



## St John the Evangelist RC Church

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### 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Second Sunday of Year C

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January Pope Francis published his autobiography entitled: 'Hope'. This is the first time a pope has published something so personal. I have managed to acquire a copy and, from the little I have read so far, it is well worth reading. In the coming week I am hoping to take a few days break so there will be no weekday Masses. I shall not be going away so if you see me around, I hope you will accept that I am taking time off from work. Maybe at the end of the week I will be able to tell you that I have finished reading the book.

Our Pastoral Team are organising a trip to the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.30pm in Broseley. Tickets have been reserved. Please add your names, and numbers of children, on the list at the back of church. Also, please say if you would like a lift. The Pastoral Team can subsidise tickets but a contribution of £6 per adult would be very welcome - to be collected on the day.

Many thanks for your generous donations to 'Friends of the Holy Land' throughout Advent. The total amount raised was £740.

The funeral of Rosemary Markham will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm. Please keep her and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

There will be a meeting of our Social Committee on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm in the parish hall. New members are always welcome.

### Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm Int. of Harry Morris

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Int. of Chris O'Brien

Mon No Mass

Tue No Mass

Wed No Mass

Thu No Mass

Fri No Mass

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Eileen Graham

11.00am John & Daniel Austin

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 5.30pm until 6.00pm and on request.

In January, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated next year on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10.30am. We will begin preparing for from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. If you have a child aged 7 or older who would like to join us and they are not at St Johns School, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can order enough books.

**Bridgnorth Food Bank** would be grateful for donations of pasta sauce, biscuits, squash, cereals, shampoo, dog and cat food, washing up liquid, egg boxes. Please be aware that the food bank cannot accept items that contain alcohol. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Your support is much appreciated.



### Conversion of St Paul

Feast day 25th January

O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Finally..... I have some GCSE maths books for sale. £2 each or 3 for £15.

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