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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Weekly Bulletin



LENT

The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert and he remained in the desert for forty days. Pope Francis calls the forty days of Lent an invitation to conversion. Do you need some kind of conversion? Is there something new within or around you waiting to be created?

With its invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor [sluggish inactivity]. ... Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, in the Church, and we need to change, to give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey. Pope Francis

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CAFOD LENT : Family Fast Day Appeal

Please take an envelope with you and return it next week-end with your contribution.

Development agencies are under a lot of scrutiny following the disclosure of the totally unacceptable behaviour of some workers. Such matters need to be addressed robustly. At the same time we do well to recognise that there is ample evidence of the manner in which the vast majority of donations help fund life changing projects. You might like to view the website to gain greater awareness of their work: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Jesus took what Israel had ever dreamed of, God's dwelling among humankind, and proclaimed that it was a reality that everyone could experience if only they were open to it. The reign of God that Jesus proclaimed is a spiritual reality that exists in time and space. It is the truly human way of living, being willingly loved and loving inspired creatures.

The offer Jesus made to people was really very simple — and life changing: "Repent and believe." What that really meant was "Take on a new perspective!

Believe what I am saying about God and about humanity!"

Jesus, the Son of God, understood God's love for humanity and all of what human beings were capable. He saw that his mission was to make God's love present and to share his status as God's Son with all of humanity. He knew it was possible, and he also knew that it would come at the cost of true compassion.

Those who accept Jesus' offer will cry with God's own tears of sorrow and of joy.

Mary M. McGlone



LEGION OF MARY

The Parish Legion of Mary Group meets each Monday evening at 7 pm and new members are always welcome. There is a devotional aspect to our gatherings but we also undertake pastoral care and other apostolic activities. Part of the role involves visiting the sick, housebound, lonely and bereaved. If you or anyone you know who would like a visit, please let us know. You can contact us on 01925 210218 (Matthew Entwistle) or 01925 486185 (Cate Watson).



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION available on request in the side room before Mass. You can also request prayers, blessings and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

THIS WEEK	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sun 18 Feb	Refreshments - Team B	After 11.00am Mass
Mon 19 Feb	Legion of Mary	7.00 pm
Wed 21 Feb	CLC	2.pm - 4pm - Narthex
Wed 21 Feb	SVP	7.00pm
COMING UP		
Thurs 1 March	CLC - "Do you love me" Session	7.30pm
Sat 3rd March	Refreshments - Team C	After 5.30pm Mass

Do You Love Me? A Practical Guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality will be the inspiration for a series of gatherings. The next session will be on Thursday 1st March (not 22 February). This resource was produced to help Catholics gain a greater awareness of how prayer and daily life enrich each other. It draws on methods of scripture reflection practiced by St Ignatius of Loyola.



Children's Society Boxes could anyone who has a Children's Society Box (House shaped box), please bring them into Church for emptying as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

AID FOR REFUGEES

Donations of food (tinned veg), toiletries, blankets, sleeping bags, hygiene items, nappies and wipes are still urgently needed.

MONEY MATTERS

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No. 234025

Collection W/E 11.2.18 - £848.56

(Plus £278.20 in Standing Orders)

200 Club Winner - 11.2.18 - P Withers - No.18 - wins £70.00

Please note that cheques for Mass Offerings, Donations etc should be made payable to *Blessed John Henry Newman Parish*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

TO THE PARISH, ITS CLERGY AND TO THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT



Mass Times and other Services

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		
Sat 17 February	5.30 pm	A Nellie Farquhar RIP B Giovanni Atienza RIP
Sunday 18 February	9.00 am 11.00 am	Rodeliza Orillaza Dayson RIP Susan Kelly RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 19 February	8.45am 9.00am	Morning Prayer Thomas Hopkins RIP
Tues 20 Feb		No Service
Wednesday 21 February	8.45am 9.00am	Morning Prayer Parishioners' Intentions
Thursday 22 February	6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Liturgy of Word and Communion
Friday 23 February	8.45am 9.00am	Morning Prayer Liturgy of Word and Communion
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		
Sat 24 February	5.30 pm	A Tom Sudell RIP, B Br Michael Sheehy Intentions
Sunday 25 February	9.00 am 11.00 am	A Ann & Billy Lucas (40th Wedding Anniv) B Carol O'Colmain RIP Mones Family (In Thanksgiving)

Kindly remember to pray for: Francis Doyle and Fulvia Giuseppina Large who died recently, all the faithful departed, those living with or recovering from illness or undergoing medical treatment including: Vera Allen, Marc Bailey, Mary Birks, Amanda Bradbury, Vera Bradbury, Kath Bradley, Dawn Brindle, Archie Brocklehurst, Jack Child, Ethan Connolly, Catherine Coyne, Josie & John Daintith, Monica Dixon, Fr Stephen Dwyer, Jimmy Evans, Larry Finn, Claire Hogan, Laurie Gilfedder, Maureen Gingell, Teresa Glover, Jamie Graham, Joan Grant, Chris Haynes, Leon Hoyer, Helen Holdbrook, Mary Howard, Graham Hutson, Joan Johnson, Lilly Kelly, Wendy Kirkpatrick, Bet Leigh, Esther Lloyd Jones, Maria Mahon, Renaldo Marcella, Bernadette MacConkey, Abigail McNicholas, Eileen Moyses, James O'Hara, May O'Rourke, Charles Pendry, Margaret Pickup, Tony Potter, Fionuala Price, David Prince, Margaret Quinn, Christine Rowe, Br Michael Sheehy, Shelley Scott, Darcie Sharp, Fred Simpson, Hazel Sudell, Michael Swift, Howard Tomlinson, Coen & Zion Unruh, Pamela Verdon, Cecily Waite, Ben Watson, Ann Weiss, John Williams & Colin Wright.