

Ponder Over

Prayer reflections

Lord, we remember with gratitude our resurrection experiences:

- * our marriage, or a deep friendship, had collapsed,*
- * a movement we believed in had broken up because of internal feuding,*
- * we had unexpectedly lost our job.*

We went about our daily tasks, but without enthusiasm, just going through the motions,

like Simon Peter saying "I am going fishing" and the others answering "We'll come with you."

Nothing worked; it was a case of going out in the boat and catching nothing all night.

Gradually, however, as the weeks went by, a little light appeared, an inner voice told us that it was time to try again.

And suddenly things began to come right, there were so many fish we could not haul them in.

We know now that the inner voice was your presence within us, a presence that never fails us even though we don't always recognise it at first, like the disciples not realizing that it was Jesus standing on the shore.

Lord, send us leaders like Jesus who, when people are struggling, do not harangue them, but stand alongside and offer advice so discreetly that the people do not know they are there, but it turns out to be just the right word, and the people once more discover their creativity.

Lord, we thank you for people who have forgiven us, not a mean or calculating forgiveness, not harping on the ways in which we wronged them, but forgiving with the forgiveness of Jesus, so that it was like coming back from a hard night's work and seeing some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it and the very person we had hurt saying "Come and have breakfast," and we not having to ask any questions because we knew that everything was forgiven.



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5th May 2019

(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 3)

This Sunday – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am

Monday - Mass 12.00noon (Caroline Stevenson) BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Theres Wolfenden)

Thursday – Mass 9.30am

Friday – Mass 9.30am

Saturday - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Mass 11.00am

Next Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Special Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am (John McCarthy & Kathleen Mary McCarthy)

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

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tues: 10-11am, Thurs:6-8pm

NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently, especially Elizabeth Murhpy, 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 by the Ladies Guild, next Sunday by Friends of the Holy Land

FIRST COMMUNION – the children will be receiving their First Communion next Saturday 11th May at 11.00am. Please do remember them, their parents and catechists in your prayers.

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

SUNDAY OFFERING 28th April: £574.41

DIOCESAN NEWS

A DIOCESAN EVENT: conference on holiness and the mission of the laity. OPEN TO ALL. Saturday May 18, Hale Barns. 9:30 for 10:00, ends 3:30pm (Mass in the School Hall, 10:00). Please bring packed lunch. No charge, contributions welcome. Registration by phone 0151 652 9855, or simply online at: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration .

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND and our Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, lead 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

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

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 :

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.

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