

Holy Souls List. In November we remember those who have died, family, friends and those who have nobody left to pray for them. There are envelopes at the back of the church if you wish to add names to the list. If you would like to offer a mass then please put the donation in with the list. There will be a mass for the dead each week.

Fairtrade the next opportunity to stock up on fairly traded goods will be after the morning masses on 4th Sunday. Come along, share a cuppa and a chat and buy goods!

Poor Clares community at Ellesmere have the joy of receiving a new sister into the convent. Sr. Rosario will be professed on Thursday 1st November at 2pm. All are very welcome to come and join in the joyous celebration.

Body Shop Evening. Following the successful evening last week to help raise funds for the playgroup, there will be another chance to enjoy an evening being pampered. There will be demonstrations of the Body-Shop range of goods as well as an opportunity to make some stunning savings on Christmas gifts. Come along to school on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm. All welcome. Bring your wallets and purses!!

Crib Figures The three main figures from a complete crib set are on display in the Lady Chapel. Please take time to have a look and let me know what you think. We have been offered a set as an offering for prayers answered.

Christmas Cards! Sorry to mention the "C" word so early. The cards we had printed last year are still available. The money we made covered the printing cost. The ones we sell this year will make us a profit. This year's cards will have a printed message.

Library We are slowly building up a varied collection of books that are available to anyone to make use of. Have you had a look at the books yet? There is something for everyone.

Concert There will be a concert in church given by the **Ifon Brass Band on Friday 23rd November.** Tickets will be £5 each and that will include wine and cheese afterwards. Monies raised will pay for the band and for the parish funds. Come along. Bring the family for an enjoyable night out!!

Flowers The flowers are bought from your contributions left in the small wooden box (marked "Flowers") on the back table. All monies are gratefully received.

It's Official!! A further 2lbs this week but that was before the trip to Rome. I hope that all the walking has burned off a few more calories. There are sponsor sheets at the back of church. If you would like your own sheet to collect sponsors from other places then please take one.

At Your Word Lord. Sr. Jo is leading this time of prayer and reflection in the convent every Friday starting at 7.30pm.

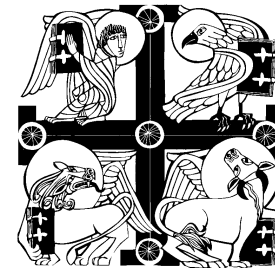
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The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication nor the widow's as she pours out her story. *Ecc. 35.*



The great Indian leader, Mahatma Ghandi was a lawyer in South Africa. One day he was obliged to walk in the gutter so that a group of white passers-by could walk, uncontaminated, on the pavement. He wrote afterwards, "*It has always been a mystery to me how people feel themselves honoured by the humiliation of their fellow beings.*"

The first reading tells us that God is no respecter of personages but always listens to the injured party. And Jesus, once again, shocks his audience of the rich, powerful "good" Pharisees who despised those not as virtuous as themselves when he compares the prayers of the worthy man and the public sinner.

The Pharisee addressed his prayers to himself and praised himself for his good deeds and ability to go further than the law required of him. This was quite commendable but then he gets it wrong. He makes the mistake of comparing himself to the tax-collector and, of course, putting himself in a position of superiority.

The tax-collector stood in the shadows and prayed to God from the depths of his heart. Recognising his faults and failings he pleaded, "Be merciful to me a poor sinner." He knew the truth of his failings, his unworthiness, his brokenness. He had nothing to offer except the truth of who he is. And it is *his* prayer that is answered. The sinner asked only for mercy but he was made whole by God. The rich man, failing to recognise his need of mercy, left the Temple at odds with God.

If we come to pray and still think that it is alright to despise other people then we too will leave at odds with God. Our only prayer is "God be merciful to us, sinners!" that is the whole truth and nothing but the truth. All we can ask of God is mercy in the sure and certain knowledge that "*The Lord is close to the broken hearted*"

**Newsletter for Sunday 28th October 2007
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

Sundays Year C: Psalter Week Two

Sat	27th	6.30pm	James Cranage	
Sun	28th	9am	Colina Walsh	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11am	Parishioners	
Mon	29th	9.30am	Special Intention (C.N.)	
Tue	30th	7pm	Jan Hornak	
Wed	31st	9.30am	Baker & McKenna Families	
Thu	1st	9.30am	Nathan Clarke	All Saints
		11am	Funeral Service Sylvia McIntrye	
		7.30pm	Parishioners	
Fri	2nd	7pm	Dead of the Parish	All Souls
Sat	3rd	6.30pm	Patrick Stanton	St. Winefride. Diocesan Patron
Sun	4th	9am	First Communion Families	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11am	Parishioners	

Rome Pilgrimage We all got back safely! A great time was had by all and if we had had another couple of days we could have fitted in so much more. However we did get to the Papal Audience on Wednesday and were in some of the best seats in the piazza! Many of us were also at a Papal Mass on Thursday evening when St. Peter's was full with students from all the seminaries in Rome. A truly memorable sight. I hope to have a display of photographs on display at the back of church very soon. We will also be having a re-union evening and everyone will be welcome to share both Italian food and Pilgrim stories. The only problem now is, where we will go next year?!! (Suggestions welcome)

CAFOD Family Fast Day. Thanks to all who have given to the CAFOD collection. There will be a cheque for £310 sent off this week together with Gift Aid forms.

Lourdes There will be a one day Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Saturday 8th December leaving Manchester airport at 7.30am. It is being organised by Mancunia, experts in such trips. Cost will be £199. Please see poster at back of church for more details.

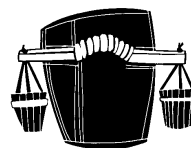
Parish Piety Stall There are many items on sale each week after the Sunday masses. Why not go along and see if there is something special that you could see or give as a present. If there is anything in particular that you would like it can be ordered. Thanks to all those who work to keep the stall going.

First Sacraments Programme We will be starting soon to work with the families of the children who are wanting to make their First Communion next year. The families will be coming to the 9am mass next week in order to ask for their children to be enrolled in the programme and to promise their support in the months to come. First Communion celebration will be on **Sunday 8th June** at the 11am mass.

Prayer Sponsors Many of the sick and housebound feel cut off from the prayer life of the parish. As a way of including them in the work of preparation of our first communion children I am asking for about a dozen of those parishioners who are not able to get to mass each Sunday to become a prayer sponsor for one of the children. All they will have to do is remember that child in their daily prayers.

School admissions. Final notice! Applications for places in the Primary School are now being collected for all children born between 1st Sept. 2003 and 31st Aug 2004. Forms are available from school or from Shropshire County Council.

Feast of All Souls On Friday 2nd November at 7pm there will be a Mass for all the dead of the parish, especially those recorded in the Books of Remembrance. All are invited to come and join in this celebration



Justice & Peace We are constantly being urged to put our faith into practice and to speak out against political and social injustice. There will be an open meeting on **Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm** in the school hall for anyone who would either like to become involved in such issues or just to find out what such a group might do. Please give this serious thought and come along to join us.

British Winter Time Did you remember to put your clocks back?!

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Ecc. 35:12
Psalm Psalm 33
2nd Reading 2 Tim 4:6-8
Gospel Lk. 18:9-14

Next Week

Wisdom 11:22-12:2
 Psalm 144
 2 Thess. 1:11-2:2
 Lk. 19:1-10

Sacrament of reconciliation By appointment. Please contact Fr. Philip.

Those who are sick: George Lee, Evelyn Lloyd-Williams, Barbara McDougal, Matthew Walton, Irene Cranage, Fr. Michael McCormack, Fr. Adrian Tate, Fr. Frank McManus, Anna Lumby, Sr. Patricia, David Jones, Joyce Williams, Liam Lynch, Annie Bough, Hughie Crawford, Bob Davies, James Tomley, James McDougall, Richard Burman, Gerald Jones, Joanna Gidge, Kathleen Bebb, Rev John Warnock,

Anniversaries in October. Florence Davies, Thomas Lincoln, Zygmunt Puchala, William Humphries, Josephine Moore, John Lynch, Hannah Aldridge, Mary Parr, Thomas Edwards, Martha Glaze, Joseph Kiernan, Doris Menage, Anton Tatarczuk, Joseph Chadakowski, George Nurse, Robert Smith, Annie Tallon, Mary Lloyd, Harry Binks, Malcolm Brassington, Mary Edwards, Robert Miller, Anthony Parsons, Philomena Symon, Gerald Mickelthwaite, Mary McConville, Mary Davies, Michael Smith, Evelyn Fotherby, Frances Price, Beatrice Powell, Ruby Edwards, Nancy Powell.

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