significantly less than 1% alcohol, can be permitted, the permission is granted only for a specific person. Others present at the Mass, including concelebrants, must use normal wine.

Ensuring proper valid matter for the Eucharist is an important task. The Pope noted in 1929 that it is criminal to expose so great a Sacrament to the danger of nullity. This was reiterated in the 2004 Instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum* and in the 2017 Circular Letter to Bishops on the Bread and Wine for the Eucharist: it is altogether forbidden to use wine of doubtful authenticity or provenance, for the Church requires certainty regarding the conditions necessary for the validity of the sacraments.

-Bernard Kellett

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: 31 Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10 31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Cycle B, 2024
Weekly Reflection: Altar Wine
(ii) During the celebration of the
Mass, water is mixed with the
wine. Wine to which water in a
greater or equal quantity has been

added would make the wine invalid, since the wine would have lost the qualities of wine. The addition of pure distilled grape spirits during the process of fermentation to increase the alcohol content to avoid spoilage is also permitted, so long as the total alcohol content is not above 18%. The colour and flavour are not defined: red, white, or rosé are acceptable as is sweet or dry wine; however, sparkling wine such as champagne or spumante are not valid.

Mustum is fresh juice of the grape or juice preserved by suspending its fermentation and thus limiting its alcohol content (by means of freezing or other methods that do not alter its substance). The Pope has noted caution has to be taken to preserve the necessary distinction between mustum and certain types of pasteurized or otherwise treated grape juice which, though commercially accessible, would not constitute mustum. Pasteurized grape juice is not valid matter because pasteurization removes even trace amounts of alcohol produced in the natural fermentation process. The prohibition of additives to mustum as in normal wine remains the same.

The use of mustum was once restricted only to clergy suffering from alcoholism or other serious health problems and requires authorisation from the Pope. However, since 2003, an officer of the Church who has power to execute laws is able to give permission for an individual priest or layperson to use mustum for the celebration of the Eucharist. Permission can be granted for as long as the situation continues for which permission was granted. Such situations include alcoholism, wine allergy or intolerance, or other health problems. While the use of mustum, which usually contains



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Eucharistic Prayer - IV

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Sick

R.C DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY REG. CHARITY No.234025

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm Parishioners

**Sunday 8.30am** (Anniversary of bishop Mark's ordination to the

priesthood- 1984)

**10:00am** Ana-Maria California

Monday 10.00am (Please note change of time)

Tuesday (No Mass)

11- February-2024

Wednesday 8.45am (Alderley Edge School for Girls)

**10.00am** Ash Wednesday (Please note change of time)

**7.00pm** *Priest's Intention* 

Thursday 9.30am Friday 9.30am

Saturday 11.30am Tim Kilroe Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm **Parishioners** 

Sunday 8.30am First Sunday of Lent Jack & Carmel Byrne
10.00am Ana-Maria California

(A pastoral letter from Bishop Mark will be read at all Masses-First Sunday -Lent)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions - Every Saturday at 11.00am. Morning Prayers 9.15am - Monday to Friday

**Ash Wednesday 14**<sup>th</sup> **February**: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The blessing of the ashes will take place at the beginning of the mass in the usual way. **Masses**: 8.45am (Alderley Edge School for Girls) **10.00am & 7.00pm in the church.** On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February there will not be a morning Mass.

Ana-Maria California RIP: Ana-Maria, beloved mother of Mrs Ana Manrai passed away a few days ago in Mexico. Please remember her and her grieving family in your prayers and thoughts.

Family Fast and Lenten offerings: Lent is a season of penance, reflection and

fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. There is opportunity for generous giving from the fast for which **CAFOD envelopes** are available at the back of church. Donations can be done online atwww.cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. This can be returned via collection plates or can be send them directly to CAFOD's head office. **Lenten Alms** can be offered in the church wall box marked **-Lenten Alms**.

**Extra devotions during Lent: Lenten reflection on Tuesdays**- a prayerful reflection on 'We dare to say', Study on the Our Father- with prayers, readings, and reflections. This has been prepared by the Southwark Evangelisation &Catechetical team for every parish in England and Wales for the Year of Prayer. This will be held just after the Mass from 10.00am to 11.00am -starting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Please join us on Tuesdays!

 $\label{eq:constraints} \textbf{On Wednesdays} - \text{reflections on two stations of Cross during the Mass}.$ 

**On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 11.00am**: Mary's Way of The Cross in the Church. **Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass will be celebrated this year in Birkenhead at Saint Michael and All Angels Woodchurch on Wednesday of Holy Week, 27th March at 7.00 pm. Parishioners are welcome.

**Churches Together Lenten Reflections:** Please see details on the notice board.

**Bishop Mark's Visitation to the Parish.** Masses Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March (6pm) and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March (8.30 and 10am): Bishop Mark will preside at all these masses during his visit to our Parish. After each mass he would like to meet parishioners in the parish hall. This is a wonderful occasion to welcome and speak to our bishop. We hope that as many as possible will benefit from the opportunity to show that we at St Pius are an active, devoted parish who appreciate his pastoral care.

**The (Women's) World Day of Prayer** will take place on Friday 01<sup>st</sup> March at St. Mary's Church, Nether Alderley at 6.30pm. This years' Service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. All are welcome.

Parish Finances: January (Thank you very much for all your generous support) Offertory Envelopes Standing Orders Loose Plate Donation Total  $\pm 754.00$   $\pm 1,226.50$   $\pm 1,114.90$   $\pm 180.00$   $\pm 3,275.40$  Confirmation Catechists Conference with the sisters of St Joseph: On May  $18^{th}$ , 2024 at the Parish Hall of St Mary's Crew.