

Ponder Over...

"Until we taste the bitterness of our own misery we will never relish the sweetness of God's mercy. Until we see how foul our sins have made us we will never pay our tribute of praise to Christ for washing us... If you would know the heart of your sin then you must know the sins of your heart!"

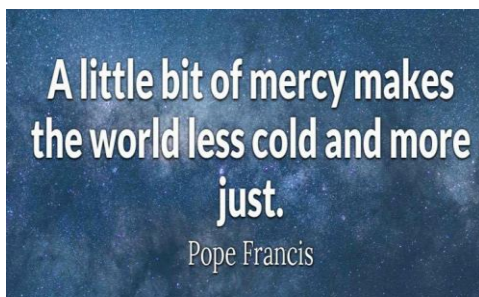
- William Secker

"God is more willing to pardon than to punish. Mercy does more multiply in Him than sin in us. Mercy is His nature." - Thomas Watson

"God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God." - Charles Spurgeon

"God tolerates even our stammering, and pardons our ignorance whenever something inadvertently escapes us - as, indeed, without this mercy there would be no freedom to pray." - John Calvin

As we remember our weakness we are not discouraged because God has promised a mercy beyond what we could possibly imagine. With so much love and in such great numbers we come to the Lord and we know that he will touch our hearts and transform our parish and our world if we open our hearts to him.



*Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, fount of mercy, I love you.
Jesus, my Lord and my God, I
place my trust in you. + Denis J.
Hart, Archbishop of Melbourne.*

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2019
(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 2)

This Sunday – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Mass 8.30am - (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Tony Walsh): St Catherine of Siena - Feast

Tuesday – NO SERVICE TODAY

**Wednesday – Mass 7.30pm (Private Intention (sick): St Joseph the Worker
(Day of Special Prayer for Human Work)**

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Paul & Michael Owens): St Athanasius

Friday – Mass 9.30am: SS Philip & James, Apostles - Feast

Saturday - Mass 12 noon: The English Martyrs - Feast

Next Sunday – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Thursday & Friday - 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Thursday 6.00pm – 8.00pm

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY 11AM AND ON REQUEST

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently, especially Elizabeth Murphy, Stan Orton, Margaret Manson, 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.

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.

COFFEE will be served today Cleaners, next Sunday by Ladies Guild.

FUN QUIZ THIS FRIDAY 3RD MAY at 7.30pm £6. Tea and nibbles provided; bring your own tippie; Raffle. Proceeds will go to Caritas for Children's projects.

SUNDAY LUNCH FOR ALL. The next parish Sunday Lunch will be next Sunday 5th May at 12.45 in the Parish centre. All are welcome. To book please call Phil Collins on 632 4825 or Angela Gough on 632 2519. When booking please let us know if you are vegetarian. Bookings must be made no later than Wednesday 1st May

THE CTS BOOKSTAND at the back of church contains some new and interesting titles.

SUNDAY OFFERING 21st April: £1054.09, **GOOD FRIDAY :** £226.05

DIOCESAN NEWS

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND and our Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Bishop Mark will take place from 21-28 October this year. Both Pilgrimages will run alongside each and give a wonderful opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the Lord and visit and pray at all the main sites associated with his public ministry. For the Youth Pilgrimage there will be an opportunity for our young people to meet with Palestinian Christians and learn directly from them the challenges of living and practicing their faith today. Brochures can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 3rd July 2019 from Bristol. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with FULL BOARD. All entertainment/ day trips and guided tours included. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or emailknockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

A NEW WIRRAL LOURDES PRILGRIMAGE will depart from Our Lady's, Birkenhead on Thursday 16th May to spend a week in Lourdes. For further details contact Group leader Tony Murphy on 07881656974 or e-mail tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

VACANCIES:-

HEAD TEACHER, CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER.

Details on the school website, www.christofidelis.org.uk and through the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: May 2nd 2019.

CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS OFFICER. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and enhance the role and presence of the Cathedral in the life of the Diocese, the town of Shrewsbury and the county of Shropshire. For more information and an application form please visit <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. Completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date: Friday 10 May 2019.

CCRS: The next module; Christian Morality, for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies begins on Saturday 11th May at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY 10:00 – 3:30pm (9:30am for tea and coffee) with the second on Saturday 8th June. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.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

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