

**Ponder Over.....**Seek God first. The morning is an excellent time for devotions. If we schedule to do it during our day or in the evening, what happens when our day or evening become so hectic that our devotion time gets pushed out of the line up? By having communion with God in the morning, we are saying, God, you are most important in my priorities and I will give you the first fruit of my day. If we allow time for God first thing in the morning, He will bring together the rest of our day. We will be full spiritually and will not be hungry for this world. Even though Jesus kept a very busy schedule, He always put communion with His Heavenly Father first as a priority before everything else in His day. Jesus awoke before daybreak because he wanted to avoid the distractions that would come from people, events, and duties. We should also set an appointment with the Lord that we will not miss or put off. A good time is in the morning before all of the distractions of this world. Give God the rights to our schedule and He will help us maximize our contributions in all areas. The only way to find true direction is through close communion times with the Lord. David writes, "Let me hear your loving kindness in the morning for I trust in You. Make me to know the way in which I should walk for to You I lift my soul" (Psalm 143:8-11). By having our devotion time in the morning, we can ask God to lead us in the direction in which we should go for the day. Ask for God's provision, guidance, and protection. I would recommend that you spend at least 15 minutes in devotion with God every morning, if not more.



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### WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

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

**This Sunday – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Solemnity**

**Mass 8.30am (Molly Swinscoe)**

**Mass 10.30am (People of the Parish)**

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

**Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Moir Bradshaw)**

**Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Sylvia Donaldson)**

**Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Cristina Wellock)**

**Funeral Mass 12.00 noon for John Morris**

**Friday – Mass 9.30am (Sylvia Donaldson)**

**Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Sylvia McDonald)**

**Next Sunday – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Feast**

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

**Mass 10.30am (Jack Turner)**

**MORNING PRAYER: Monday, 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**

## *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 Pro Life, next Sunday by Parents/Tots

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

**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

**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.

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

**SUNDAY OFFERING 30<sup>th</sup> December:** £575.12

## *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 30<sup>th</sup> January at Shrewsbury Cathedral 6pm – 8pm., and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at St Hugh & St John, Timperely 10am – 2.30pm. To book, please e-mail [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) to book your place.