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Newsletter

Newsletter for the week of 6th September 2026 *Readings Cycle A* *Weekday Readings Cycle II*

Readings for the 23rd Ordinary Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95 (94); Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Saturday 5th Sept 5.45pm Vigil Mass of the 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 6th Sept10.30am Mass of the 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Monday 7th Sept 9.15am Mass
Tuesday 8th Sept *FEAST: The NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*
Wednesday 9th Sept 11.30am Mass *(Optional: St. Peter Claver, priest)*
Thursday 10th Sept *(Optional: St. Ambrose Barlow, priest, religious, martyr)*
Friday 11th Sept 1.00pm Mass (in the Hospital Chapel)
Saturday 12th Sept 10.00am Mass *(Optional: Holy Name of Mary)*
(*Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-11.30am;5pm-5.30pm)*
Saturday. 12th Sept 5.45pm Vigil Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 13th Sept 10.30am Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the 24th Ordinary Sunday: Sirach (Eccclesiaticus); Psalm 95 (94); Romans 14;7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

HELP STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED

- *Bishop Mark* has written a letter that is reprinted on the reverse page of this newsletter urging the People of God in Shrewsbury Diocese to lobby their MPs.

- If MPs vote down Next Friday 11th September the re-introduced flawed Assisted Suicide Bill can be stopped in its tracks. *Right To Life UK* has an Easy Action tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11th September.,Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote:

- Also,: *Not Dead Yet UK* have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons next Friday 11th Sept. Collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!

- In this *Season of Creation* we should promote preserving a safe and benign environment for all of humankind especially those approaching the end of their earthly life through advocating and supporting widespread palliative care.

NOMINATIONS for 3 NEW PPC MEMBERS

Nomination go on for another fortnight until **Sun 20th Sept**. This year to enable the PPC to share & shoulder some more responsibilities as Fr. Peter slows down, we would be wise try to expand the number of Pastoral Council members elected each year from 2 to 3 for a 3 year term to make 9 elected members instead of 6.

PILGRIMAGE of THANKSGIVING

3rd -11th Sept To mark 10 years of his priestly ministry *Fr. Tom Cunnah* will undertake a 9 day 130 mile pilgrimage across the Shrewsbury Diocese from West Kirby to Ludlow & Shining Tor. Along the way he will pray for vocations and for raising awareness & funds for the work of Caritas supporting families in need. His journey can be followed on *Caritas* Social media. See posters for more details and visit *www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk* Take a leaflet if you would like to join the novena.

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank continue to request:- tins of rice-pudding & of fruit particularly peaches; packets of crackers, rice-cakes, instant pasta, small packets of sugar & biscuits. Also requested: squash, tins of beef bolognese, beef casserole, beef curry. Chicken curry & chicken in white sauce. For info go to *https://www.bankthefood.com/download-the-app*

THANK YOU for YOUR GENEROUS GIVING Last Sunday's Collection 245.70 August S/O £601.00

GET IN TOUCH QUICKLY –IF YOU ARE SICK If you or your relative enters Macclesfield Hospital or East Cheshire Hospice let Fr. Peter Cryan know as soon as possible tel: *01625 423576* or by e-mail *st.edmacc@gmail.com*

FOR VISITORS

The church may also be entered through the *parish community door*. Find your way to Lomas Square. *SK11 7RZ* & park in the *car park area off the road.* For weekday Mass access is only through the *Community Room Door.*

DIARY OF EVENTS

Tues 15th Sept 7pm PPC meeting **Sun 20th Sept** Close of PPC nomination

Message on the Terminally Ill Assisted Dying Bill returning to the House of Commons

I write with some urgency to all the people of the Diocese, as for the third tme in little more than a decade, we face a threat to remove legal protections to permit medically assisted suicide, with all the consequences for some of the most vulnerable. I ask you th write to your Member of Parliament to urge them to oppose a re-introduced Private Members Bill to be brought to the House of Commons on Friday 11th September.

In 2015 a Bill to permit medically assisted suicide was overwhelmingly rejected by the House of Commons. In 2024, a Bill with the same object of removing legal protections from the sick and the aged, passed by a small margin in the House of Commons and in June 2025, the same Bill completed its passage with even narrower majority.

This Bill did not survive scrutiny in the House of the Lords due to the dangers it posed and fell in the face of some 1,200 amendments and numerous concerns raised by medical and professional bodies, those representing the disabled, and organisations concerned with mental health and domestic abuse. I think you will be incredulous that this Bill is now back in virtually unamended form. The euthanasia lobby will not easily give up its efforts to breach long-established protections in our laws, and we must be as resolute and tireless in our own stand for the value of every human life and the protection of those most vulnerable.

As Christians we oppose medical killing in principle. The sanctity of human life is one of the great gifts which Christianity brought to human civilisation. However, in writing to your Member of Parliament we need to also highlight the dangerous consequences of this deeply flawed Bill becoming law. We need to point out with many others the threat posed to some of the most vulnerable and the need for the adequate provision of palliative care, seen in the wonderful work of our hospices. Let us pray for all our Members of Parliament and that the threat of euthanasia (the medical killing of the sick and the aged) be decisively rejected in the weeks ahead.

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

Sunday 6th September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading — Ezekiel 33:7-9

'If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.'

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. ℟7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading

Romans 13:8-10

'Love is the fulfilling of the law.'

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.