

“wine” not made by the fermentation action of yeast results in invalid matter. The Pope has responded over the years that the addition of sulfites as antioxidants to inhibit the yeast and to avoid spoilage does not affect validity. (Continued next week)

-Bernard Kellett

Entrance Antiphon: O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Job 7 1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: 146 Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9 16-19, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1 29-39

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

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

“Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.” — Pope Francis



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 2024 Weekly Reflection:

Altar Wine (i) When at the request of his Mother Mary, Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana, it was the finest of all wines. And it was the purest wine of all when,

at the Last Supper, he “took a cup ... saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins’” (**Matthew 26:27-28**). The wine had to be the purest from the vine because earlier Our Lord also said, “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” (**John 6:55**). Naturally, the wine that will become the true Blood of Christ at the consecration during Mass must also be of the purest, highest quality.

Over the years, questions have arisen about the validity of the wine used for the celebration of the Mass. The 1983 Code of Canon Law in canon 924 §3 requires that the “wine must be natural from the fruit of the vine and not spoiled.” The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) further clarifies, “The wine for the celebration of the Eucharist must be from the fruit of the vine (**Luke 22:18** – For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes)), natural, and unadulterated, that is, without admixture of extraneous substances”. The GIRM goes on to say that diligent care should be taken to ensure that wine intended for the Eucharist is kept in a perfect state of conservation, meaning that the wine does not turn to vinegar.

The most important feature, therefore, of altar wine is that it be made in the natural way entirely from “the fruit of the vine,” that is, from grapes. Wine made from raisins is also acceptable. Wine made with genetically modified organisms can be considered valid matter. The addition of other fruits or juice invalidates the matter, as would be such wine-based liquors as sangria, wine coolers, or wine spritzers. The chemical manufacture of



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Eucharistic Prayer - IV

04- February-2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm | Parishioners |
| Sunday 8.30am | Dermot Dunleavy |
| 10:00am | Richard & Agnes Purcell |
| Monday 10.00am | St Agatha <i>(Please note change of time)</i> |
| Tuesday 9.30am | St Paul Miki & Companions |
| Wednesday 9.30am | |
| Thursday 9.30am | <i>Day of special prayer for victims of trafficking</i> |
| Friday 9.30am | |
| Saturday 11.30am | St Scholastica Intentions of Nicola Delany |
| Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm | World Day of Prayer for the Sick Parishioners |
| Sunday 8.30am | 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 10.00am | Ana-Maria California |

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

Ash Wednesday (14th February) Masses

8.45am (Alderley Edge School for Girls)

10.00am & 7.00pm in the church.

On Tuesday 13th February there will not be a morning Mass.

Bishop Mark's Visitation to the Parish. Masses Saturday 9th March (6pm) and Sunday 10th 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.

Annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is taken during this time. Your generous offerings will help meet the future needs of our sick and

retired priests. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund Plain envelopes & gift aid forms are available at the back of the church for donations. Sealed envelopes (marked priest's retirement fund) can be returned via the collection basket until the third Sunday of February.

The (Women's) World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 01st 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.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: You are invited by the Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at St Mary's, Crewe CW1 2JP on February 10th at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be available after Mass.

7-14 February 2024 - Marriage Week: A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God, as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. The Bishops' Conference has produced an eight-page PDF resource that you can download to pray through this special week and reflect on the vocation of marriage – a response from two people, by God's sustaining divine grace, who promise to build a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/>

Lourdes by Jumbulance: The dates are Thurs 30th May to Sat 8th June and Thurs 15th to Sat 24th August. The cost is £1,095 and, as a charity, we are all asked to pay. However, nurses and young helpers under 25 in FTE, pay half. We do fund raising to help support those who cannot afford the full amount. For further information contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: Brochures and booking forms are now available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or by ringing 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16 – 22 please email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form to join the youth section of our pilgrimage. This year our pilgrimage dates are: by air is from Friday 26 July to Thursday 1 August, by coach Thursday 25 July to Friday 2 August and for our young people Wednesday 24 July to Friday 2 August.