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Psalter Week I SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 30th July 2023

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 29th July *Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus*

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Hugo Hopkins

Sun 30th July **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30 am

Dot Bell

Mon 31st July-*St Ignatius of Loyola*

Private Mass

Michelle Moore

Tues 1st Aug- *St Alphonsus Liguori*

Funeral Mass 1pm for Catherine Brocklebank

Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm

Philip John & Vina Whitlock

(RIP) Wed 2nd Aug -*Ferial*

Exposition 8.45am

Mass 9.30am

Toby Armstead

Thurs 3rd Aug-*St Oswald*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Catherine Brooklebank

Fri 4th Aug – *St John Vianney*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Our Parish family

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Sat 5th Aug **Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace**

Rosary 5.40 pm

Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Pat Strong (birthday)

Sun 6th Aug –**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Mass 9.30am

Michelle Moore

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION– Saturday 10.30-11.30am and on request

CATHERINE BROCKLEBANK RIP

A funeral Mass for the late Catherine Brocklebank will be held on Tuesday, August 1st at 1.00pm in Church. Cremation will follow after Mass at the Blacon Crematorium.

PATRONAL FEAST & “PARISH BASH”

Change of Mass time: The Mass time for the patronal feast day of our parish to be celebrated on Sunday 13th August is changed from 9.30 am to 10.00 am. A “parish bash” will follow after Mass

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For World Youth Day: We Pray the world Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the Homeless and next week Pat and Mary with proceeds to the Parkinson's UK. **Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.**

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Prince of peace, once more we hear the guns of war. Once more we see the faces of frightened children. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace. We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace. We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peace-making in the world. O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding of the global human family, so that all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Albert Hassell, Catherine Sheridan, Edith Wright, William Rush, John Cavanagh, Charles Evans, Josephine Keegan, Lillian McGovern, Anthony Snell and Albert Paddock.

OUR SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names in Bold Type.

Trisha Cannon, Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby. W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Copies of the minutes available on the porch and the notice board at the entrance of the church.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-Areas where help needed

The Parish Council met this week and have identified the following areas where help is needed within the Parish. Please consider offering your services, it will be greatly appreciated:

Newsletter: Kevin Prendergast – help needed but ‘publisher ‘ necessary on computer

IT support: George Craggs, help needed.

Safeguarding: Bernice Whitley Help needed

Health and safety officer – George Szczyglowski

Fire Marshal: volunteer needed

Altar Servers: Needed & Trainer

Welcomers: Jackie Sharratt does rota. Help needed

Readers: Kath McCann does rota. Readers needed

Children’s Liturgy: Help needed

Music: Singers needed, speak to Kate Hughes

Help needed for: Cleaning, Laundry (Esme McCarthy), Brass cleaning, Christmas decorations

Help needed for: Grass cutting, Flower beds, Annual “clean-up”

General Maintenance: Handyperson needed for “odd jobs”

Help needed for preparing for: Baptism, First Communion (Jenny Szczyglowska)

Bereavement Group: Help needed for funeral planning and support

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

For details of the next Sunday Lunch please contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

WELFARE OFFICER

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Welfare Officer. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role and application form, please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 25 August 2023.



SVP CONFERENCE

We have leaflets about Indian student sponsorship. Three schemes are available; Higher Education Scheme (HES) £120pa (for 1-4 yrs) supports those mainly studying BSc Nursing or Engineering; Technical and Vocational Training (TVTS) £70pa (1-3yrs) for courses in such as General nursing, teaching, plumbing and electrical engineering. The School Children scheme (VJES) is a one off £15 to help with school uniforms, books, transport where the state only provides limited funds. If you would like to help please contact any SVP member. Keep safe and as well as possible this week God bless Steve

VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

The votive candle stands at the two side alters have been replaced with new sets made with improved technology, one on the Sacred Heart of Jesus altar and the other at the Our Lady’s altar. Please visit to light a candle.

LACHE COMMUNITY CENTRE SURVEY

CWAC will be refurbishing the Community Centre in the next year or so and are asking Lache residents to complete a survey form which can be found online. Lache Community Centre Survey. CWAC are having drop in sessions in the Library PM on August 22; AM 8th & 12th Sept. AM Community Centre 1st September.