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That in social, economic and
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we may be courageous and
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**YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES
YOU WILL NO LONGER NEED TO BOOK A PLACE FOR
MASS BUT YOU ARE ASKED TO SIGN THE TRACK AND
TRACE FORM AND TO WEAR A MASK**



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING
2 KINGS 4: 42

PSALM 144

You open wide your
hand, O Lord, and grant
our desires

Second Reading
Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has ap-
peared among us; God
has visited his people
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
John 6: 1-15

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation**
will be celebrated in
the sacristy on Satur-
days during Exposition
of the Blessed Sacra-
ment

**‘What is
that
between
so many?’**

ORDINARY TIME WEEK XVII

Divine Office Psalter Week 1

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
Www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 24th July 2021

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon John McKay Intention -Diaconate Ordination
Readings: Exodus 24: 3-8; Psalm 49; Matthew 13: 24-30
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Patrick O'Grady RIP

Sunday 25th July 2021 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Why not go and visit your grandparents today or give them a call or say a prayer for them

8 30 a.m. People of the Parish
10 00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Glancy Family
6 00 p.m. Mercer Family (Aldridge)
Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6: 1-15

Monday 26th July 2021 Ss Joachim & Ann parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 Noon Caroline Higgins RIP
Readings: Exodus 32: 15-24,30-34; Psalm 105; Matthew 13: 31-35

Tuesday 27th July 2021

12 noon Bereavement Group
Readings Exodus 33:7-11,34; 5-9.28.28; Psalm 102; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday 28th July 2021

9.15 am Mass at St. Phillips - Allan and Wyn Robertson
12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 98; Matthew 13: 44-46

Thursday 29th July 2021—St. Martha

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 John 4: 7-16; Psalm 33; John 11: 19-27

Friday 30th July 2021

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Leviticus 23: 1. 4-11.15-16.27.34-37; Psalm 80
Matthew 13: 54-58

Saturday 31st July 2021—St. Ignatius Loyola,P

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon Nicholas Johnson RIP
Readings: Leviticus 25: 1. 8-17; Psalm 66: Matthew 14: 1-12
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Thanksgiving - Dunn Family

Sunday 1st August 2021 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 30 a.m. Special Intention
10 00 a.m. Thanksgiving for St. Peter's Parishioners
6 00 p.m. People of the Parish
Readings: Exodus 16:2-4.12-15; Psalm 77; Esphesians 4: 17. 20-24

**Please remember
to wear face
masks and sani-
tise your hands
coming in and go-
ing out of church
and keep to social
distancing includ-
ing sitting away
from the aisles as
much as possible.
DO NOT COME TO
CHURCH IF YOU
HAVE ANY SYMP-
TOMS - SNEEZING,
COUGHING, SORE
THROAT ETC**



The sick - and remembering, all the sick in the parish especially those in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass. We remember especially young people who are sick. Let us also keep in our prayers all those who have care of the sick and the dying at this time often putting their own lives at risk in the process..

Lately Dead: Christopher Lee and John Purcell who died suddenly in hospital on Saturday morning

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Stefan Bublik, Bridget Harthill, Alice Melia, Maureen Foudy, Fred Laverty, Clare Coe, Sarah Toye, Diane Earlam, Michael Grennan, Maeve O'Sullivan, Geoffrey Nicholls, George Hargreaves, Cecilia Galway

Baptism: We welcome into our Parish Community Kobie James Howard who was Baptised here last weekend.

Prayer Intentions - We have a team of 'prayer warriors' who will pray for your intentions at this time, send your intentions to the parish office and they will be forwarded. You can also light a 'virtual' candle on the parish website.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each'. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down'. There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted'. So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world'. Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine you are there amongst the crowds. What do you see, hear, think, feel.....?
3. What does the passage say to you as a Disciple of Jesus?
4. What new insights does it give you about Jesus – take time in quiet prayer with Him.

For Conversation

The ways God has provided for you this week.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Education Service

SPONSORED WALK Phillip Egerton is doing a sponsored walk to fundraise for PROSTATE CANCER UK, and would really appreciate your support. You can donate to his JustGiving page which is, www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Philip-Egerton JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to PROSTATE CANCER UK, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity. Please support Phillip, raising money for a very good cause which affects so many men.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

It was lovely to see so many of you last week on the lawn. As we come to the end of our meetings, until September, we are going to meet 'FOR REAL' again on Tuesday 27th July. We are going to have a Mass said for you all at 12.00 Noon in Church, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Centre, if you would like to attend please let Rachel know also if you have any dietary needs. rachelemckay@icloud.com or call her on 07724749217.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism preparation course has restarted virtually. We meet online on a Sunday at 11am for an hour, following the 10am Mass, there are two sessions for each course and the dates of the next available courses are in September. If you would like to have your child baptised please contact Karen on justasec55@hotmail.com. and we can send you the details

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

You can see the proposed timetable for the virtual pilgrimage which you can follow on You Tube. Look for 'Shrewsbury Lourdes'

Some filming takes place here at St Peters after the Sunday evening Mass today for a virtual Torchlight Procession.

If you would like to take part come along immediately after the evening Mass today (Sunday) It should take no more than 30 minutes

LIFTING OF LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

As you know the restrictions on attending church were lifted last Monday and we are approaching 'normality'. Please allow people their space in church and please continue to wear a mask in church. Listen carefully to the announcements about the distribution of Holy Communion in the main body of the church. The distribution of Holy Communion will revert to the normal arrangement of approaching the sanctuary and in St Peters Communion will also be distributed in the Gallery.

From this weekend there will be some live singing at the 10 00 a.m. Mass at St Peters and hopefully at St Philip's on Saturday evening.

ST PETER'S HELPERS need YOUR HELP!

Many families whose income has been decimated by the pandemic face another financial burden for September- fresh uniforms for their children.

We wish to support such families in their need but can only do so by appealing to you yet again.

If your answer is yes you can support the uniform appeal in the following ways:

This appeal is for the pupils at all three of our primary schools, St Philip's, St Simons and St Peter's

Gifting any 'good as new' Primary PE kit (age 4 to 12) i.e. black/navy shorts; pale blue polo shirts; white T shirts.

Please place in the labelled bin in the porch or we will collect.

Making a donation towards new uniforms. If this is your choice please place in an envelope labelled 'uniform' and put in the collection basket in the porch or contact us on

Joining the 'Sponsor a book bag' drive. New book bags cost about £6.00 each. If this is your choice follow the directions above but label your envelope 'book bag'.

Our appeal will only run through the month of July so please act quickly to help us!

Thank you again for your continuing support and generosity. For more information,

contact stpetershelpers@gmail.com or 01614838296.

STOCKPORT FOODBANK is asking for help with a regular driving job each Tuesday a.m. It would involve driving to Farshare in Fallowfield, picking up goods and then returning them to the warehouse at Hazel Grove. Expenses would be available. Contact Nigel Tedford if you think you can help - **07483 11534**

St Peter's Book Club

We are going to suggest 5 books for the summer ..

The Goldfinch by *Donna Tartt* was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2014 - It's the story of Theo whose mother dies in a terrorist explosion at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. In the chaos, Theo escapes with his mother's favourite painting, The Goldfinch, a Dutch masterpiece that becomes Theo's secret treasure and also the albatross around his neck. **The Four Winds** by *Kristin Hannah* set in 1930's Texas, the dust bowl, the stock market crash, and for the farmers across The Great Plains, came burning winds that destroyed everything in their path. This is a tale of poverty, discrimination and survival. **The Mercies** by *Kiran Millward Hargreaves* is inspired by the real events of the Vardo Storm and the 1621 Witch Trials on the Norwegian Island of Vardo. **The Vanishing Half** by *Brit Bennett* focuses on twins who grow up in a small town where they are forced to leave school at the age of 16 to help provide an income for their family. Unable to take the burden placed on them by their mother, the girls decide to leave for New Orleans. It's there that each finds a new path. **The Appeal** by *Janice Hallett* is summed up in the book description "Someone was murdered. Someone went to prison. And everyone's a suspect. Can you uncover the truth?"

We are hoping that this last meeting was the last one via Zoom! So, our next meeting **will be in person** in the **Member's Lounge - the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 21st September at 7.30pm.**

It would be lovely to see everyone again - so please do join us for a drink and a chat.

For further information or to arrange a lift on the night please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

DIocese of Shrewsbury VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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| 31ST JULY | Welcome to our Pilgrimage | 9.00 |
| | Opening Mass - Cathedral | 12.15 |
| | Torchlight Procession | 5.00 |
| 1ST AUGUST | Youth Formation (1) | 9.00 |
| | Mass - Christ Church, Heald Green | 11.00 |
| | Formation - Fr David Charters | 5.00 |
| 2ND AUGUST | Youth Formation (2) | 9.00 |
| | Mass - St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch | 10.00 |
| | Holy Hour & Blessing of the Sick - Cathedral | 4.30 |
| | Formation - Barbara Davis | 6.00 |
| 3RD AUGUST | Youth Formation (3) | 9.00 |
| | Grotto Mass - St Vincent's, Knutsford | 9.30 |
| | Stations of the Cross | 5.00 |
| 4TH AUGUST | Youth Formation (4) | 9.00 |
| | Closing Mass - Cathedral | 12.15 |

SEARCH 'SHREWSBURY LOURDES' ON YOUTUBE

THE SCOUTS are now back to face-to-face scouting for more details please contact the Scout Leader - Samantha Panjeta at - email scouts@2ndhazelgrove.co.uk.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £619.10 plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the on line giving.. Please continue to put your offerings in an envelope and save them until we are 'back to normal' or you can post them through the presbytery door. If you are putting several weeks collection in at the same time you only need to use one envelope. . If you wish you can send an offering by cheque payable to St Peters Hazel Grove or do a direct transfer to:

St Peters Hazel Grove at Lloyds Bank 30 15 52 54607668 or set up a Standing Order or for St Philip's go to **St Philip's Offerton 30 15 52 54674660**

If your bank asks for the name of the account it is **Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees** with the above account numbers

There are now some boxes of envelopes for people who do not do Gift Aid available in the church porch
SAFEGUARDING

Our parish safeguarding officer is Sean Downey and he may be contacted on

Seangdowney@hotmail.co.uk or 0776605475

Unfortunately Sean is relocating to Leicester soon so there is a vacancy for a Parish Safeguarding Officer. If anyone would like to know more about it then please get in touch with Fr Peter

Church Cleaning: Team 6 are on this week

From Fr Peter.

Not as much space this week for my witterings. I write this before John McKay's ordination to the diaconate on Saturday which I am sure went well. We look forward to seeing him assisting in the various liturgies in church as well as leading baptisms and some funerals and listening to him preach from time to time. We are grateful for his generosity of spirit that put him forward for this special service in the Church and for the support of Rachel and all the family. We wish him many happy and fruitful years in the ministry.

I had hoped this week to be able to go to Lourdes for a short visit but the various restrictions and quarantines make it impractical. However it would be a pity to waste a supply so Fr Bernard McDermott will be

here next weekend! I am not sure where I shall be but I will be somewhere!! Could be Lyme Park again!!

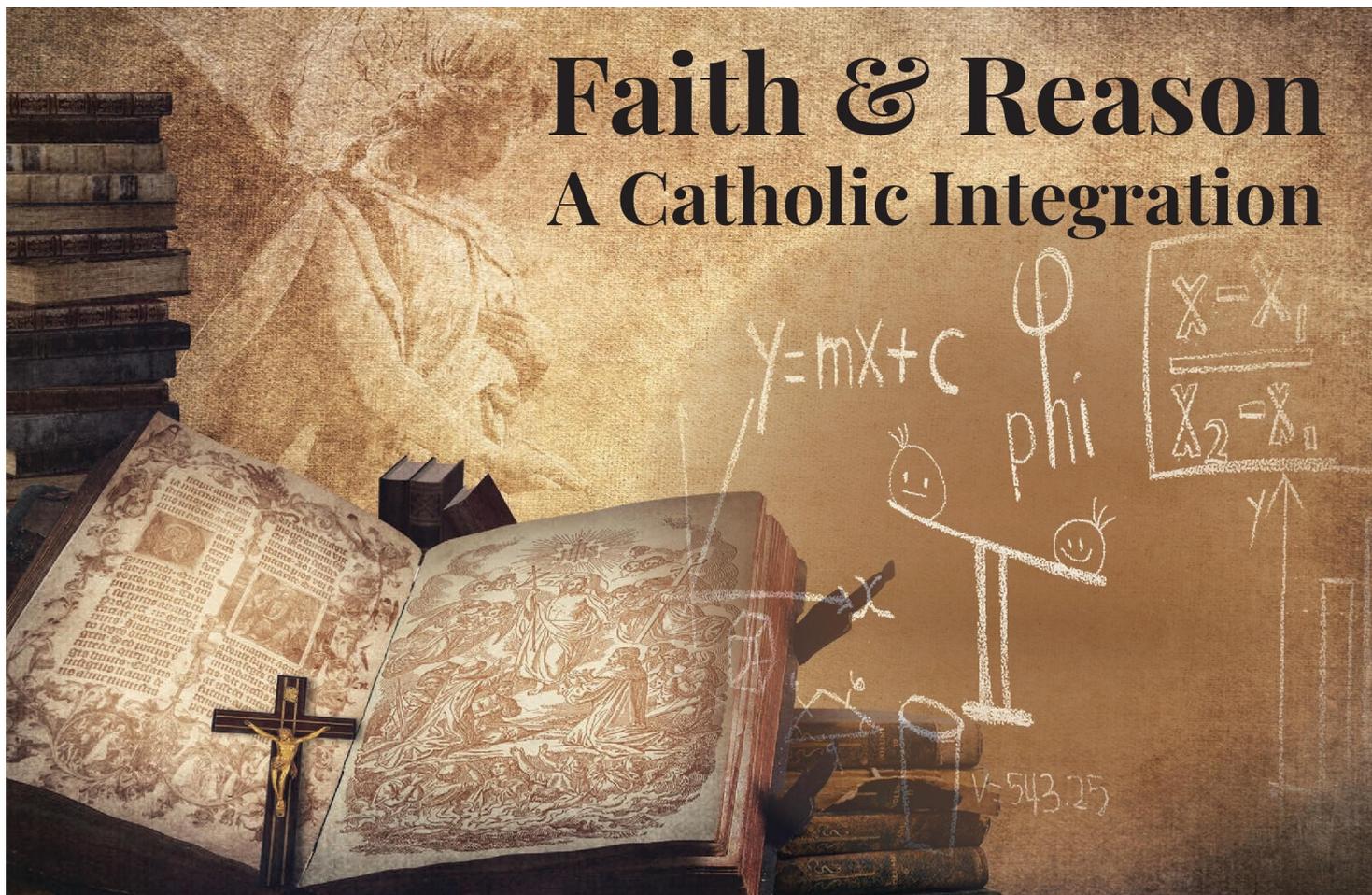


PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

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Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality

invites you to....

WALK5 PRAY5 DONATE5

The journey to Lourdes is an important part of the pilgrimage to Lourdes, it is the first time the pilgrimage gathers together, meets old and new friends and gives feelings of both excitement and apprehension of the journey and week ahead.

Therefore, as we can unfortunately not make a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, we hope as a pilgrimage family we can collectively walk the 1207km from Shrewsbury Cathedral to Lourdes throughout July 2021 and aim to reach Lourdes by the 30th July 2021 in time for the first day of the Virtual Pilgrimage on 31st July 2021.

WALK5 - we invite you to walk 5km - this can be all in one go or split amongst shorter walks. 1312 steps make up 1km if you want to track this way. This can be alone, with friends or family. Please register the completion of your walk at <https://forms.gle/LEfChzeRTpKCKDi7A>. If you can't access the online form then please text/call 07451 249267 or email events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk.

PRAY5 - we invite you to pray for 5 minutes, say 5 prayers or take part in our 5 minute reflection available on youtube -

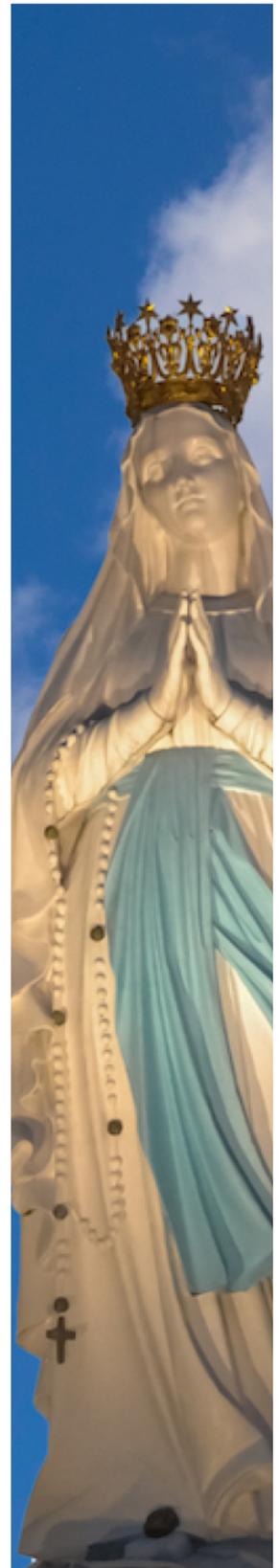
www.youtube.com/channel/UCu3r6ConukJ9AU1F3BOaMXA

DONATE5 - we encourage you to donate £5 using our online link -

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/ShrewsburyLourdesHospitality> - all proceeds raised will be split equally between the sanctuary of Lourdes and the Hospitality Notre Dame de Lourdes

We would love to see your photos of you taking part and these can be shared on either Facebook or Instagram - [shrewsburyvirtualwalktolourdes](https://www.instagram.com/shrewsburyvirtualwalktolourdes). You'll also be able to see updates of where we are on our journey.

Please ensure you remain COVID19 safe and note that all participants taking part do so at their own risk.



Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality

WALK5 PRAY5 DONATE5

Individuals participating in the 'Walk5 Pray5 Donate5' initiative should be mindful if they are walking with others, such as friends or family members, that you should be aware of individual needs and abilities. If such individuals wish to fundraise and then donate any funds raised, these can be donated using the link provided.

Any groups wishing to undertake this walk as an organised parish group will be required to undertake a parish risk assessment before doing so. A suitable form can be obtained via your Parish Safety Representative.

Photograph Disclaimer

All photos shown and shared will be those posted by individual participants or those already available in the public domain.

If you do not wish any photos of yourself or loved ones to be published or to be removed, please contact us on events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267

We do not wish to cause upset to anyone but to share and remember precious and happy times.

COVID19

In light of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, please ensure you remain COVID19 and check the government website to ensure you are following the most up to date guidance - www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do

