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## **Newsletter 4 February 2022**

**Hello everyone. Smiles to all who have some good news to relate, and sympathy to the ones who have burdens to bear. There are so many things to worry about. Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount famously said (in the Douai translation) ‘Be not solicitous,’**

**and it was seldom more timely advice. We give thanks always and everywhere to God, for all the people who help us, for the good things we enjoy, and for each new day.**

*Two copies of the 2022 Diocesan Year Book are still on sale price £5. It contains more information about the Diocese than ever, and several articles describing events that were able to continue despite the pandemic. Please put money in the wall box for booklets.*

**There is a request to everyone to contribute today to a special collection for the Priests’ Retirement Fund. Do be as generous as you can. There is a collecting basket as you go out of church.**

At the 10.30am Mass on Sunday the enrolment will take place of the nine children who are preparing for First Sacraments. Please pray for them and their families.

There is an invitation to **young people aged 16 - 22** to join the Diocesan pilgrimage to **Lourdes** at the end of July, at a cost of £570. For information and an application form, e-mail [youth@diocesofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@diocesofshrewsbury.org). Speaking as one who got this opportunity when I was 18, I thoroughly recommend it as a great experience that will last you all your life. Some financial assistance will be available. Do take this chance. Pick up a leaflet.

**There will be Exposition at 7pm on Tuesday followed by Mass at 7.30pm; Mass on Wednesday and Thursday, is at 9.15am, and the funeral mass for Tony Lofthouse, of Stage Lane, is at 11am on Friday. The weekend services are as usual at 5.45pm (Sat), and 9.00am and 10.30am Sun). Mass intentions will be: For Carol McAllister and Stan Beardwood, for the Shrewsbury Secular Clergy Fund, for a special intention (Slattery) and for the repose of the soul of Felipe Rodriguez Diaz.**

There is repeated encouragement to go to the Digital Café in the Sanctuary Hub at the Library for over 55s who want to improve their skill accessing computer technology. Thursday afternoons 2.30 – 5.30. See the poster in the church porch.

***OVERLEAF on the printed newsletter there is information about a Deanery initiative to enable everyone to take part in the Pope’s Synod. The response if any so far has been kept a secret from me. If the only messages for Pope Francis are from people demanding Latin Mass, Eucharistic fasting from midnight, and the return of the biretta, so be it.***

I offer a special word of encouragement to those who are hesitant about returning to church. We are still being careful, with hand sanitising and face masks etc. I repeat my

message to those who would appreciate Holy Communion at home – please ASK, and I will endeavour to respond to your requests.

**Fr Tony Elder**