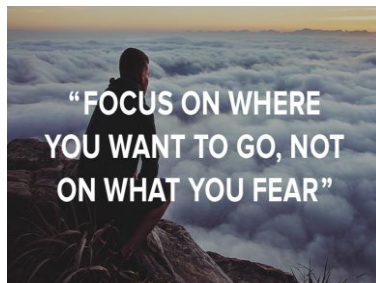


CCRS. THE NEXT MODULE – a choice of: Religious Education in the classroom or Introduction to Liturgy, for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies begins on Saturday 19th January 2019 at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY 10:00 – 3:30pm with the second on Saturday 19th February 2019. You may start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

Ponder Over..... *Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law - Proverbs 29:18. Vision is what we see, but it is also the way in which we see. Vision is the lens that interprets the events of our life, the way we view people and our concept of God. If we have a scratch on our glasses, it may seem like everybody around us has scratches too, but the problem actually lies with us because our vision is impaired. We perceive with our eyes but we see with our hearts. Our minds receive images from our eyes but our heart interprets these images. If our heart becomes bitter, jealous, hurt or in some way infected, the lens of our heart is distorted. What we perceive is happening and what is really going on could be two completely different things. The way we view life can feel and look real, or make perfect sense, but still not be real at all. Therefore, the things we believe to be true determine the way in which we interpret life. Those without vision spend their lives taking the path of least resistance as they try to avoid discomfort. The level of sacrifice that a vision requires will determine the size of people who follow. Sacrifice separates the small from the great. So many of us go through life not understanding the purposes of our trials. We spend our days walking a crooked path, believing that every obstacle in the road is a problem and something to be avoided. True vision consists of foresight, insight and oversight that come from His sight. Foresight is like looking at life through a telescope. This outlook allows us to know what is ahead as it connects us to our future. Insight is like viewing life through a microscope. This perception gives us an understanding of why things happen in life. It also helps determine the underlying motivations of the heart. Oversight puts life into context. It is like flying over our house in a helicopter. There is a perspective that we can only receive from this vista that helps us understand where we are with respect to where everything else is. People that are blessed with this type of vision often have great wisdom concerning the seasons of life. The second part of the Proverb says, "But happy is he who keeps the Law." The law isn't just something God gave to us. It is also the restraint, boundaries and disciplines we develop around our life to direct us through obstacles instead of around them. These obstacles become baptisms of fire that forge our character so we can attain and maintain a life of greatness.*



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 13th JANUARY 2019
(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 1)

This Sunday – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Feast
Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)
Mass 10.30am (Jack Turner)

Monday - Funeral Mass 11.30am for John Morris
Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Moira Bradshaw)
Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Peter Clarke)
Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Moira Bradshaw): St Anthony, Abbot
Friday – Mass 9.30am (Sandra Doyle)–The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Peter Goodin)

Next Sunday – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Day of Special Prayer for World Peace
Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)
Mass 10.30am (Mary Helsby)

MORNING PRAYER: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.15am
NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesday 10.00am – 11.00am, Thursday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY : 11.00 – 11.45am and on request

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently especially John Morris, Moira Bradshaw, Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).

FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc. – please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

COFFEE will be served today by Parents/Tots, next Sunday by Cleaners

HAPPY NEW YEAR – Fr Thomas & Deacons Tony and John would like to wish you all every blessing for the New Year 2019

RECENT DEATHS. If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

SICK: A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

CEILIDH 1ST FEBRUARY 2019 ST AGNES' HALL: We are having a Ceilidh to fundraise for the West Wirral Lourdes Group and The Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund. This event is particularly good for families and we hope that as many parishioners and parish families as possible will support it. Tickets, which include a light supper, are £7.50 or £25.00 for a family ticket. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available after 10.30 and 5.30 mass on 27th January and by calling or emailing Jo Fear 07525 356523 jo@pandjfear.co.uk

PEACE SUNDAY 20 JANUARY 2019: The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Donation envelopes for Pax Christi are available at the back of the Church.

MATCH FUNDING: We are taking a large group of youth to Lourdes this year to help with the sick and elderly on the diocesan pilgrimage. It costs a lot to go on the pilgrimage and we fundraise throughout the year. If anyone in the parish works for a company that will match fund please could you consider helping one of our fundraising events so that we may benefit from the match funding. We would be very grateful. West Wirral Lourdes Group

CRIB OFFERINGS: This money goes to Caritas. Please place your offerings in the box provided at the crib.

CHURCH HALL KEY HOLDERS - Please note that the top Yale lock on the entrance door to the church hall had to be replaced this week. A new key for hall key holders is available from Kim 07873 300244 or Simon O'Connell 07711 163922 or 632 3837.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS 2019 are available at the back of the Church. Price £5.00

FOOD BANK – Please leave the food items in the box at the back of Church

SUNDAY OFFERING 6th January: £518.99

DIOCESAN NEWS

A PARISH YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING DAY ideal for Parish Youth Leaders, Clergy, Staff with a care for Catholicity and Young Adults with an interest in Youth Ministry. Twilight training – Wednesday 30th January at Shrewsbury Cathedral 6pm – 8pm., and Saturday 9th February at St Hugh & St John, Timperely 10am – 2.30pm. To book, please e-mail youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org to book your place.