

February 2015	Time	Place	Mass Intention
Saturday 7th <i>Vigil Mass</i>	05:40pm 06:00pm	Rosary Mass	<i>All Members of SVP</i>
Sunday 8th <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	09:30am 05:00pm	Mass Well	<i>Ivy Dowling (RIP)</i> <i>Parishioners and Pilgrims</i>
Monday 9th	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	<i>Mary Evans (WB)</i>
Tuesday 10th St Scholastica	07:30am 11:40am 12:00noon	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	<i>Patrick Wallace Jones (Ann.)</i>
Wednesday 11th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	<i>Andrew Dowling (WB)</i>
Thursday 12th	07:30am 11:40am 12:00noon	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	<i>Tom Tattum (RIP)</i>
Friday 13th	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	<i>John Duncan (RIP)</i>
Saturday 14th <i>Sts Cyril & Methodius Vigil Mass</i>	07:30am 05:40pm 06:00pm	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	<i>Elizabeth Wardale (FM)</i>
Sunday 15th <i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	09:30am 05:00pm	Mass Well	<i>Virginia Maliardo (RIP)</i> <i>Parishioners & Pilgrims</i>

Ministry	FEBRUARY 7/8	FEBRUARY 14/15
Readers	SAT: N. Calvert & M. Parry SUN: M. Keogh & T. Kavanagh	SAT: G. Casson & M. Evans SUN: M. O'Boyle & G. Lunt
Eucharistic Ministers	SAT: L. Phillips & P. Hunt SUN: S. Blakesley & Sr. M. Vaz	SAT: M. Parry & L. Parry SUN: M. Keogh & T. Kavanagh
Welcomers	SAT: B. Cummins & A. Williams M. Condon & C. Gallagher SUN: M. Curtis & M. Simkiss E. Dawson & B. Lloyd	SAT: A. Williams & B. Cummins L. Dykins & M. Gallagher SUN: G. Lunt & K. Varney R. Curtis & M. Curtis
Cleaners	V. Feliciello & Louis Hall	R. Charlton, R. & M. Dowling



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8 February 2015 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

Each year over 2 million people make their way through the mountainous country of south-eastern France to Lourdes. They come seeking cures, hoping to find answers, believing, and praying. At Lourdes, people recall the Lady dressed in white, with a blue sash, yellow roses at her feet, and a Rosary on her arm—the Blessed Virgin Mary. On February 11, 1858, Mary appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. This was the first of 18 visits, many of them with 20,000 people present. When Bernadette asked the Lady's identity, she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Just four years earlier, the pope had proclaimed it a dogma that Mary was conceived immaculate without original sin. The Blessed Virgin, through Bernadette, had come to call sinners to a change of heart. Her message was a request for prayer and penance. She also instructed Bernadette to tell the priests that a chapel was to be built on the site and processions held.

On February 25, 1858, the Lady told Bernadette to dig in the dirt and drink of the stream. Bernadette began to dig, and after several attempts she was able to find the water to drink. The water continued to flow from where she had dug with her hands until it was producing over 32,000 gallons of water a day—as it still does. There have been over 5,000 cures recorded but less than 100 of them have been declared miraculous by the Church. Most of these have taken place during the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We may never travel to Lourdes and join in the processions, but we can know always that we have a Mother to help us and lead us to her Son, Jesus. And so we pray to her:

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God, may, with the help of her intercession, rise up from our iniquities. 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.
(Collect Prayer from the feast)

Bishop Peter's pastoral letter is circulated along with this newsletter

MASS ATTENDANCE: 255 (Saturday: 92; Sunday: 128; Well: 35)
COLLECTION: The Offertory Collection on last Sunday (25th January) was: £511.63 (cash: £211.63 + Gift-Aid Envelopes: £300.00); Second Collection for Catholic Education Service was: £71.05.

Thank you very much for your generosity. The value of your contribution is increased when it is gift-aided.

CAKE STALL: Vocationist Co-Operators will have a cake stall on next weekend (14/15 February) in support of the students preparing for priesthood. Donations of cakes would be appreciated.

BOWLING AND A BITE for all Instrumentalists in our church's Folk Mass Band. We would like to reward them for their loyalty and fantastic playing at Folk Mass. All Instrumentalists are welcome. It is on Sunday 15th February. Meeting at Church Car Park at 1:15pm & return at about 4:30pm. For details, contact Mike O'Boyle. Tel. 01352 711477.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: Bishop Peter invites all married couples on Saturday 14th February at 12noon in St Mary's Cathedral. Especially welcome will be those who will celebrate a particular anniversary in 2015. If you, or someone you know in family or parish is celebrating an 'especially significant' wedding anniversary this year, please let Margaret Hinton know, on behalf of Bishop Peter. Even if you are unable to attend, please send the details ASAP to Margaret Hinton, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, c/o Bishop's House, Sontley Road, Wrexham, LL13 7EW or by email margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk

MUSEUM STEWARDS: St. Winefride's Well Museum Committee are looking for volunteers to assist with Stewards duties during this years' opening season at the Museum. It will run from Wed 1st April 2015 until Sun 27th September 2015 and will include public holidays. The Museum opens on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays between 12noon and 4pm. Anyone interested contact Fr. Anil, or Nikkie Schwarz, temporary Secretary, St. Winefride's Well Museum Committee on 01352 714365.

LENTEN STATION SERVICE: as last year, there will be services on Saturdays through Lent in one of the churches of each deanery from 10:00am till 12:00noon. Our church will host the station service on Saturday 21st February.

Church Repairs - Update

As most of you know already, we had to undertake some major repair works on presbytery roof and church bell-tower. Repair works are now completed. The final amount for all these repairs is: £5,530.00. We may need to have some fundraising events later this year in order to strengthen our finances. Thank you everyone for your kind cooperation and support.

Looking Ahead

Feb 14/15: Cake Stall by Voc. Co-Operators
 Feb 15: Bowl & Bite for Folk-Mass Players
 Feb 18: Ash Wednesday
 Feb 21: Lenten Station Service
 Mar 2: St David's Day

St Teresa Speaks:

Ordinary Need

"I know through experience that a good means to having God is to speak with His friends, for one always gains very much from this."

A Catechism of Christian Doctrine (The "Penny" Catechism)

14. What are the chief things which God has revealed?

The chief things which Gd has revealed are contained in the Apostles' Creed.

15. Say the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Samuel O'Donnell, Esther Smith, John Williams, Daniel Norlan, Catherine Hamilton, Margaret Whilton, Violet Lyons, Anthony Foster, Ellen Jones, Fr. Trevor Driscoll, Josephine Cummins, Amelia Williams, Felix Paszkieswics
May they rest in Peace!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Fr Tony Jones, Pauline Campbell, Anna Asbury, Maeve O'Malley, Imelda Davies, Val Davies, Rev Peter Hunt, Olive Yates
May you receive God's Blessing

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call, and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, St. Winefride and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, unite us perfectly to your adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and intercession; make of us with you, a host of sacrifice to the Divinity and sacrament to the souls.

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.
(Blessed Justin)