

**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](mailto:siobhanbc@gmail.com).

Ponder over..... *God has given wonderful blessings to each of us and we are called to give back by doing good works, by serving others in His name. What matters is not how long we live, but how we live. What matters is not the duration of our lives, but the donation of our lives. The Scripture says we're created to serve, we're saved to serve, we're gifted to serve, we're shaped to serve. Jesus had an attitude of thankfulness in everything He did. So to be like Him, we must embrace this same mind set. Our attitude of gratitude for all God has done should manifest itself in the way we serve others in His name. As the Psalmist says, we should "serve the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving" (Psalm 100). The truth is every act of service to others is also an act of thanksgiving to God. Philippians 2:4 says, "Forget yourself long enough to lend a helping hand." When we are so focused on our own to-do lists that we don't see the needs of others. This is sad because the truth is, the number one enemy of compassion is self-centred busyness-constant activity that leaves us no time to serve. I read somewhere that a good way to define the word "busy" is to make it an acronym which says, "Being Under Satan's Yoke." And I like that because that is what Satan does, he makes us busy doing things we think are important but are really trivial in comparison to helping someone in Jesus' name. Thus, our service is to be with a sincere heart, we are to serve men as though we were serving Christ, himself. Our service is to be with a sincere effort, not by way of eye-service—working well only when being watched by the boss, not by way of being people-pleasers—working only to promote one's self-interests, rather than to honour the Lord, whose servants we really are. Our service is to be with a sincere purpose. Our service is to be with a sincere motivation. Our motivation is not recompense and praise from men, but recompense and praise we receive back from the Lord. The paradox of serving others in the name of Christ is that, in emptying ourselves, we find the self-fulfilment that many are so desperately searching for. Lend no ear to detractors. No matter what others think of or say, do what you have to do, exactly 'when', 'where' and 'how' you have to do. "Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shall not escape calumny." - Shakespeare*



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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**(Readings- Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 2, Psalter Week 1)**

**This Sunday – TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Day of Prayer for World Missions)**

**Mass 8.30am (People of the Parish)**

**Mass 10.30am**

**Monday - Mass 9.30am (Joyce Hoey – sick)**

**Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Private Intention)**

**Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Asia Bibi)**

**Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Caroline Stevenson, Private Intention)**

**Friday – Mass 9.30am (R Gill – Birthday): Ss Chad & Cedd**

**Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (M Morrell – Birthday)**

**Next Sunday – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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 - Tuesday 10.00 – 11.00am, Thursday 6.00-8.00pm**

**CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY: 11.00am – 11.45am and on request.**

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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 two weeks ago and for all the good wishes, prayers and gifts he received.

**COFFEE** served after 10.30 Mass today by the Ladies Guild, next Sunday by Friends of the Holy Land.

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, there will be a second collection after both Masses. Special envelopes at the back of the Church

**REMEMBER THE CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR** next Sunday 28th October at 02.00am.

**THE SANCTITY OF LIFE SERVICE**, organised by the Pro-Life Group will take place this year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**AUTUMN FAIR** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November in Church Hall, following 10.30am Mass. We need donations for the following stalls please: bottle stall; children's tombola i.e. unused toys and games; books for both children and adults. Please leave donations at the back of church in labelled boxes. Also want cakes on the day. Anyone wishing to run a stall please contact Phil Collins on 632 4825. Free admission.

**LOURDES FUND RAISER FOR ACROSS.** There is a fund raising event on Saturday 24th November, starting at 7.30 in St Catherine's Church Hall, Birkenhead Road, Hoylake Wirral CH47 5AF. Price £10 includes excellent food and some live musical entertainment. Proceeds will go to the Liverpool and Chester Across Groups. For tickets please ring Sheila on 07802551639 or email [murphy.slaw@live.co.uk](mailto:murphy.slaw@live.co.uk) or speak to Tony, Wendy or Tess. If you would like to find out more about the local pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk)

**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](mailto:Rachel.Hughes@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) or 07938 377 689

**SUNDAY OFFERING** 14<sup>th</sup> October: £572.21

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**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](mailto:Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 26 October.

**CARITAS SHREWSBURY CURRENTLY HAVE 2 VACANCIES:** Family Support Social Worker and Refugee Project Worker. Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / [info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk)

**ADOREMUS REVISITED** – Saturday 17 November at St Hugh and St John, Timperley and Saturday 1 December at St Winefride's School Hall, Shrewsbury. For details and registration, please see: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration)

**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](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

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