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Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 18 July <i>Psalter week 4</i>	MASS 11am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	James Hawkyard RIP
Monday 19 July		St John Plessington	
Tuesday 20 July		Tuesday of week 16 <i>St Apollinarius</i> Evening Prayer over Zoom	
Wednesday 21 July	MASS 10am	Wednesday of week 16 <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	Priest's Intention
Thursday 22 July		ST MARY MAGDALENE	
Friday 23 July		St Bridget <i>Day of prayer for Europe</i> No Rosary	
Saturday 24 July		Saturday of week 16	
Sunday 25 July	MASS 11am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of prayer for Grandparents & Elderly</i>	Parishioners

Permanent Diaconate Wilf McSherry's Ordination We look forward to his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday 24 July at the Church of St Michael & All Angels, Birkenhead. The Ordination Mass at 12 noon will be live streamed and can be accessed via the church website:

<https://saint-philip-neri.co.uk/churches/st-michael-and-all-angels-church/> or directly at <https://www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch>



Parish Evening Prayer & Rosary

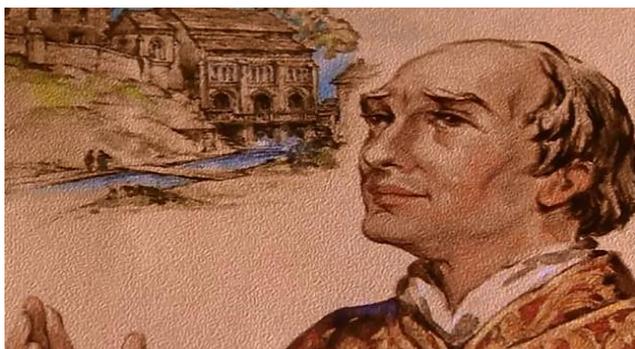
Evening Prayer will be held on Tuesday 7pm over Zoom but there will be **No Rosary** this week on Friday (23 July)



Gospel Mark 6:30-34 They were like sheep without a shepherd The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Commentary At both beginning and end of this section of the Gospel we are reminded that the foremost duty of the disciples is to be with Jesus: 'they were to be with him' (Mark 3.14), whatever else they do. At the beginning the disciples who had been sent out on their mission return to Jesus, and at the end the much larger crowd 'from every town', who had searched for him so determinedly and successfully, are welcomed and pitied by Jesus. Furthermore, he begins to teach them. The final quotation, 'like sheep without a shepherd' is a clear allusion to the Israelites after the death of Moses, who would be like sheep without a shepherd until Joshua is appointed as leader (Numbers 27.17), and more widely to the LORD sending a shepherd to replace the careless and self-indulgent shepherds of Ezekiel 34. *Henry Wansborough OSB*





Saint of the Week St John Plessington c.1637-1679

John Plessington was born at Dimples Hall, near Garstang, Lancashire, the son of Robert and Alice (Rawstone), into a family at odds with the authorities for both their religious and political beliefs. Educated by Jesuits at Scarisbrick Hall, at Saint Omer's in France, and then at Valladolid, Spain, he was ordained on 25 March 1662. He returned to England in 1663 ministering to Catholics in the areas of Holywell and Cheshire, often hiding under the name William

Scarisbrick. He was also tutor at Puddington Hall near Chester. Upon arrest in Chester during the Popish Plot scare caused by Titus Oates, he was imprisoned for two months, and then hanged, drawn and quartered for the crime of being a Catholic priest. His speech from the scaffold at Gallow's Hill in Boughton, Cheshire was printed and distributed. He was canonized as one of the Forty Martyrs on 25 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI. He is one of two Shrewsbury saints to be canonised among the 40 Martyrs, the other being St Margaret Ward. There is a memorial tablet to him in the entrance porch of St Werburgh's RC church, Chester, near the spot where he was executed.

Please keep the following Parishioners in your prayers ... John McGrath, Doreen Dodd, Faye Hargreaves, Mary Goodwin, Julian and Dawn Huxley, Sheila Minnery, Emmie Justice, Shane McGroggan, Doreen Warrilow, Sylvia Mary Stanworth, & all the sick and housebound of the parish.



July - The Pope's Universal Intention: Social Friendship We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality invites you to Walk 5, Pray 5, Donate 5 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. **WALK 5** - 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> Access the online form or please text/call 07451 249267 or email events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk **PRAY 5** - 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 **DONATE 5**

- 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 Hospitalité 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. 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.



Foodbank URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS PLEASE Updated Friday 16 July 2021 We need the following items please in order of urgency... **UHT milk** - no stock, **Biscuits** - no stock, **Coffee** (small jars) - no stock, **Sponge puddings/slab-cake** - no stock, **Jam** - no stock, Long life cartons of **fruit juice** - low stock, **Washing up liquid & cleaning products** - low stock, **Toilet rolls** - low stock and **Laundry powder/detergent/tabs**.
Thank you!