

THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, "Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after — we have his word for it."

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 53

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R/**
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R/**
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R/**

SECOND READING (James 3:16-4:3)

A reading from the letter of Saint James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the

desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

(Mark 9:30-37)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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THE 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B 19th September 2021 – Psalter Week I

Sat 18th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.00pm	Bryan Hyde	St. Mary's
Sun 19th	Home Mission Sunday	9.00am	Bob Wattle	St. Paul's
Sept	Home Mission Sunday	11.00am	Bernadette Frost	St. Mary's
Mon 20th	St. Andrew Kim	9.30am	Word & Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Tues 21st	St. Matthew	7.00pm	Denise Bundy	St. Mary's
Wed 22nd	Holy Trinity Academy	12.00pm	Holy Souls	St. Paul's
	Holy Trinity Academy	6.30pm	Confirmation Course	
Thurs 23rd	St Padre Pio	9.30am	Frank Owen	St. Mary's
Fri 24th	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	McCormick Int.	St. Mary's
Sat 25th	First Forgiveness	10.00am	First Forgiveness	St. Mary's
Sat 25th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.00pm	Charlie Walsh	St. Mary's
Sun 26th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Sylvia & Paul Walker	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Hasije & Martin Lleshaj	St. Mary's

Confessions on request

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

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COVID RESTRICTIONS

We are all aware, that some restrictions have been lifted for some venues, we however will continue to keep to our own church guidelines. So, please keep **wearing masks, sanitizing and keeping a safe distance where possible, it is still our duty to protect each other.**

The stewards will still direct you to and from your seat in an orderly fashion, to keep safe distancing as much as possible.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Don't forget you still need to book, so that we do not exceed capacity. We will review things as we go, and I, or the stewards would welcome your feedback.

Fr. Michael

PRAYER FOR "A NEW CREATION"

(To be prayed up to Climate change conference)

*Lord, May your promise of a New Creation
become a reality in our lives and in our world.*

Help us to be converted

To solidarity with you Earth

And all it upholds as our kin.

May our words of care and love

Flow through to our actions.

Amen.

Fr. Charles Rue. SSC

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection: £886.90

250 Club: £163.00

Winner: S Armstrong

Cafod donations: £250.00

Building donations: £30.00

Many thanks.

BUILDING WORKS

Good news! Progress is happening. There are still some issues to be resolved with conservation. Builders will need to leave site, and come back when these are sorted. A big thankyou to those who have been making one off donations, to help with the works. Many have gift-aided the donations which has also helped. Forms are available from Church or ring Tracey at the presbytery on Mondays.

The donations, including the "lavender event" means that we have raised £5,179.61 in 5 months! Once again, many thanks to all.

LAVENDER WEEKEND

A big thank you to everyone who supported this fund-raiser. Special thanks to those who prepared everything.

Total raised: £912.14



(£200 was forwarded to the Poor Clares at Ellesmere. Many thanks.)

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers:

those who are sick, especially: Denise Wagg, Peter Kendrick, Austin Atkinson, David Gibson, Gay Ingham, Betty Arnold, Rowland Sheldon, Sister Mary Carmel (Ellesmere) and Harry Thompson.

We remember all those who have died:

Eric Adams, (Funeral 8th Oct. 1.30pm), Ivor Unwin, (Funeral 28th Sept, 10.00am) and Christine Cattell.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Congratulations to our young children who have made their First Forgiveness yesterday. Thanks also to the parents, who have been encouraging them along the way.

Next meeting will be on Saturday 2nd October when they will begin their instruction for their **First Holy Communion** - celebrating on the 30th October 2021.

Confirmation preparation is underway and will be celebrated at the Cathedral on 3rd October.

Our young parishioners are: Annita Thomas, Rubie Glaze, Nicholo Damalerio, Mateusa Kotnis, Michael Stokes and Patrick Boyle.

Hasije and Martin Lleshaj will also be confirmed.



QUIZNIGHT

We have planned a quiz night/fish & chips for 1st October at the British Legion Club in Dawley.

Tickets £5.00 now on sale.

PARISH TRIP

15th-19th November a parish trip to Whitby to the Ravenscar Hotel. £345.00. Bookings can be made directly with Jones' over the phone **01352 733292**.

ROME 2022

Monday, 2nd May – Friday, 6th May. Bookings are coming in for this pilgrimage. Again, numbers are restricted. While it seems a long way off, if you do not want to be disappointed, please contact Anthony Coles by e-mail arctc@btinternet.com or ring or text **07785 306 232**

AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES

We shall have a second collection on the weekend of 25th/26th Sept. to support this vital work. Don't forget the SVP is always ready to welcome new members. Please give it some thought.

Fr. Michael

PARISH PASTORAL GROUP AND FINANCE GROUP

We shall have a joint meeting after the evening mass next Saturday in Church - about 6.15pm. Due to covid, the church is the best place at the moment to have a circulation of air. If any parishioners have any issues they wish to raise, please let a member of the group know.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST. MARY'S.

We are hoping to increase the number of people on the rota for St. Mary's. (At least two people at a time.) If you are able to come on a Monday morning 10.00am let Bernadette Walton, or Tracey know. Many thanks. (It should work out at once every six weeks?)

CCRS (CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES)

Begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's in Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

The process begins in the Local Church (Shrewsbury Diocese) and then moves to the level of the Bishops' Conference.

Diocesan Phase October 2021 – April 2022 During which each individual faithful can participate in the diocesan consultation. This phase will end locally with a pre-synodal assembly: the culminating moment of diocesan discernment.

National Phase A period of discernment will begin for bishops gathered in an assembly. They will listen to what the Spirit has inspired in the churches entrusted to them.

DIARY

October

1st

Family Fast

Quinn & Price Wedding

3rd

Confirmation - Cathedral

9th

Williams & Mail Wedding

9/10th

SVP weekend & Collection

23rd

Broad & Boslem Wedding

30th

First Communion Celebration

31st

All Saints Day

November

2nd

All Souls Day

14th

Remembrance Sunday.

15th

Parish Trip to Whitby

21st

Christ the King