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Following the Government announcement last Monday regarding the easing of COVID restrictions, the Bishops' Conference and our own bishop have now issued their advice. It makes for complicated reading but essentially, the responsibility now lies with parish priests to implement any changes according to their own local circumstances. Having consulted with other clergy in our deanery, we have agreed that we should not be in too much of a hurry to lift all the restrictions at once. There is still a lot of anxiety about the rising infection rates, and we need to be sensitive to that. We will therefore still be required to wear a face covering in church, to sanitise our hands on entering and leaving the building, and to follow the one-way system at communion. I will raise the seating capacity to 50 people at each Mass. Other changes will only be made in stages when it seems appropriate to do so. Many thanks for your support and cooperation.

A brief reminder that it is no longer necessary to book a place at Weekday Masses but please sign the list at the back of church when you enter. It is still necessary to book a place at Sunday Masses which you can do online via our website or, alternatively, you can phone the presbytery. Thank you.

In the absence of a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, the Hospitality Team are encouraging parishioners to Walk 5, Pray 5, and Donate 5. The idea being that if everyone walks five kilometres, collectively we can walk the 1207 km from Shrewsbury Cathedral to Lourdes in time for the Virtual Pilgrimage which begins on 30th July. We might also pray for 5 minutes or say 5 prayers each day and donate £5 to the Lourdes hospitality. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Mass times and intentions

***Sat 6.30pm Mike & Diane Dalton**

***Sun 9.00am Parishioners**

***11.00am Denise. Ron & Dolly Jordan**

***Wed 12.00pm Int, of St John's School**

***Fri 12.00pm Mick Massingham**

***Sat 6.30pm Dec'd of Wainwright family**

***Sun 9.00am Bob & Vera Jennings**

***11.00am Parishioners**

***Denotes public Mass – don't forget to book your place in advance.**

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 July, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: “We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.”

As we come to the end of the academic year and our children begin their summer holiday at the end of the week, let us pray that our staff and pupils from St John’s School will enjoy a well-deserved rest. Let us pray especially for those children who will be moving on to secondary school in September. We wish them every success.

We are collecting plastic bottle tops for the Emily Jordan Foundation which caters for people with disabilities. Please leave your bottle tops in the container in the porch.

Bridgnorth Food Bank would be grateful for donations of reusable carrier bags, coffee, rice pudding, jams, squash, toilet rolls, nappies, and pet 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.



St Bridget of Sweden

Feast Day 23rd July

O God, who guided Saint Bridget of Sweden along different paths of life and wondrously taught her the wisdom of the Cross as she contemplated the Passion of your Son, grant us, we pray, that, walking worthily in our vocation, we may seek you in all things.

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.... the man at the furniture shop said my sofa would seat 5 people without any problems. I cannot think of 5 people without any problems.