

<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	5.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	St John's & St Luke's Parishes Moir Roberts RIP Bernie Wilson RIP Prayer Meeting
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>NO MASS OR SERVICE</b>
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am <b>7.00pm</b>	Pat Bevan RIP <b>Novena</b>
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>NO MASS OR SERVICE</b>
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO MASS OR SERVICE</b>
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO MASS OR SERVICE</b>
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Devotions - Rosary, Divine Mercy &amp; Divine Praises</b>
<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Peter Donnelly RIP St John's SVP Vicky Munday RIP Prayer Meeting

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### The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 31st July, 2022. Cycle C

#### FAITH IN FOCUS: FILLING THE VOID

Four funerals in a week was more than St Illtyd's Church was used to. The parish had lost some keen parishioners. And while there were four deaths there were certainly four completely different lives.

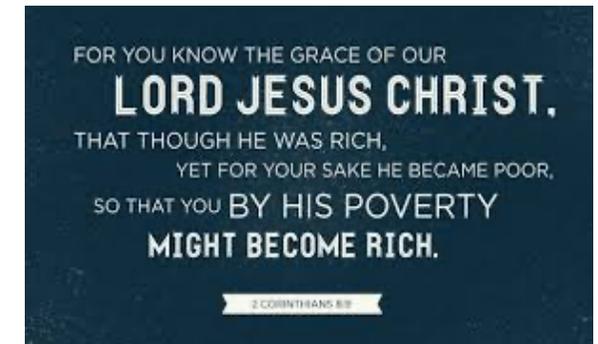
Ken was an information freak, a human vacuum cleaner when it came to facts and figures. He was Professor of Theoretical Maths at the local university. He'd spent years working on some sort of theory and was widely recognised as the leading expert in the field. Yet despite all his knowledge he never seemed to enjoy himself. There was always something missing. His life was empty because knowledge alone cannot bring peace.

Sheila loved her family and was always out to make a better life for them and for herself. She had two jobs and was proud of the various gadgets that her extra income afforded: gold-plated flip-flops, wall-to-wall stereo and a gas-fired doorbell! She went out with the girls twice a week and was bent on enjoying herself. Yet when she sat down to take stock of how things were going she felt an emptiness in her life that all the possessions in the world could never fill. The social life, the jobs and the little treats were not enough to fill the void. They were simply vanity. Carl was only eighteen, killed in a road accident. He never really liked living round here and had vague plans to move to some other place and start a life for himself in more pleasant surroundings. Of course at his age he thought he would live forever. Yet he felt a sense of unease about his day to day existence; nothing seemed to satisfy him. There was always something better round the corner. Although he realised that his life seemed meaningless he was too young to know that it's also transitory.

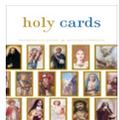
Lily was like anyone else on the outside. But she lived her life for God. From the time she got up in the morning till she retired to bed at night God was at the centre of her thoughts and actions. She'd been a lifelong parishioner and had done her best to develop her talents for the good of others and to be grateful to God for the benefits she had received from God's hands. She'd had a full life.

"The ultimate in emptiness, the Preacher says. The ultimate in emptiness. All is emptiness." (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

What about your life?



**Wirral Foodbank:** The collection point here at St John's has now been re-established. We also hope to be able to re-start the volunteer delivery rota. **All donations need to be non-perishable, please refer to the list on the notice board of items urgently needed. All volunteers need to have transport, be available Mon-Thurs between 10am-1pm for drop off times & be able to move (possibly) heavy items. If you can help, please contact Cecily Sabino on 07901105591 a.s.a.p**



**Please take a copy of the Parish Newsletter for anyone else who would appreciate receiving a copy. Also, there is a selection of cards in the Card Rack; please put money in the box provided.**

**If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email it to the parish email address or put it through the presbytery letter box by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Many thanks.**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance; O God, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** Oh that today you would listen to my voice, harden not your heart

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Devotions:** From now on, unless advised otherwise, Saturday Morning Devotions will be prayed in Church (the Rosary, Divine Mercy and Divine Praises) from **10:30am to 11:00am** each Saturday morning. All most welcome.

**Sunday Obligation-** From June 2022, the Bishops of England & Wales are calling people back to the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation when their health and circumstances permit.

Although restrictions have been lifted, if you feel more comfortable doing so, please continue to wear a face mask & observe social distancing whilst in Church. Hand sanitiser remains available, but masks will no longer be provided after our current supply runs out. Please do not come to Church if you have any Covid 19 symptoms or feel unwell.

If you have any queries or ideas, please continue to contact Deacon Mike Daly on 07542463319 or Carol Dalziel on 07808975011 on any Parish matters, or if you wish to arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral.

**Confession:** Fr Paschal will be available for Confession half an hour before the 5pm Mass on Saturday evenings.

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to have a Mass said for your own or someone else's intentions please fill in one of the Mass offering envelopes at the back of Church, place a donation in it & put it through the presbytery letterbox.



Please keep all of our sick parishioners in your thoughts and prayers.

**Novena to Our Lady of the Perpetual Succour** will be held here at St John's on **Tuesday at 7pm** in the main church. All most welcome.

**In Memoriam-** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard McGuigan whose Funeral Mass will be held here at St John's on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, at 1pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Realey who died recently and whose Funeral Service will also be held at St John's on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 11am. May they and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.  
**ROSARY FOR BERNARD-** will be held at 6pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at Charles Stephen's. All welcome.



**Children's Liturgy** is now taking place during the 9.30am Mass, all are welcome.

**Last Weeks' Offertory Collection** amounted to £506.84p. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Health & Safety News** - Please be aware of all the new fire extinguishers placed around the church. Also look out for our new Defibrillator (courtesy of St Luke's Parish) which has been installed in the Sacristy and well sign posted around the church.



**Seat Plaques-** The seat plaques are back from the Engravers and will shortly be installed. If you have not yet paid for your plaque, please give your payment either to Mike Daly or Carol Dalziel. The cost of each plaque is £25.00, including installation – cash, or cheques made out to 'St John's New Ferry' are equally acceptable.



We have been allocated a date for the Confirmation of our young people. This is **Wednesday 23rd November & the service will begin at 7.00pm**. The service will be held at St Anne's church in Rock Ferry. We are looking to create a team of catechists to support our young people as they prepare for this sacrament. If you are interested please contact Mike Daly at [daly.m@sky.com](mailto:daly.m@sky.com) or on 07542 463319 or speak to him after Mass.



**Caritas Social Action Network:** Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act – Following the pandemic, many

households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching, on poverty, and to inform local responses at [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

**Refugees:** We have received a request from Cecily Sabino for size 2 and 3 nappies and age 3 to 6 months and 6 to 12 months baby clothes in good condition. Supplies are getting low. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

If you know of any St John's parishioners, who would welcome a home visit by members of the S.V.P, please email St John's with details and we will pass on the information, which is treated confidentially, to Steve Bell, President of St John's SVP. Please ask the person or persons involved if they would like a visit before passing on their details. Many thanks [stjohntheevabgelist@gmail.com](mailto:stjohntheevabgelist@gmail.com)



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** This Friday our Diocese returns to Lourdes after a two year absence. It is a joy to be able to return to this wonderful place of pilgrimage. We will keep the whole Diocese very much in our thoughts and prayers throughout the pilgrimage. If you wish to join us via the live stream for the International Mass on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 8.30am BST** and for our Mass in the Grotto on **Monday 1 August at 9am BST**, please go to the Sanctuaries website [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org) and click on the link.

**Pilgrimage Prayer:** For the renewal of our Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage, that we may wholeheartedly respond as pilgrims to the message of Our Lady of Lourdes. For the peace of the world as we entrust all humanity, especially Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For all the people of Shrewsbury Diocese, that we may return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy. For all young people of our Diocese, that amidst the uncertainties of our time they may respond with joy to their vocation in life.