

# Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week II  
Year: B

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalm: 14

James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Wednesday; 9:30am to 12 noon

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on 15<sup>th</sup> September

### MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm  
**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Confessions: 9am – 9.25am  
**Mass 9.30am**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September **No Mass**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September St Gregory the Great, Pp, D - *Memorial*  
St Anthony's Devotions &  
**Mass 7pm**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. Adoration: 8.30am – 9.30am  
**Mass 9.30am**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Rosary 9.10am  
**Mass 9.30am**  
Adoration 10am (after Mass)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September **Mass 9.30am**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55  
**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Day of Special Prayer for Education  
Confessions: 9am – 9.25am  
**Mass 9.30am**

### INTENTIONS

People of the Parish

Jackie Hawkins RIP

Trudy Axon RIP

Peter Smith RIP (SB)

Jim Smith RIP

Zygmunt Weselak RIP

People of the Parish

**THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND** and those in care homes are important members of our parish community:  
Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Peter Lloyd, Mike Darby, Geoffrey Prendergast,  
Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis and **Margaret Russell**

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME:** Alice Jones, Catherine Redmond, Jane Sinclair, Hadrian Vincenti,  
Edita Barrans, James McHugh and Fr. Terry Boylan.

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This week it is Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to the St  
Clare's SVP Conference and next week it is Sue with proceeds to CAFOD.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Please keep donations coming and they will be taken to the warehouse soon.

**REFUGEE ASSIST:** The only items needed now are clothing. No crockery please.

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** For the Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**CHURCH KEYS:** When compiling the recent list of keyholders we failed to include those who *have keys to the cupboard under the stairs in Church* (a separate key to the Church door). If you have one of these keys, please let Paula know in the office or tell George Szczyglowski as soon as possible, or email [patriddell31@aol.com](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com)

**GARDENING AT ST CLARE'S:** Next gardening effort will be on Tuesday 3rd Sept, weather permitting. Drinks and biscuits will be on offer. If you feel moved to come along and help if the weather is good, please join us - even if it is only for a couple of hours. We have set up a WhatsApp group to keep in contact and updated. Please let me know if you want to be added [jenny.szczyglowska@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.szczyglowska@gmail.com).

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** This weekend there will be an address to the Parish to update everyone on the work of St Clare's SVP group and to encourage new volunteers to join us. God bless, Steve.

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:** Members are invited to a 'Day of Reflection' Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Shrewsbury Cathedral. Led by Fr Sean Henry, the theme is, "Martha and Mary: The Hospitality we give to Christ". 9.15am start, 3.30pm finish. Lunch can be purchased on site or bring your own. Cost by anonymous donation. Spaces are limited so please book early. [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text Siobhan on 07931-574-348.

**WELCOMING AFGHAN FAMILIES TO SAFETY:** Caritas Shrewsbury, as part of Citizens UK, are supporting the UK Government's project to welcome refugee families into their communities. We're not asking for money or donations, but rather volunteers who are willing to help these families when they arrive. To find out more please visit: <https://www.sponsorrefugees.org/getinvolved/communities-for-afghans/>

**FRANCISCAN'S ANNIVERSARY:** On Saturday 7th September, Chester Cathedral will host Choral Evensong to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Franciscans in England. The Service will commence at 4.15pm and will include participation by Anglican and Roman Catholic Franciscan groups. All are warmly invited.

**SEASON OF CREATION 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024:** The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1<sup>st</sup> September and finishing on the Feast of St Francis on 4<sup>th</sup> October. During this season, we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. **POPE FRANCIS writes: If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home.**

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION (1<sup>st</sup> September)**

***Father, Lord of all creation,***

we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of your creation. In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

***Through faithfully following your Son***

guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognize, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

***Holy Spirit,***

who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos, help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.

You, who live and reign, world without end. Amen.

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