

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 277

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Iran, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August: *(Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258)*

On St Bertelin's day, we pray for the one church in the diocese dedicated to him, in the town of Stafford. So too we pray for the church of Holy Cross Ilam, where his remains are buried and a Well bearing his name lies in the grounds. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and the communities they serve. We also pray for Holy Cross' neighbour in the diocese's Dovedale House and their ongoing ministry. Today we also pray for the licensing of Revd Merry Smith at St Chad's Pattingham. We pray for constructive relationships between the church and the local community as Merry commits to her role of servant leadership.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>: *(Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minorenses (Poor Clares), 1253. John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890)*

We pray for Craig Newton and the ongoing ministry of Shallowford House on his first day as its new Director. Also, with one of the Communities of Poor Clare's located in Ellesmere, we lift before you not just their ministry but also the town in North Shropshire that hosts them and its church of St Mary's. Lord please bless and guide their vicar the Revd Pat Hawkins and the leadership in that place, towards an ever-closer walk with you.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>:

We start a series of prayers for Trysull Deanery by praying for all for parishes in the deanery who are in interregnum; may God grant them all His guiding light to discern their path, the strength, courage and patience to carry on God's work, whilst waiting for the right time for the right priest to arrive. We thank you that the vacancy in Pattingham has come to an end this week and that the one in Perton will soon. We also give thanks for all the clergy in the deanery working so hard to lead us, offering support, guidance and prayer for churches waiting for a priest.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>: *(Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667*

*Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910. Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912)*

*On the day we remember Florence Nightingale, a prayer for health professionals from Common Worship:*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>: *(Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941)*

Today we pray for our young people who have or will shortly be receiving their A-Level and other results and making decisions about what to do next in their lives. Please Lord, help bring hope where there may be disappointment, clarity where there may be uncertainty, and direction where there may be confusion; and we thank you for those who have received the results they are looking for.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: *(The Blessed Virgin Mary)*

Lord, as today we remember your earthly Mother, we lift before you all of our churches who bear her name; both the Parish and Tynings Lane Churches in Aldridge, Astley, Berkamsytch, Bilston, Blymhill. Bradeley, Brewood, Broughton, Bucknall, Bushbury, Calton, Canwell, Cauldon, Castle Church, Checkley, Colton, Dudleston, Dunstall, Eaton Constantine, Edstaston, Ellenhall, Ellesmere, Enville, Gratwich, Hales, High Offley, Hordley, Ingestre, Ketley, Kinnerley, Knockin, Knutton, Leighton, Longton, Market Drayton, Moreton, Mucklestone, Rolleston, Selattyn, Shareshill, Sheriffhales, Shawbury, Shrawardine, Stafford, Stanton, Stretton, Sutton Maddock, Swynnerton, Trentham, Tutbury, Uttoxeter, Weeford, Wheaton Aston, Whitmore, Whixall, and Wombridge. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and their communities.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>:

We continue to pray for Trysull Deanery, and, while there staff and children may currently be on holiday, we specifically lift before you each of the church schools in the deanery; the primary schools and academies of Bilbrook, Corbett, Pattingham, Pendeford, Penn, Swindon, Tettenhall Regis, Tettenhall Wood both Infants and Juniors, Trysull, and Wombourne; and also the secondary St Regis Academy. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

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