfully

Mary Kilcoyne

CEO of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury

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Ordinary Time III

22 January 2017

21 Jan	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	John and Joan Schofield
22 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Parish Family
23 Jan	MONDAY		10.45 am	Marie Lancaster
24 Jan	TUESDAY	St Francis de Sales	10.00 am	Christian Unity
25 Jan	WEDNESDAY	The Conversion of St Paul END OF THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	10.00 am	Patricia Hughes
26 Jan	THURSDAY	SsTimothy & Titus	10:00 am	Priest's intention
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RIP: Magdalen Ounsworth

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Counters: New rota in the parish office.

Choir Rehearsals: Will resume this Sunday 22 January at 4pm.

Fr Paul writes...

One of the sadnesses of the Christian Church is its disunity. Every year the world's Christian church set aside a week of Prayer for Christian unity. You will notice in the Newsletter many opportunities in our local area to join with our brothers and sisters in response to the Lord's call that 'we will be one.' The intention for Mass on Monday morning will be for the unity of the Christian family. We must never lose heart, for in our area we do so many things together, from praying to the food bank just to name two.

On Wednesday, we heard the news that Magdalene Ounsworth has died. Please keep Magdalene and her family in your prayers. Last Monday our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist met with their parents to begin this journey. Over the next few weeks I will place before you many ways you can support these children.

Let us keep one another in your prayers that we will do all we possibly can to strengthen the message of the Gospel. With my prayers.

Fr Paul



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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Triune God,
We thank you for this week of Prayer that has brought us together as Christians and that has enabled us to experience your presence in different ways.
Grant us ways to praise your holy name together So that we continue to seek reconciliation and grow towards unity.
Amen

COMMUNION HYMN

The refrain for our communion hymn at 10.45 mass is:

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help,
the Lord is my salvation



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Ordinary Time II

15 January 2017

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15 Jan	SUNDAY	2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Special Prayer for World Peace	8.45 am	Robert Howard
16 Jan	MONDAY		10.45 am	Dorothy + Ian Ilott
17 Jan	TUESDAY	St Anthony, abbot Funeral Mass	10.00 am	Greg Copper
18 Jan	WEDNESDAY	THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	10.00 am	Kenneth McMahon
19 Jan	THURSDAY	St Wulstan, Bishop	10.00 am	Gerry Nugent
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21 Jan	SATURDAY	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	9:10 am	Grace Stringer
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CWL: Meeting on Thursday 19 January at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Walsingham 2017: The SVP District Pilgrimage this year is from 24 to 27 April. The cost is £225 with a deposit of £30 payable by the end of January. Please make cheques payable to Janette Doherty and hand to Derek Pover. The Pilgrimage this year will be staying at the Anglican Centre.

Fr Paul writes...

The church Calendar tells us that we have now returned to 'Ordinary Time.' So this weekend is called the **2nd Sunday of the year**. I will admit that I'm not very good at maths. Wonder why? Well according to my calculation this is the start of the **3rd week of 2017**. Ah Well, the church sometimes lives in a different world, like moving the feast of the Epiphany from the 6th of January to the 8th January! So, we are in ordinary time. To me there is no such thing! Over the next few weeks and months we will start our preparations for the celebration of **First Reconciliation and Eucharist**. At our 10.45am Mass on Sunday 5th of February we will welcome our young candidates and their parents to this Mass of enrolment. These yearly celebrations have a twofold action. Firstly, for us to welcome these young people and their families and support them with our prayer. Secondly, it is a yearly reminder of our own preparation for these Sacraments. This year, with the support of our Primary school and Parish catechist, we will be asking our 'housebound community' to pray *for one of the Candidates. A photograph will be given to the housebound which will only have the child's Christian name on it. I will be asking the Eucharist Ministers to take them to the housebound* when they bring them Holy Communion each week.

Between **18th of January and 25th** we will be celebrating the **Octave of prayer for Christian Unity**. Next weekend there will be a number of cards for us to sign as a promise of our prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christian churches in our area. Through this promise we will renew our dedication in response to the Lord's invitation "**that we will always be one.**" **On Monday 23rd the intention of our 10.00am Mass will be for the Unity of the Christian family.** Please do support the events taking place in the Week of Christian Unity- more information in this Newsletter.

I always feel a little flat when all the Christmas decorations are taken down. Even though the days are dark and the winter sets in we still know that the sun will slowly warm us and Christ, the Light of the World, will continue to be our guide. Be assured for my prayers for the coming week,

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