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16th February 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Year C

Next weekend there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Retired Priests Fund. This is the second of two collections the diocese asks us to make every year. The number of retired priests is increasing and, like everyone else, they are struggling with the cost of living. Some are in nursing homes which are very expensive. Please consider giving whatever you can afford to help our elderly priests. There will be a collecting box at the back of church for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Everyone is invited to a Synodal Tea Party on Wednesday 19th February at 3.00pm in the parish hall. Come and join us for some tea and cake as we remind ourselves what the Synod on Synodality is all about. This is just an opportunity to exchange what we know, or would like to know, about what is going on in the Church. Come prepared to share what you know, would like to know, or just to listen. For those interested but unable to attend, perhaps we might arrange another gathering on a Saturday morning.

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at **Cartway Methodist Church, on 7th March at 2:30pm**. It was written by the Christian women of Cook Islands on the theme "I made you wonderful". A preliminary bible reflection will be held at **the same time and place on 10th February**. All are welcome to either or both events. Please support it if you are able.

Mass Times This Week

Sat 6.30pm David Duffy

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Anne Pollard/ Colin Brown

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Priests Intention

Thu 9.30am Priests Intention

Fri 12.00pm Priests Intention

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am TBC

11.00am Deceased members of the Troy family

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

In February, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated next year on Saturday 21st June at 10.30am. We will begin preparing for from Saturday 1st 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.



The Chair of St Peter

Feast day 22nd February

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that no tempests may disturb us, for you have set us fast on the rock of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith. 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 been thinking of killing off some of the characters in the book I am writing. It's an autobiography.

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