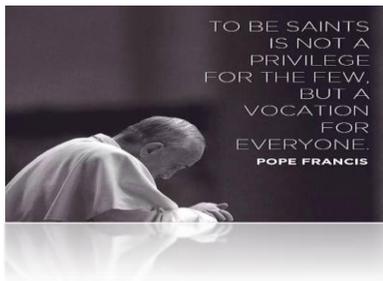


ACTS' ('ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY') 2018 residential retreat will take place on Fri 26 OCT – SUN 28 OCT. Fr Tony McGrath will lead the retreat entitled 'Living the Eucharistic Mystery' to coincide with 'The Year of the Eucharist'. Venue: St Winefride's Guest House in Holywell, North Wales (lifts may be available). Attendees will be invited to give an anonymous donation (suggested £100). For further information contact Siobhan Cartwright (Tel: 0161 477 2783 / mobile 07761 138947) or email siobhanbc@gmail.com.

Ponder over.....*Do we want to be Saints? God wants us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received. But what does that mean, to live a life worthy of the calling we have received? There are many examples around us of what it means to live in a manner worthy of a calling. A policeman, when he works, is supposed to be an example of the Law. He lives worthy of his profession. He doesn't steal and he doesn't cheat... He defends and upholds the Law. A doctor also is supposed to live worthy of his profession. He heals the sick. He cares for those who are ill and seeks to make them well. A farmer tills the soil and produces food for thousands. He is called to this task and is gifted to accomplish it. This week we will witness the canonisation of Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. The question for us then is, do we want to be Saints? I will be the first to admit that my devotion to the Saints is not as strong as I would like. Sure, I pray novenas and maybe read one or two of their lives every once in a while, but I do not think about them too often. We hear the stories of great men and women who gave their lives heroically for the Church yet forget about them when the next edition of Sportscenter comes on in the morning. After all, we think that Saints were "too holy" to play sports, watch TV, drink beer, surf Facebook or do fun things. It is quite possible that we place Saints on a spiritual level so much higher than ourselves so that we can make excuses for our own mediocre prayer life. Instead of being inspired to become like the Saints, we often fall prey to despair and believe sainthood is impossible for us. After all, the despair that we feel when we realize how little we are is really just a manifestation of pride. Many times we think that we are too unholy for God to work in our lives and help us become Saints. However, 2nd Corinthians 9:8 reminds us that the grace is always there for us, we just need to accept it. To help us learn ways of responding to God's grace we can look to the lives of the Saints. The more that we delve into their lives, the more we will be able to realize that they were everyday people who cooperated with God's will for their lives. Saints are holy people but they are more like us than we think. May the Saints be examples of God's will for our lives. Let us remember that they are powerful intercessors who can help us join the elite club of Sainthood. Our world today could certainly use more of them walking around.*



TO BE SAINTS IS NOT A PRIVILEGE FOR THE FEW, BUT A VOCATION FOR EVERYONE. POPE FRANCIS

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER 2018

(Readings- Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 2, Psalter Week 4)

This Sunday – TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Day of Special Prayer for

Prisoners and their Families)

Mass 8.30am (People of the Parish)

Mass 10.30am

Monday - Mass 9.30am: St Theresa of Avila

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Private Intention): NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm: St Ignatius of Antioch

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Private Intention): St Luke, Evangelist - Feast

Friday – Mass 9.30am (Thanksgiving): St Peter of Alcantara

Saturday - Mass 11.00 am

12.30pm Wedding of Katy Nolan and Antholy Helm

Next Sunday – TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Day of prayer for World

Missions)

Mass 8.30am (People of the Parish)

Mass 10.30am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday – 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Thursday 6.00-8.00pm

NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently. 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.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST – Masses will be celebrated during the November for all deceased, and especially those on the November Dead list. Names can be submitted in an envelope marked ND, with an offering if you wish, and posted through the presbytery door or put on the collection plate.

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.

FR THOMAS wishes to thank everyone in the parish for the wonderful Birthday celebration last weekend and for all the good wishes, prayers and gifts he received.

COFFEE served after 10.30 Mass today by the Cleaners, next Sunday by the Ladies Guild.

PRISONS WEEK starts today. This is a week of special prayer for those in in Prison and their families.

NEXT SUNDAY: World Mission Sunday, second collection after both Masses. Special envelopes at the back of the Church

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE SERVICE, organised by the Pro-Life Group will take place this year on Sunday 28th October here in St Catherine's at 2.30pm. It is an ecumenical service of prayer and music to give thanks for the gift of life. All are welcome.

CARITAS. Autumn collection now due. Please place donations in collection, marked with your name or hand to Fr Tom, Frank or Angela. Enquiries to Angela on 07787424740

CANONISATION OF POPE PAUL VI AND ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO. As we are celebrating our Mass at 10.30am today, Pope Francis will be celebrating the Canonisation of Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero in St Peter's Square in Rome. This will be a very special moment in the life of the Church which so many have been praying for and working towards for many years. A number of clergy and laypeople from our diocese, Tony Crisp included, will be privileged to be present on this unique occasion. Tony has agreed to remember the people of our Parish at this time of celebration and thanksgiving for the whole Church.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - There will be a meeting of the Social Committee on Tuesday 16th October in the church hall to discuss the Autumn Fair. All welcome.

CARITAS, the social action arm of the Catholic Church, have opened a centre in Seacombe (one of the most deprived areas of the country). They have several projects that they are about to launch and are urgently seeking volunteers to assist their members of staff to be a general support at sessions, eg helping with registration or making drinks etc. Projects like this can only run if they are supported by volunteers. The purpose of the centre is primarily to support children and families but volunteers from all backgrounds are needed. If you have any of the following skills please could you consider giving a few hours of your time; administrative or accountancy skills (sage user particularly needed), artistic skills, counselling, fund raising or running special events for families at Christmas or Easter time. They also need family support volunteers to work with professional family support workers and clients in a school or home situation. Training for all roles will be provided. If you think you can help or would like to know more please e mail or phone Rachel Hughes Volunteer Co-Ordinator. Rachel.Hughes@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk or 07938 377 689

SUNDAY OFFERING 7th October: £572.17

DIOCESAN NEWS

THE DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY is looking to appoint to a part-time (3 days a week), temporary position (until the end of the Summer term 2019), a Schools Support Officer who will support the Director of Schools. Further details and an application form are available from the diocesan website (www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) and completed applications should be returned Pauline McCulloch (Pauline.McCulloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) by 10.00 a.m. on Friday 19th October 2018.

SOCIAL CLUB MANAGER, WIRRAL BASED. SDCC are looking to recruit a capable and enthusiastic individual to efficiently manage and develop a club operation within the Wirral Peninsula. Further details can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. CV's should be sent to Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 26 October.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

AN APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY: See poster for details