



PARISH OF THE DIVINE SAVIOUR, RUNCORN

St Augustine's
Castlefields

St Martin's
Murdishaw

Our Lady's
Palace Fields

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SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday – Year A, Weekday Cycle II - Sunday Missal: Mass p433 Readings: p433

Sat	Sep 26	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA	5.00pm	Peter Fishwick +
Sun	Sep 27		SM	9.00am	Anthony Shelley +,
			OL	11.00am	Ron Willamont+; Jose, Aida, Jose Manuel Dias+
Mon	Sep 28	St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions			No Public Mass
Tue	Sep 29	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	HS	12noon	
Wed	Sep 30	Funeral Service	SA	1.00pm	For Ronald Sullivan
		St Jerome	SM	6.30pm	Lurna Hanson & Jael Findlay ++
Thu	Oct 1	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	OL	9.15am	Pauline Bradbury+
Fri	Oct 2	Guardian Angels	SA	9.15am	Rosie Pinto +
Sat	Oct 3	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA	5.00pm	Betty and John O'Leary ++
Sun	Oct 4	Collection: Peter's Pence	SM	9.00am	Parish Family
			OL	11.00am	Irene Lappin+

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation	<i>30 minutes before weekend Masses</i>
Baptism	<i>By appointment, Sundays 12:30pm/1pm</i>
Marriages	<i>By appointment, 6 months' notice required</i>

WEEKLY PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	VENUE
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Weekdays</i>	<i>30 minutes before Mass</i>	<i>As Mass</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6.30-7.30pm</i>	<i>OL</i>
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Via Zoom 3pm</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Home Masses, House Blessings, Visits	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>By arrangement</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Pastoral care of the Sick	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>As arranged</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Lectio Divina	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>OL Presbytery</i>
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	<i>Friday</i>	<i>After 9.15am Mass</i>	<i>SA</i>

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Gerry Boyle, Phil & Bernard Carroll, Ellis Da Costa Greaves, Caitlin Dybell, Joan Finnigan, Margaret Hodgson, Lin Imrie, Des Lodge, Terry McCoy, Billy McDaid, Kath & John Mitchell, Ellie Newport, Beryl Parry, Billy Pearson, Helen Pearson, Brendan Redmond, Linda Ryan, Ann & George Uren, John Vassiliou.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES: Beatrice Kennedy (1998), Anne Conreen (2010), Phil Duffy (1995), Denise Ryan, Elizabeth Hughes (2002), Ron Willamont (2014), Catherine Dowdall (2013) Edward Roberts, Prudencio A Ranola Jr (2012), Eileen Lamb (2017), Margaret Pilgrim (1999), Dorothy Birch (1971), Bridget Burnside (2005), Francis Patterson (1989), Margaret Fletcher (1989), Prudencio V Ranola Snr, Doris Mak (2013). James Campion (1990), William Gibson (2016), Lilian Colquitt (1974), Edward Roberts (1987), Kevin Joseph Carroll (2016).

RIP: Betty O'Leary, Ronald Sullivan, Philip Henderson (Walton Lea on 5 October at 12.20pm), Michael O'Brien (St Augustine's on 9 October at 10.30am).

SUNDAY OFFERING: Collection £559.54; August Standing Orders £835.00. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Letter: Over the weekend (26-27 September), Bishop Mark's Pastoral letter entitled 'On Testing Times and an invitation to go to Saint Joseph' will be read at all masses. In his letter, Bishop Mark invites the whole diocese "to celebrate a year of prayer dedicated to Saint Joseph" from October 2020 until the beginning of Advent 2021. Divine Saviour parish congratulates Bishop Mark as he marks the beginning of the second decade of his service as Bishop of Shrewsbury on 1 October 2020.

Halton Covid-19 Guidelines: As socially responsible citizens we continue to follow the new guidelines effective from Tuesday, 22 September. Keeping ourselves and others safe in these challenging times is part of our 'love in action'. In line with the instructions from the Bishops Conference, we continue with our public celebrations of the Eucharist. All other communal activities on church premises (devotional, pastoral, formation, social etc.) and, in the light of new developments, our Monday Shopping City mass, remain suspended until further notice.

Outdoor Masses: We shall continue with our outdoor masses, except in very adverse weather conditions. Warm clothes and an umbrella may be needed. We continue to encourage everyone to minimise social interaction and to follow the current social distancing guidelines.

Mass and Prayer Intentions: If you would like to offer masses for your loved ones – living or deceased - or include them in our prayer list, please use the boxes available in our three churches or contact Mary Ward or Jo Lappin.

Caritas (Children's Society) and Red Missio Boxes: If you have a box for emptying please bring it to Mass. Please ensure that your name is on the box to enable its return, once emptied. Thank you as always for your support.

Sunday Offering: We have always recognised and celebrated the generosity of our parishioners. Your support, especially during the lockdown, has been remarkable. We encourage you, if you are able, to set up standing orders by emailing mike.russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org which not only makes it more efficient but also adds more to our parish resources through Gift Aid claims. We thank our counters, who have been meticulous in their job. We are reminded by the diocese that Sunday offerings always need to be kept in the sacristy safe before being taken directly to the bank after counting.

Keys: As we are updating our administration, could all those holding keys for our three churches/presbyteries let Fr Ravi know by the end of this month. Also, if for any reason you are in possession of church related keys and have not used them in recent weeks/months, please return them as soon as possible.

Season of Creation: The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The theme for 2020 is "Jubilee for the Earth". This year we are invited to "consider the integral relationship between rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living."

The last 3 months in our 3 churches: Our response as a parish to the constantly changing situation has been marked by common discernment and collective decisions, in being the love-filled witnessing community in this town that God calls our parish to be. After a series of meetings in our communities and supported by the generosity of our stewards, the parish was able to reopen our three churches for private prayer in June and we resumed our public masses in July. In August we started our Monday Shopping City Mass and St Martin's weekday masses were moved to Wednesday evenings in September. We are grateful to the cooperation and understanding of our parishioners as our average Sunday attendance in our regular outdoor masses has been 200-210, weekday masses 20-25 and Shopping City mass 35-40. It has been a time of grace for our parish as during this time we celebrated the baptism of 14 children while 39 children celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion and 2 adults celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank the support we received from our parish primary schools and our catechists in this process. In celebrating our 'believing, belonging and becoming' we journey towards our vision of being 'firm in Faith, joyful in Hope and active in Love'.

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