



In the light of what Jesus has to say about wealth, every one of us has to do hard thinking and sincere praying about our attitude to material possessions. The gospel is warning us against making money the goal of our existence. Money plays an important role in our daily lives and it influences us deeply. In a world where values are out of focus, money talks, opens doors and is a voice that is always heard and listened to. Given the emphasis society places on money, it is hard to remain indifferent to its power. Money is something we use but we must be careful that it does not get a grip on us and destroy us, becoming our God. In the end, what will count is the person we are and the good we have done, not what we have accumulated in material possessions. When money dominates our lives we often forget our distant goal and destiny. Our values become muddled and often, commitment to God is deprived of all its strength. Greed creeps into our lives, deadens our conscience and dulls our sense of responsibility to the poor and the pursuit of riches then becomes more important than God. Experience tells us that the longing for happiness and security is not satisfied with created things, our lives are not made secure by material things because we have a heavenly destiny. We are here today but are gone tomorrow and when life draws to an end riches prove worthless and have got to be left behind. The only thing we can take from life is the good we have done. Money is a ticket that can buy everything but happiness and a ticket to anywhere but heaven.

Masses/Services during the week: Monday - Eucharistic Service 9.00 a.m. **Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**- 9.30 a.m. **Thursday** 9.00 a.m. **Saturday Reconciliations** - 12.30 p.m. & 6.30 p.m. **Sunday Masses** – 9 am, 10.30 am & 5.30 pm.

Forgiveness is a funny thing, it warms the heart and cools the sting.

If anyone needs a visit from SVP, Deacon Tom or myself, please let us know. We will not know unless you tell us.

Bishop Mark will be in Parish on Sunday 2nd October at both the 9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. He is unable to attend the 5.30 p.m. mass. I know you will do what you can to make him feel welcome. There will be coffee after 10:30 mass.

St Vincent de Paul Society - September is SVP Awareness month and during the next few weeks posters will be appearing in Church. Each week there will be a focus on the type of person who needs help and whom the SVP helps. If you are want to know about our work or would like to join us speak to a member or phone us on 07804 067182.

SVP Mass and Tea will take place next Saturday. Mass is at 2.00 p.m. followed by afternoon tea. This event is especially for the elderly, infirm and housebound but all are invited to come and meet friends for a social afternoon.

Twilight session for Catechists of Children's Liturgy and RCIA - 'Looking at Matthew' an introduction to the Gospel of Matthew. Tuesday 27th Sept, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Sacred Heart and St Peter, Baguley. Booking essential: Helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 0151 652 9855. See poster in the porch for more info.

'**Be Apostles of Mercy**' is an opportunity to celebrate being a young Catholic in the year of mercy. Open to all those in year 10 and above Sunday 9th October at Our Lady's Church in Ellesmere Port. Doors open at 1.30pm, will include the celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark. Registration essential, please email helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org See Poster for more info.

The Place of Mercy in end-of-life Care - Saturday 15th October, St. Ambrose College, Hale Barns, WA15 0HE. Arrivals 9.30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12.20 p.m. Final Prayer and Departures at 3.40 p.m. Please register with Helen Jones by Weds 12th October. Take a packed lunch, Tea and Coffee provided. See poster in the porch.

Hampers of Hope - The Hampers of Hope Food Bank is in need of Tinned and Dried foods, Jars, Coffee, Tea, Pasta, or Rice. Please try to donate an item or two by placing them in the Red Bin in the Church Hall porch. Thank you.

First Holy Communion - Parents of Year 3 children and above, **NOT attending St. Benedict's School**, who would like their child to be part of the 2017 preparation group, are asked to contact Trish Chrisp (details below) **before the end of October** please.

God Bless You All

Fr. William O'Riordan

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Your Catholic Primary School is: St. Benedict's situated on Hall Road, Handforth.

For more information please contact the Head Teacher, Mrs Jane Gornell, on 01625 520207