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Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year 3rd October 2021

Year B Readings for Mass. Psalter Week 3

Saturday 2nd For Sunday	Mass 5.00pm TUTBURY	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 3rd Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year	Mass 9am Mass 11am Mass 6pm	<i>Private Intention Mike Pearson Una & Len Humphreys</i>
Monday 4th St Francis of Assisi	Mass 9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday 5th Feria	Mass 9.30am	<i>Martin Conroy</i>
Wednesday 6th Feria	Exposition 10.00am Mass 11.00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	Mass 9.30am	<i>Roy Tipper</i>
Friday 8th Feria	Mass 9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 9th St John Henry Newman	Mass 9.30am	<i>Special Intention</i>
Saturday 9th For Sunday	Mass 5.00pm TUTBURY	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 10th Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year	Mass 9am Mass 11am Mass 6pm	<i>Deacon Henry Private Int. (Margaret Donlon) Pro Populo</i>

Please pray for all the sick and housebound of the Parish:

Mary Conway, Maya Whatton, Damian Walsh, Tony Mulcahy, Pat Lawton, Joe Emery, Sheila Chatterton, Kath Woodyet, Margaret Donlon, Carolyn Edge, Richard Waldron, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Rachel Smith, Eileen Davis, Rosemary Kersey, Dolly Rothwell, Cathy Mitcheson.

Lord Grant Eternal Rest to those who have died recently:

Collection Figures will be added next week.

TODAY the Second Collection will be for **CAFOD Harvest Fast**

Next Sunday the Second Collection will be for Building & Development Fund

200 CLUB: The winners for **SEPTEMBER 2021** are: - 1st – 127– Mrs P Cain, 2nd – 105 – Mrs L Stacey, 3rd - 70 – Mrs C Mitcheson. Your cheques have been posted out to you.

LATEST COVID GUIDANCE – Update

Covid-19 legal restrictions were removed by the Government with effect from 19.7.2021. However, the Prime Minister has clearly stated that **“The Pandemic is not over”**. Therefore, in line with the Bishops’ Conference and Archdiocesan Guidance and our on-going duty of care for all our parishioners the Parish will be continuing with the following practices to help minimise risk and provide confidence and comfort for our parishioners as we cautiously return to normal:

FACE COVERING - Please continue to wear a face mask whilst in church.

HAND SANITISER - Please sanitise your hands on entering the church.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – To increase capacity within church we have reduced our requirement for social distancing to approx. 1 metre, where possible. As a consequence of this change it is **no longer necessary to book a place at Mass**. Stewards will aim to seat parishioners on alternate rows of benches. **However, if there is a high demand for places it may be necessary to use more benches which may reduce the social distancing measure. Stewards will continue to seat parishioners to minimise risks in a manageable way.**

TEST AND TRACE: We will continue to record contact details for people attending Mass.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING - We have re-introduced singing during Mass albeit whilst **wearing face coverings**. Hymn books will be available at the back of Church for use at Sunday Masses. Each Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass will have a separate set of hymn books which means hymn books will only be used once, at one Mass each weekend to reduce the risk of infection. Please return the hymn book to the back of Church at the end of Mass.

MASS SHEETS AND PARISH NEWSLETTER – Are now available, if you pick up a Mass sheet and newsletter as you enter the Church, please take both with you when you leave the Church. Mass sheets and newsletters are single use and will not be reused at the next Mass.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNION – The distribution of Holy Communion will now take place during the Mass. However, to enable the safe movement of people around the church, the stewards will guide you to the altar **starting from the back of the church, one side of the church at a time**. You will be directed up the side aisles and back down the centre aisle to your place. Please follow the

guidance of the stewards and remain in your seats until indicated to move forward to the altar.

EXITING THE CHURCH: At the end of Mass, to enable the safe passage of people out of the building, stewards will guide you **from the back of the church and out through one of the exits.** Please remain in your seats until a steward indicates for you to move towards the exits.

OFFERTORY & SECOND COLLECTIONS – Are now taken during and at the end of Mass respectively. The collection bags will be handled only by the stewards to reduce the risk of infection.

VOTIVE CANDLES – Are available for private intentions. Please respect social distancing measures.

PARISH CENTRE TOILETS – Are accessible from within Church. There will not be access to the Parish Hall at this stage. In addition to the above there may be further easing of restrictions to the way we celebrate Mass, and these will be introduced over the coming weeks. Thank you for your co-operation at this time.

SS MARY & MODWEN SOUP KITCHEN: We are happy to announce that our Soup Kitchen will reopen on Tuesday October 5th from 12 -2pm. We therefore desperately appeal for your donations of basic food items like soups and baked beans to enable us to begin. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spare a tin or two for the soup kitchen. Every tin counts. Your donations can be dropped inside the designated collection container at the back of the Church. Appreciations to Elaine and her team for all their efforts at coordinating the reopening of our soup kitchen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: We hope to restart our F H C and Confirmation classes by October. The Catechists will meet on October 13 to work out the details. Stay tuned for further details in coming weeks.

Bishop for LIFE Issues Asks Catholics to take Action to Oppose the Assisted Dying Bill: Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. It encourages them to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why they oppose this legislation and particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. It urges discussion and communication about this important matter.

Prisoners' Sunday, 10 October 2021 - Information relating to Prisoners' Sunday has been sent from PACT to all parishes. It would be greatly appreciated if you could draw the importance of Prisoners' Sunday to your parishioners, especially in the wake of Covid-19 when family visits to prisons have been difficult and many prisoners have been in lockdown in their cells for up to 23 hours each day for prolonged periods. The Collection for PACT is a voluntary one, but the needs this year are greater than ever.

World Mission Sunday, 24 October 2021 - This year World Mission Sunday falls on Sunday 24 October. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation.

Threat of the Introduction of Assisted Suicide - In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying

Bill 2021' which received its 1st Reading in the House of Lords and is due its 2nd Reading with full debate on Friday 15th October. The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic, the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Catholic teaching opposes assisted suicide since life is a gift to be cared for until its natural death. Solidarity with the most vulnerable, especially the dying, is a most profound act of Christian charity. We stand near to the dying and pray for them as Our Lady prayed at the foot of the cross. Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. There are a number of important actions in the next weeks. First, to ask you to call people to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, to ask that people write to the Peers from their personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. Healthcare and legal professionals should write giving reasons why they oppose the Bill. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 15th October. Third, to ask parishioners to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

Good Counsel Network Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life in Walsingham - On Saturday 23 October Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury will be leading the Good Counsel Network Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Pilgrims will be travelling from a number of places, as pilgrims for Life and praying for an end to abortion. The main programme begins with midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation and details of the remainder of the programme can be found on the website at: <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>. The Walsingham Shrine live-stream (Watch Livestream - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady) will carry the main events of the day and allow those who wish to participate to join in the prayers and devotions.

Retrouvaille - Retrouvaille is an excellent programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish the couple in their marriage. The programme has successfully supported many couples and helped save their marriages through attending the course (now often available online) and using the tools provided. The next programme starts with a Virtual weekend on 1- 4 October 2021. Any interested parties should call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 – or email at retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Annual Intercultural Mass, 16 October 2021 - The Annual Intercultural Mass is back with the Mass taking place in St Osburg's Church, Coventry, so linking to Coventry's designation as "City of Culture" this year and marking One World Week and World Mission Sunday. Bishop David Evans will celebrate the Mass, beginning at 12.30pm, followed by a social gathering. All are welcome and asked to bring food to share.