

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**FIRST READING**

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, "Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. 'Here is your God, Israel,' they have cried, 'who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation."

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever." So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalms 50*

**Response: I will leave this place and go to my father.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R/**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R/**
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R/**

**SECOND READING**

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown

me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

**Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL (shorter version)** *Luke 15:1-10*

The Lord be with you.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:

"What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home call together his friends and neighbours? 'Rejoice with me,' he would say. 'I have found my sheep that was lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

"Or again what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? 'Rejoice with me,' she would say, 'I have found the drachma I lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Longer version relates the story of the Prodigal Son*



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**YEAR C – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Psalter Week IV**

Sat 14th	24th SUNDAY IN	5.00pm	John Stokes	St. Mary's
Sun 15th	ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Kathryn McLean MacDonnell	St. Paul's
	"LAVENDER WEEKEND"	11.00am	Jim Shepherd	St. Mary's
Mon 16th	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30am	Word & Communion	St. Mary's
Tues 17th		7.00pm	Thomas Kuruvilla	St. Mary's
Wed 18th		12.00pm	Brian McSweeney	St. Paul's
		7.00pm	Local Missionary Area Comm. St. Luke's, Trench.	
Thurs 19th		9.30am	Fr. Frank Rice	St. Mary's
Fri 20th	St Andrew Kim & Companions	9.30am	Shrewsbury Secular Clergy fund.	St. Mary's
Sat 21st	CATECHISTS DAY	10.30-3pm	Bring packed lunch!	St. Mary's
Sat 21st	25th SUNDAY	5.00pm	Tom & Louise Huston	St. Mary's
Sun 22nd	ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Thanksgiving	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Donna Manning	St. Mary's
		Baptism 12.30pm	Lena Maria Pudo	



Newsletter Contributions to St Mary's Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.

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### LAVENDER SALE – THIS WEEKEND

The last couple of years lavender has been harvested from the grounds of St. Mary's. Lavender bags will be on sale after the masses, supplemented by a few other items: hand-made greeting cards, biscuits, candles, soap, and plants. Proceeds to Church funds.



### PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially, Brian McSweeney, Rev. Rosemary Freeman, Paul Barnicott, Catherine Godbert, Kath Fullerton, Ossie Bishop, Margaret Craig and Wayne Stansfield.

We remember all those who have died recently especially: Patricia Higgins, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

### MONEY MATTERS

Offertory: £1,117.40  
250 Club: £152.35

Winner: Ann Haycock  
Raffle (Summer Meal): £337.85  
Many thanks for your generosity.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Awareness Weekend" took place last weekend. Many thanks for the support you give the SVP all -year round.

Total collections plus Teas & Coffee and Raffle came to £ 731.56.

A big thank you to all for your generosity

### BISHOPS VISITATION

You will already be aware that Bishop Mark is coming on Visitation. It is 5 years since he was here, and he is visiting our deanery in the weeks ahead.

### POOR CLARE CONVENT

Retreat Day on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.15am-3pm. Though organised for the SVP it is open for to all to attend. The price is £12.00 per head. Bring a packed lunch. Further details on notice in porch.

### AUTUMN FESTIVE BREAK 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Nov.

We have managed to secure places at a Hotel in Babbacombe - The English Riviera (North of Torquay), for the same price & same dates. **Only 2 Twin rooms left.** (We may be able to request more if needed)

Poster and forms as usual available in back of Church.

### A DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES; 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019.

The day will be led by Bishop Richard Moth, who is responsible to the Bishops' Conference for the ministry to those with mental health issues.

The day will be held at St Columba's, Newhall Road, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1SA from 11am to 5pm and will include Mass and the anointing of the sick.

Tea and coffee will be served from 10.30 am and at lunchtime. Please bring your own lunch.

### SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF HCPT

A big thank you to all for your generous donations. Total donations collected from the parish came to £676.00 + Gift Aid of £169.00 making a grand total of £845.

### BAPTISED AND SENT

The Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and the Columban Missionaries are holding a day of reflection on 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am-5pm at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Solihull.

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 a "Extraordinary Missionary Month"

### THIS COMING SATURDAY "SHARING OUR FAITH"



Rueben Purchase and Dr. Caroline Farey, from the Diocesan Mission for Catechists team, will be leading a day for lay ministers and catechists on September 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00am to 3pm. at St. Mary's, Madeley.

All welcome teams, children's liturgy helpers, readers, ministers of the Eucharist. A day for all to reflect on our mission to share our faith. Open to all who are interested in passing on the faith. (Please bring packed lunch-drinks will be available.)

### FAMILY FAST DAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The theme of this year's Autumn Family Fast day is "No child should be attacked getting water to drink" *Cafod.org.uk/harvest*

### AMAZON

The Bishops of the Amazon region are meeting in Rome this October to discuss the future of the Amazon and the people who live there – a future that hangs in the balance. They will advise Pope Francis on new ways to protect the rights of the indigenous people living in this precious eco-system. Cafod has been working with local communities to ensure that their views are represented.

*Hopes for the Synod?* The synod is an important event to listen to the voice of the people: 87,000 people were consulted!

The global Church must listen to the indigenous people who are living the gospel while at one with the natural environment. They call us to find new ways to manage and respect nature.

The Amazon forest lost the equivalent of two football pitches every minute in May this year (Brazilian monitoring agency). The Amazon is home to nearly three million people, 390 ethnic groups, who speak 240 different languages

### DIARY

#### SEPTEMBER

15<sup>th</sup> Home Mission Sunday  
18<sup>th</sup> Local Missionary Area Council at Our Lady's, Trench.  
19<sup>th</sup> Academic Mass – for all those in Education: at Our Lady's, Trench at 5.00pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Bishop to visit St. Mary's School  
21<sup>st</sup> Catechetical Day at St. Mary's 11.00-3.00pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mass in St. Mary's Church for SVP District Council Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> Funeral H McCallum (Emstrey)  
28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Bishop's Visitation

#### OCTOBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Governors Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> Cafod Family Fast Day  
Funeral Service P Higgins 1.00pm  
St Mary's  
5/6<sup>th</sup> Priests Training Fund Diocesan Collection  
12<sup>th</sup> Acta Conference  
13<sup>th</sup> Prisoners Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> International Mass  
26/27<sup>th</sup> Christmas cards for sale

### CUAN HOUSE RESCUE CENTRE MUCH WENLOCK

Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> September (St. Francis Feast Day – October 4<sup>th</sup>)

*To mark this day, we have been asked by the Worrell family to support the work of Curan House in looking after rescue animals.*



*You can help by donating essential items that the centre needs.*

*Please see the poster which indicates what is required and leave the donations in the box provided.*