

**Front Page Update**

To help make access easier for people to see we have simplified the Website Front Page and put some of the links into this Bulletin.

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**January 2021 Lockdown**

As we move into 2021 we do so in Lockdown with new variants of COVID-19 spreading across the country and beyond. It is a time when, more than ever, we need to be extra vigilant in caring for, and supporting one another. In all this concern we have the consolation that, for those who feel well enough and able to come, we are still able to open for Mass with the strict implementation of COVID-19 Protections measures.

This is a great gift, but as Bishop Mark reminds us, also a great responsibility in ensuring that we remain careful and vigilant. Notes for each of our parishes are found below.

Let's continue to pray for each other in these challenging days.

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**General Information**

For the Prayers for making a Spiritual Communion Please Click:

[When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly](#)

**Pope Francis has prepared two prayers to add to the end of the Rosary for use during this time of pandemic. Please Click:**

[Prayers of Pope Francis to follow the Rosary](#)

**Prayer Resource for the Month of February:** The Prayer Resource for this month of January can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

## [Prayer Resource for February 2021](#)

**Year of St Joseph:** Bishop Mark dedicated the recovery of our Diocese, after the COVID-19 Measures, to the intercession of St Joseph, and Pope Francis has also entrusted the whole Universal Church to the Prayer of St Joseph. There are now Prayer Cards available for us to ask the intercession of St Joseph, and these should be available in our Churches. A Prayer Resource for this 'Year of St Joseph' can also be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

## [Prayers for the 'Year of St Joseph'](#)

**Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter for the First Sunday of Lent:** Bishop Mark has prepared a Pastoral Letter for this Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, and this be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

## [Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter for the First Sunday of Lent February 2021](#)

**Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2021:** Pope Francis has sent a message for this Lent, and this can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

## [Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2021](#)

**Request for volunteers to help at Vaccination Centres:** Our Catholic Church of England & Wales has been asked to advertise for Volunteers to help at Vaccination Centres. The Government's information of this can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/951284/UK\\_COVID-19\\_vaccines\\_delivery\\_plan.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951284/UK_COVID-19_vaccines_delivery_plan.pdf)

**Updated Guidance for the Safe Use of Places of Worship:** Bishop Mark has asked that we share the Government's latest Guidance for the safe use of Places of Worship, and this can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>

**COVID-19 Vaccination:** There have been all kinds of 'conspiracy theories' and the like flying across the media. The Bishops of England & Wales wish to reassure all Catholics that it absolutely the right, safest and best thing to do to receive the vaccine, and is a gesture of our concern and support for each other. Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have received the vaccine. More information can found on the link below:

<https://www.rt.com/news/512030-pope-francis-covid19-vaccine/>

## **Repeated Items**

We do try to update and edit information and items as much as possible. However, during these demanding times it is necessary to repeat some items. Please do look at items that you are interested in as we do alter them as much as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience at this time.

**Suspension of the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays still in place:** The Bishops wish to remind us that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is still suspended due to the extraordinary Circumstances we are still in. The Bishops state, that whilst some places may have Mass available, it is up to people themselves whether they feel comfortable coming at this stage. Please see the Bishops of England & Wales' Website: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) explaining the situation.

**Funeral Services in Church:** You may be aware that some simple Funeral Services are happening in Church again. Due to the Virus Protection Measures these are capped at 30 people, so this is for immediate family only, or for those they have asked as part of their number. Please don't just turn up or we sadly will not be able to admit you.

**Weddings in Church:** During the present Lockdown these can only be celebrated in emergency situations.

**Baptisms in Church:** Again, during the present Lockdown these can only be celebrated in emergency situations.

**Masses and Services can be viewed online, these are some links to help:**

Diocese of Shrewsbury (Shrewsbury Cathedral): [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

Walsingham National RC Shrine of Our Lady: [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

Catholic Television Channel: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

**Volunteers to help with reopening of Churches:** Many thanks to those who have offered already. Please see the notes below in the different Parishes' Sections.

**Lately Dead:** Please pray for the following who have died recently and for their families: Janet Murphy, Catherine Cassidy, Kathleen Cox, Catherine Conlan, Maureen Bendle, Angela Lyth, Mary Shannon, Patricia Fisher, Betty Jacobs, Ann Woodfin, Doris Garside, Denise Arathoon, Mary Shone, John Lavender, Francis Bushell, Malcolm Rimmer, Patrick Farrell, Denis Hawthorne and Bill Aldersea

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please pray for Celia Pearson, Doreen Scouler, Nora Williams, Marion Fletcher, Terry Gorman and Mark Wilson for whom our prayers have been asked

From Reuben Purchase, Diocesan Mission Catechist:

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? It's Sunday of the Word of God. I've a suggestion – why not sign up to with our own home-grown Mission for Catechesis, to study the Word of God more deeply via our world-class library of formation resources. Register with our Catechetical partners at [franciscanathome.com/shrewsbury](http://franciscanathome.com/shrewsbury) It's available to everyone! You can use as much or as little of the library of several hundred online workshops as you see fit - either alone, and ad hoc, or as part of a tailored track for your parish team. If you want to help us with the Mission's vision to form a new generation of evangelists, you could become a mentored student on the Diocesan Certification programme.

Your Diocesan mentor is available to help implement all options for the formation of ministers and catechists alike. You can contact him anytime at [reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Be the change you want to see!

Please follow the Mission on our new website – [www.weareallcatechists.com](http://www.weareallcatechists.com)

And follow us on social media –

<https://www.facebook.com/weareallcatechists>

<http://www.instagram.com/weareallcatechists>

<http://www.twitter.com/allcatechists>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgLVgfUIN3HarGh2AP803qA>

**Rueben also writes:** Tomorrow (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February) is our second GUEST WEBINAR with DR BILL KEIMIG of the Catechetical Institute 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Please register here - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_g3OwKnuRT6KO\\_YvwhApOwg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g3OwKnuRT6KO_YvwhApOwg)

And please spread the word!

**SVP Holiday Home Fundraising Link:** Many of you will know the difference that the SVP Holiday Home in Talacre has made for families who might not have been able to have a holiday otherwise. With the COVID-19 restrictions the usual Holiday Home Fundraising Activities have not been possible. Therefore the SVP have set up a fundraising page and this can be viewed through the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chesterellesmereportholidayhome>

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES UPDATE:** Many thanks to those who have dropped off Collection Envelopes; with some opportunities for paying in cash being available now, if you are passing please put your any Collection Envelopes you may have through either Our Lady's or St Mary's Presbytery Letter Boxes and these can be dealt with. To set up a Standing Order please see the links in each Parish Section below. As the item mentions, Parishioners will be able to Gift Aid their Online donation. Please note that this will not involve any additional work for Parish Gift Aid Organisers – the Gift Aid will be claimed centrally by the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service. Parishioners will need to use a password each time they donate – this is created the first time that they make a donation. All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from 'InvestMyCommunity'. Please also be aware that donations appear on the bank/credit card statements of the donor with the narrative "Invest My School".

**THANK YOU AGAIN:** We continue to pray for each other in this time, and thanks again for the many ways of support you have and are showing.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Please see the **St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Information**, Section and the **Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish** Section below for their Confession Arrangements. At this time we are not able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **St Thomas Beckett, Tarporley Parish** for the time being but hope to have more information soon.

For people who are not able to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) the Bishops of England & Wales have recommended that people say 'The Perfect Act of Contrition' below until such time as they are able to return to the Sacrament.

**The 'Perfect Act of Contrition':**

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy on me."*

**Readings for the First Sunday of Lent in Year B:** Last Wednesday we began the Season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. It is a 'Season of Penance' and 'Repentance'. This is more than feeling sorry for our sins, and giving something up or doing something extra, it is about a change of heart. In Lent we are invited to spiritually 'stand back' and look anew at our lives and choices, and to choose God's Way anew. It is a call to renew our 'heart' that which is at the core of our being, 'what makes us tick', and join our heart to the heart of God.

The Scripture Readings over this Season reflect this call. In the Year A Cycle of Readings these follow the pattern of the preparation for the Reception of the Sacraments. In Year B, in which we are in now, and Year C there is a different pattern.

However, on this First Sunday of Lent the Gospel is always a version of Jesus' Temptation in the Wilderness, as today in Year B, in which we mostly follow St Mark's Gospel.

Unlike Ordinary Time Readings, in the Seasonal Readings we follow at this time all three readings share the same theme.

Today's First Reading comes from the Old Testament Book of Genesis, which is the first book of what is known as 'The Pentateuch' the first five books of the Bible; these are traditionally ascribed to Moses, but were compiled centuries after the events they recall, probably putting together written and oral traditions into one text. The Book of Genesis compiles, from different sources, an understanding in the light of faith, as to the beginning of everything, and in story form seeks to explain why things are the way they are.

Today we have the image of Noah after the flood, and the 'Covenant', the promise with the human family. The 'Covenant' is a recurring theme in the history of the people of Israel. It will be shown in various forms throughout the Bible, with Abraham in the entry to the Promised Land, and eventually with Moses and the Ten Commandments and 'The Law' the 'Torah' to guide the people in God's way. In the image of 'Covenant' we see God, who enters into living relationship with people, and a different times on their journey, gives different gifts and promises to help them at each stage.

Christians were to see the ultimate fulfilment of the Covenant in Jesus, God made flesh.

The picture of 'The Flood' from the Book of Genesis was a 'cleansing' 'a washing clean' and as Noah, his family and the animals leave the Ark, it is a new creation, a new beginning. The Rainbow was a sign of a new relationship between God and people, a new 'Covenant'; God was not looking down in disdain, but was entering into a new relationship, a new journey with humanity.

In today's Second Reading from the New Testament Letter of St Peter, reference is drawn to Noah and his Ark. St Peter says that Christ died for us all, and was raised from the dead, so that we, the whole human family, could be 'washed clean' 'cleansed' from sin and make a new beginning, a living relationship with God. St Peter says that just as in a way Noah and the Ark were saved 'by water' so too, we through the waters of Baptism are saved from the death of sin, and enter into that new living relationship 'Covenant' with him.

St Mark's Gospel is most likely the oldest of the Gospels, and is often brief when later Gospels expound things.

This is the case with today's short passage. Jesus is tempted for forty days in the wilderness by Satan. It seems strange to us that Jesus could be tempted, yet we remember that Jesus was fully human, and well as fully God, and he had free will. Later Gospels show Satan's temptations as subtle, almost offering Jesus an easier, simpler, perhaps as the world might say a more 'reasonable' option. 'Why go through all that hardship and struggle for nothing, when there are easier ways?' Also the expressions 'wilderness' and 'he was with the wild beasts' are Bible speak for a place of emptiness and desolation, a place where one has to face 'demons and danger'; a place of soul searching.

Jesus faces these things and choosing anew the way of God the Father returns in strength and proclaims:

"There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said' and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.'"

We celebrate this Lent in continued Lockdown, and whilst there may seem to be some light at the end of the tunnel, there will be no quick fix and sudden return to normality. Many have had to face their 'wildernesses' of hardship, sickness and bereavement; others may feel being overwhelmed by a kind of 'flood' of trials and difficult circumstances, loneliness being cut off from usual support. It is easy at such times to be tempted to give up trying, especially when those around can seem difficult and hard to get along with.

It is at such times that we remember the 'Covenant' that living relationship with Christ. Jesus himself faced trials, he too both in the desert and at other times felt those feelings of abandonment, despair, betrayal, and the 'voices' told him to stop trying, 'take an easier road' 'why work so hard' 'who will appreciate you'. Jesus

rejected those voices, put his trust in God the Father's way, and persevered, because in his heart he knew it was right, even though following the road wouldn't always be easy, he knew it was the only way that lead through this life to the fullness of life, and that would open the way to life for the whole human family.

In today's Gospel passage we hear:

"He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him."

The 'angels' are the messengers of the Lord. Over these weeks I know that the 'angels' have looked after me. I am not speaking of the cult of angels which is popular these days, but the real 'angels' the many ways, through so many people and circumstances that have been God's messengers to me!

I keep saying, and probably will keep on repeating how touched I have been by the real faith, compassion, care and humanity in so many. They are the 'angels of the Lord' to so many; making God's love and tenderness real and flesh now. Those who go out of their way both locally, internationally and in the media are making God's word a 'living word'. At every Eucharist we celebrate a living word and real presence; it inspires us to be a 'living word and real presence' in our daily lives.

The angels ministered to Jesus in his wilderness. It always moves me that Jesus, God's living presence among us, accepted help, showed that in his need, he stands with all in need, received then gave and shared.

When in these days we might feel overwhelmed, alone in our wilderness, then know that the Lord is there too, he also felt alone, helpless and part of him was tempted to give up. But in his heart he knew the way of the Father was the right one; his angels might not have been men with long hair, long robes and wings, but perhaps moments in prayer that gave him courage, maybe memories of people and times that lifted him up. Later on his journey people cared for him and supported him, and as he shared the way of God, so others took it up and helped him.

God made flesh accepted our help; if it's good enough for the Lord it is good enough for us! He showed us the way. At this time more than ever we need each other. There may be a temptation that we can do it alone, we don't need help. But today we remember the 'Covenant' the promise that God is not outside our journey, but part of it.

There are so many 'angels of the Lord' so many living acts of God's love. As I will keep on saying in some form or another, if someone or some circumstance has been the 'Angel of the Lord' to us, then without any arrogance or pretence, you can be that 'Angel of the Lord' to someone else. Today, in Christ we reject the temptation that God is outside our humanity and our need, but we refresh our leap of faith, that our God is part of our journeys and is with us always.

**Fair Trade Fortnight 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Care for 'Our Common Home'**: Last May, 2020, we reached the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si' on the Christian response to the care of the environment, the Church has been considering how best it can respond to this challenge.

You may remember that, before the Lockdown, a small group of people from our Pastoral Area had been holding discussions on how we might put this message into practice, and we watched and discussed some videos prepared by CAFOD and the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. These videos and resources were called 'Global Healing Caring for Our Common Home' and 'Global Caring Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. If you would like to view them at home they can be easily accessed through: [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk)

They contain a message that it's about all of us, and the difference we can really make.

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England & Wales. It is a highly respected aid agency. CAFOD is a founder member of 'Traidcraft', a charity that promoted 'Fair Trade'; later CAFOD and Traidcraft became founder members of the 'Fairtrade Foundation'.



The mark of the Fairtrade Foundation is a very familiar symbol across Britain, Ireland and Europe. It is the image of a person raising their right arm in greeting; focus on the black colour and you'll see it! On the Continent you will often see this same symbol with the word 'Fairtrade' ('Commerce Equitable' in France) beneath, and the name 'Max Havelaar'. Max Havelaar is the Dutch man who started off the Fairtrade Foundation on Continental Europe, which now bears the name 'The Max Havelaar Foundation'. There are other world symbols like 'Fair for Life' 'Equal Exchange' and the like

This week I'll just share a few thoughts on 'Fair Trade'. When I was in Wallasey for a short time from 1997 to 1999 I was involved with a group of 'Young Christian Workers' (YCW) led by the young man who is now a Priest of our Diocese! This group became involved in a project to share how our faith called us to promote 'trade justice' for those who were being exploited in poorer nations. They opened my eyes to see how many people who across our world produce the goods we buy everyday were not getting a fair deal and were trapped in a cycle of poverty. They also showed how organisations like 'Traidcraft' as part of the Fairtrade Foundation' showing the Fair Trade Mark guaranteed that producers were given a 'Fair Trade Premium' which enabled those producers to form cooperatives that enabled them to develop proper Health Care, send their children to School, get clean water and sanitation, get proper representation and to build dignified lives with a hope for the future. Fair Trade goods may cost us a little more, but that makes literally a world of difference to people's lives.

Since then I have always tried to promote the use of Fairly Traded goods, without trying to impose this on peoples' choice. There are many layers around the understanding, and misunderstanding, of Fair Trade and how it works. In this time of Global Pandemic, and fear for the future, and change in political relationships between countries, many farmers and small producer cooperatives around our world are fearing the loss of their Fair Trade premium which could lead them back into harsh poverty.

Pope Francis has always spoken for the poor, and our duty as followers of Christ to share, and use wisely the resources of our world. The over exploitation of resources has hit the poor hardest, many have had to leave their homes through their traditional sources of income disappearing or from the violence of conflict that may have resulted from this.

A little while back an application was made for Our Lady & St Bernard Parish to become a 'Fair Trade Parish'. This was granted, and for a while we kept up using Fair Trade Tea & Coffee and products at Meetings for which we had responsibility as a Parish. Sadly, I think due once again to the layers of misunderstanding and misinformation that surround Fair Trade and Climate Awareness projects this was gradually 'chipped away'. When the Fairtrade Foundation, just before the Lockdown, asked me to send a note and statement to annually renew the Fairtrade Parish Status I felt we could not do so at this time.

When we are able to gather again for meetings, we will organise a gathering for us to consider how we can all take up the message, in the light of faith, to care for 'Our Common Home' and steps we might take individually, and as Parishes, to play our part in caring for the poorer peoples of our world, and protecting the gift of creation.

This coming Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March is the annual 'Fairtrade Fortnight'. The theme this year in a time of Global Pandemic and Political Change is 'Choose the World you want'. It is a time of massive change in our world, and Pope Francis has constantly challenged us that in the midst of all our concerns not to forget the poorest and most vulnerable in our world, and our duty to protect the gift of creation 'Our Common Home', and to consider the effects of climate change on the lives of peoples across our world.

As I say, we will seek in better times to consider once again, how we can play our part. In the meantime there are other ways we can help, so check out the CAFOD & Fairtrade links below to get that wider picture.

**Care for 'Our Common Home' & CAFOD Links:** Check out the following Websites for further information on care for 'Our Common Home', CAFOD, the Fair Trade Foundation, the Bishops Conference of England & Wales on care for environment and CAFOD online Events:

- ! Our Common Home: [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk)
- ! Bishops' Conference of England & Wales Links: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)
- ! CAFOD Website: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)
- ! The Fairtrade Foundation Website: [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)
- ! CAFOD Online Events: [www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Major-Giving/Philanthropy-events](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Major-Giving/Philanthropy-events)

## **St Saviour & Mary of the Angels' Information**



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February:**

**St Mary's:** 10.00am: Holy Hour 11.00am Mass (Fr Louis' Intentions)

**St Saviour's:** Vigil Mass at 5pm: (Wendy Hyndman RIP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****

**St Mary's:** 9.00am Holy Mass: (Parishioners Intentions)

**St Saviour's:** 11.00am Holy Mass  
(John Lavender RIP and Tom Lavender RIP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: **FEAST: The Chair of St Peter****

**St Saviour's** 9.30am: Holy Mass (Catherine Conlan RIP)

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: **St Polycarp (Bishop & Martyr)****

**St Saviour's:** 9.30am Holy Mass: (Mina's Family Intentions)

**Wednesday: 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**St Saviour's** 6.00pm Stations of the Cross,  
7pm Holy Mass (Bill Dobson, Birthday Remembrance) 7.30pm Novena

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February:**

**St Saviour's** 9.30am Morning Prayer & Adoration

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**St Saviour's:** 9.30am Holy Mass: (Elsy Jose)

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February:**

**St Saviour** 10.00am: Stations of the Cross, 11.00am Holy Mass (Fr Louis' Intentions)

**St Saviour's:** Vigil Mass at 5pm: (Fred Hunter RIP)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****

**St Mary's:** 9.00am Holy Mass (L Hurst Intentions)

**St Saviour's:** 11.00am Holy Mass: (Parishioners Intentions)

**SCRIPTURE CORNER (Mark 1: 14-15)**

**After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the good news from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the good news.'**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Catherine Cassidy, Kathleen Cox, Catherine Conlan, Maureen Bendle, Angela Lyth, Mary Shannon, Patricia Fisher, John Lavender, Betty Jacobs, Ann Woodfin, Doris Garside – ***Rest in Peace***  
Please keep all of our recently deceased and their families in your prayers.

**REQUIEM MASSES AND FUNERAL SERVICES**

**Angela Lyth** RIP:

Requiem Mass at St Saviour's 10.30am Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Catherine Conlan** RIP: Requiem Mass, St Saviour's 11am Wednesday 10th March

**Kathleen Cox:** Funeral Service at St Mary of the Angels 1.30pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Catherine Cassidy:** Funeral Service at St Mary's 10.30am Wed 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **REPAIR WORK TO DRAINS AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH**

Please note that due to this essential work, all Masses & Services this coming week (until Sunday) will be held in St Saviour's church

### **FOODBANK / HAMPER COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH**

On alternate Monday's, 10.30 to 11.30am at St Saviour's church, food hampers will be available for collection for those who would benefit from a little support. Members of the SVP and Clergy Team will be present to offer any support possible of a temporal, spiritual or pastoral nature. **(Next date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021).**

*If you would benefit from some support from the parish foodbank or know of anyone who would, please speak to one of the clergy team or SVP members.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:** We are inviting the families of last year's candidates to speak with Fr Louis or Deacon Tony in order to consider the possibility of a small 'family celebration' of the Sacrament at one of our regular Masses. A larger Sacramental Celebration for the wider schools/parish community will still hopefully take place during the summer or autumn months. ***Please pray for Keira Marks as this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 11am Mass, she will receive the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Also, Jessica Morris as she makes her First Holy Communion next Saturday at the Vigil Mass. May God bless these children and their families on their special day and always.***

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE UPDATE & COVID SAFETY MEASURES:**

We are delighted that the Mass attendance numbers continue to grow. On Ash Wednesday St Saviour's reached its COVID capacity of 101 worshippers with others sadly having to be denied access. It is likely that a booking system will be necessary for the Holy Week Liturgies, more information to follow in due course. **In the meantime when attending church please continue to follow the directions of our stewards in order to ensure the safety of all and compliance with legal requirements**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

In this Season of Lent, please note that Fr Louis is available for the Sacrament of Confession before most Masses and on request.

### **LENT FAMILY FAST DAY:**

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day this year is on Friday 26 February and its theme is water. We are invited to consider Abdella, a young man who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water just to keep his family alive and he says his life is being wasted because he has no time for anything else. CAFOD is helping people like Abdella who are struggling in hot and dry climates, for example by installing solar-powered water pumps. Our parish always gives generously to CAFOD and we hope that you will continue to do so this year. You can give online at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) or by texting **LENT** to **70460** to donate £10\*. You can also send your donation by post to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. If you are attending church, you can use one of the envelopes which are available to leave a donation. \* Texts cost £10 plus one standard message rate and you will be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising by telephone and SMS. If you would like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **LENTNOINFO** to **70460**. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy at [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](https://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** The Women's World Day of Prayer service due to take place at St Mary of the Angels on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled due to the ongoing circumstances of the pandemic. It is possible that a service will be prepared and delivered by the minister at Little Sutton Methodist church and, if so, details will be provided in next week's newsletter. Otherwise we are welcome to join the service which will be recorded by the churches in Neston and streamed on YouTube from 9am onwards on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

([www.nestonparishchurch.org](http://www.nestonparishchurch.org)) If anyone would like a service booklet they are available in St Mary of the Angels or contact Annabel Dickson, 327 5424

**PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION; Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021: Our Lady of Fatima**

On this date, **all things permitting**, we hope to have a retreat day at All Saints Franciscan Friary in Manchester. The theme for the day will be 'Our Lady of Fatima' and this year, on this day the Church celebrates that particular feast. The cost, to assist with transport and a donation to the friars will be around £20. The Franciscan Guardian,

Fr Jesmond OFM Conv, looks forward to welcoming us. More details will be available in due course but places will be limited, as such, if you wish to join us please contact the parish office at St Mary's on 0151 327 6158

As always, we encourage you all to remain strong in faith and not to live in fear.

**'PRAY HOPE AND DON'T WORRY' (St Padre Pio)**

**PARISH OFFERINGS & DONATIONS:** We acknowledge that we are all living through very difficult times and for many this includes financial difficulties. The Church is not exempt from this and understandably our parish finances are now significantly reduced. If you are able to continue to support the life and ministry of the parish financially this is greatly appreciated and valued. Offerings and planned giving envelopes can be left in the church collection boxes in each of our churches or posted through the door of St Mary's Presbytery. **Please do not post through the Presbytery (house) at St Saviour's,**

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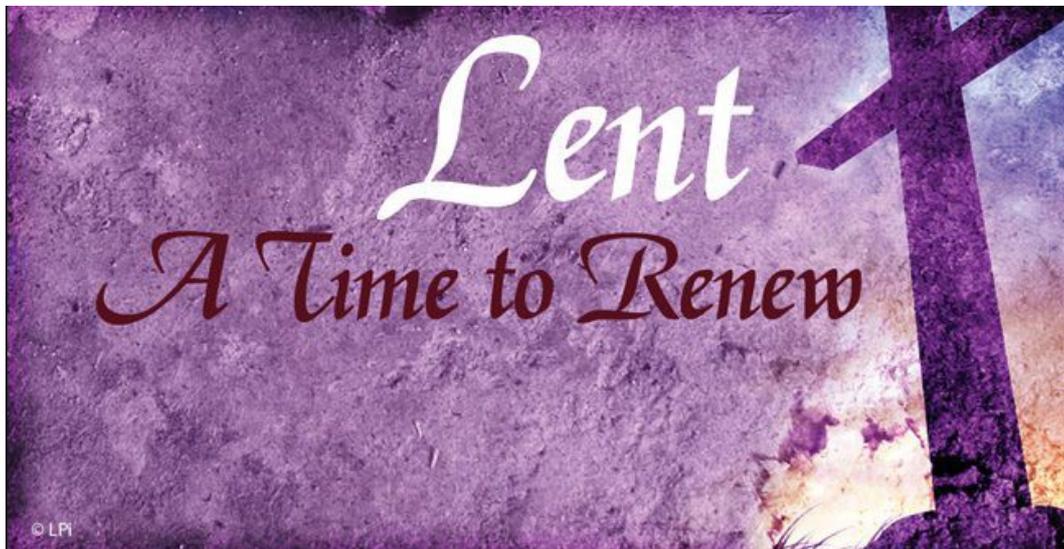
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***If you wish to speak to the clergy regarding any concern, requests for ministry or area of need, please call the Parish office at St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158. (Please note that the office is staffed as much as possible and the answerphone is checked regularly)***

With our continued prayers, best wishes, presence & support.  
Yours in Christ, **Fr Louis, Deacon Tony & Tony Nuttall**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



### CATECHISM CORNER

From the beginning the Church has been marked by a great diversity which comes from a variety of God's gifts and the diversity of those who receive them. Within the unity of the people of God, a multiplicity of peoples and cultures is gathered together. The great richness of such diversity is not opposed to the Church's unity. Yet sin and the burden of its consequences constantly threaten the gift of unity.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – 814-815

The Profession of Faith

### THE HOLY FATHER SPEAKS

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**(His Holiness Pope Francis)**

## [Our Lady & St Bernard's Information](#)

**Masses at Our Lady's:** For the time being the Temporary Mass Times at Our Lady's Church during these COVID-19 Protection Measures are:

For this week the Private and Public Mass Intentions will be:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February Vigil (The First Sunday of Lent)**

– 6.00pm Mass in Our Lady's Church: May Griffiths

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February (The First Sunday of Lent)**

– 9.30am Mass in Our Lady's Church: Canon Brendan Hoban Intention

– 11.00am Mass in Our Lady's Church: Parishioners

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (The Chair of St Peter) – No Mass today**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (St Polycarp) - Private Mass – Malcolm Rimmer**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Private Mass – Priest's Intention**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Private Mass – Maria Shone**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1.45m Funeral Mass for Denis Hawthorne - due to restrictions only those invited are able to attend**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February – No Mass during the day**

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– 6.00pm Mass in Our Lady's Church: Ted Griffiths

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February (The Second Sunday of Lent)**

– 9.30am Mass in Our Lady's Church: Parishioners

– 11.00am Mass in Our Lady's Church: Eileen Carroll

**Mass Times Sheet in Our Lady's Church:** There is a sheet available to take with you listing Mass and Service Times in Our Lady & St Bernard Parish on the front and St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish on the other side.

**Diocesan Year Books, Shrewsbury Voice Magazines and Diaries and Calendars:** We do have available Diocese of Shrewsbury 2021 Year Books, Christmas issues of the Shrewsbury Voice Magazine and 2021 LPA Diaries & Calendars. As we are trying to avoid in accordance with COVID-19 Protection Measures, too many things for people to handle, and hold people up in Church, please E: [parishol@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishol@rcchep.co.uk) or T: 0151 355 1255 during weekday Office Hours if you would like any of these items and can arrange to have them left for you.

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If you are attending church, you can use one of the envelopes which are available to leave a donation. Envelopes will be available this weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> February and there will be a retiring Collection at Our Lady's next weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> February.

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### **Safety for the Celebration of Mass in Our Lady's Church:**

**! PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE PRIEST AND THE STEWARDS AT ALL TIMES, ESPECIALLY ON ARRIVAL AND LEAVING**

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Once again, sorry if this all sounds a great deal of 'palaver'; these restrictions have been agreed by the Bishops of England & Wales and the Government Health Advisors to minimise the risk of spreading the virus and keeping people safe. Following these procedures has enabled us to reopen for Mass.

During Mass me (Father Niall) and the Stewards will guide you. When Mass is finished you will be asked to leave through the Car Park Door. **Please keep the one way system, and do not enter through the car park exit door. It is more important than ever that we keep safe space from one another; for the same reason please do not gather in groups to talk in the car park. This new variant of COVID-19 is spreading rapidly and we all need to play our part in helping stop the spread, to care for one another and help protect the Health Service**

**Please note also that Our Lady's Church will only be open 15 minutes before each Service. Again, if you turn up early and the front door is still locked, please wait and do not come round to the side 'exit' door**

**Please note also that, again because of Infection Prevention Regulations, we are unable to open the Toilets for these times. Please take this into consideration before coming out**

**Also, please note that if you are shielding, or in a vulnerable category of any kind, it would be unwise for you to come to Church until all restrictions are lifted. *This is for your own protection and well-being. The Coronavirus is still around, and this is part of the measures to minimise the risk***

**Again, just to remind you, that the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended, so if for any reason you do not feel able to come please don't worry. You may wish to come during the week when this is available or join in spiritually through a livestream link. Even if we seem to be praying alone, in Christ we are never alone.**

All that being said, it is lovely to welcome you back to Our Lady's Church for Mass!

**Stewards and Cleaners at Our Lady's Church:** Thank to our Stewards and Cleaners who work so hard to enable us to open for Masses and Services. If you feel you could help in this way please contact us on: T: 0151 355 1255, E: [parishol@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishol@rcchep.co.uk)

**Confessions in Our Lady's Church:** During this latest Lockdown for safety reasons, we are not holding Confessions on the Sanctuary on Fridays. If you really feel you need to come to the sacrament, please telephone us and we can see if some safe arrangement can be put in place.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please pray for Nora Williams and Mark Wilson who have asked our Prayers

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## **St Thomas Becket Tarporley Information**

Welcome if you are joining us from St Thomas Becket Parish in Tarporley.

**Mass at St Thomas Becket during the January 2021 Lockdown:** As you are well aware the spread of the new COVID-19 variant has greatly increased. During this time of the new Lockdown **it has been considered wiser to reduce the number able to attend Mass to 27 people. Also attendance is now by Pre-Booking Only.** Please call: 01829 732511 to book a place. This is to help protect your safety and help in preparation.

Thank you for those who have volunteered to act as stewards. If anyone else would be willing to act as a Steward could you please contact me here, or leave your name and details with our Secretary. Please call us on T: 0151 355 1255 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm if possible) or E: [parishol@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishol@rcchep.co.uk) and we can get this set up.

Rather than a long list of 'dos' and 'don'ts' which will put folk off, it's easier to sum up by saying as I have done for our Churches here above:

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All that being said, welcome back to Mass at St Thomas Becket!

The Mass details for the coming are:

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Below, I'm leaving in the listing of the Websites for the neighbouring Chester Parishes with information of when they might be open for Private Prayer and the Celebration of Mass in case this is help to you:

! **St Werburgh's, Chester:** [www.stwerburghchester.co.uk](http://www.stwerburghchester.co.uk)

! **St Francis, Chester:** [www.stfrancischester.co.uk](http://www.stfrancischester.co.uk)

! **St Columba & St Theresa, Chester:** [www.stcolumbachester.wordpress.com](http://www.stcolumbachester.wordpress.com)

! **St Clare's, Lache, Chester:** [www.stclares.co.uk](http://www.stclares.co.uk)

**Thanks again:** A big thank you once again to all who are working so hard and have enabled St Thomas Becket to reopen for Mass; your effort is greatly appreciated. Please do contact me, Canon Niall Mullaley on T: 0151 355 1255 or E: [parishol@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishol@rcchep.co.uk) if there is any way I can help. Preferably if you could do this during Office Hours here Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm, that would help, but you are welcome to call at other times if this is not possible.

**Collection Envelopes and Standing Orders:** Thank you to all who have enquired about their Offertory Envelopes and have also set up Standing Orders. If you would like to set up a Standing Order please see the note below.

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