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### 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year B

This weekend, Bishop Mark formally opens the Diocesan Phase of Synod 2021-2023. In the following week, our local deanery clergy will meet when I hope it will become clear how best we can participate in the synodal process. The basis of the lived synodality which Pope Francis envisages, is that of the Church as the pilgrim People of God journeying together. It is important that every baptised Catholic feel that they are a part of the process. I am conscious that, in the current climate, not everyone may wish or be able to attend parish meetings. When it is possible to do so, I will send out materials for reflection to enable participation at home. Those who take advantage of this may then email or post their written ideas and opinions to me. In the meantime, since this is above all intended to be a time of prayerful reflection, let us keep the following prayer in our hearts and minds: 'We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful, do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. Amen'.

If anyone has a CARITAS (formerly the Children's Society) collecting box, could you please bring them in to church for emptying. Thank you.

Sadly, I have to report a number of deaths recently. The funeral of Ellen Taylor will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11.45am. The funeral of Maureen Phillips will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11,00am. The funerals of Maria Hughes and Anne Owen have yet to be arranged. Do keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know anyone who has died in the past year, whose name you would like recorded in our Book of Remembrance, please let me have their details as soon as possible, along with the date they died. You can email their details to me or leave a note at the presbytery.

### Mass times and intentions

**\*Sat 6.30pm Mike Gray**

**\*Sun 9.00am Parishioners**

**\* Sun 11.00am Denise, Ron & Dolly Jordan**

**\*Wed 12.00pm TBC**

**Thu 11.45am Funeral of Ellen Taylor**

**\*Fri 12.00pm TBC**

**Sat 12.30pm Wedding**

**\*Sat 6.30pm Maria Hughes**

**\*Sun 9.00am Parishioners**

**\*Sun 11.00am Maureen Phillips**

**Please remember to book your place in advance for Sunday Mass only.**

Live Stream Masses from our Cathedral are available on the Diocese of Shrewsbury Website. Their schedule is Sunday 8.00am and 11.00am Mass, 4.30pm Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer. Monday to Saturday 12.15pm Mass, 5.30pm Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer. Other Masses may be found from churches throughout the UK and Ireland by going to <https://www.churchservices.tv>.

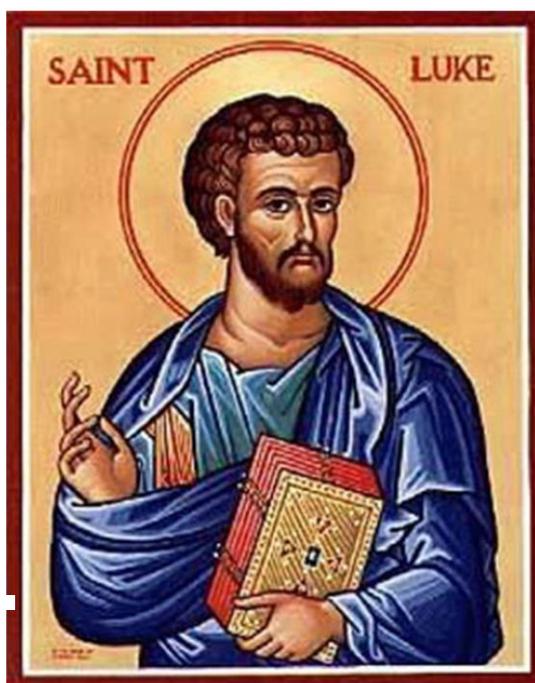
In October, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: "We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."

The Catholic Universe and Catholic Times newspapers ceased publishing earlier in the Summer after 160 years. They are soon to be revived as 'Universe Catholic Weekly' purely in an online electronic format which you can subscribe to. More details when they are available. I also hope to make the Catholic Herald and the Tablet available for sale in church from next month.

A collecting box is available at the back of church for donations to 'Mary's Meals'. Many thanks to those who have donated already. To date we have raised over £900. Thank you for your generosity.

**Bridgnorth Food Bank** would be grateful for donations of reusable carrier bags, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, squash and tinned cat food. 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 Emily Jordan Foundation is grateful to parishioners for their support with plastic bottle tops. Unfortunately, **this service is now suspended**. Bridgnorth Recycling Depot will accept bottle tops.



## Saint Luke

Feast Day 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. 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 am a person who wants to do a lot of things trapped in a body that doesn't.