

Diocese of Shrewsbury Parish of St. Chad, Cheadle September 2021 Pray for Priests

Prayer of St. Charles Borromeo to Our Lady

O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church and especially today for Father N. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them to be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them to administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen

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Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Almighty and Merciful Father, you inspire and bring to fulfilment every good intention. Guide your people in the way of salvation and watch over those who shepherd your flock, and those who have left all things to follow you. Raise up worthy priests, ministers for your altars, ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel, and generous souls who renounce worldly power and profit to serve you and their brothers and sisters faithfully, in the spirit of poverty and humility. Inspire our young men to respond to your call, so that your Church might always rejoice in plentiful servants for your harvest. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests, and we thank you today especially for Father N. Through them we experience your presence in the Sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the Wisdom, understanding and the strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



St. John Mary Vianney
1786 – 1859
Parish Priest of Ars 1818 – 1859
Patron Saint of priests

“ No priest is a priest for himself: he is a priest for you”
St. John Mary Vianney

During September 2021, please say a prayer for the named priest each day

Please note that names in italics are priests who have retired from,
or who are no longer in active ministry

1st Fr Owen Gallagher
2nd Canon Michael Gannon
3rd Fr Moo Kuusoti Gervase CSSP
4th *Canon John Gordon*
5th Fr. Anthony Grace
6th Fr. Alban Greenwood
7th Fr. Anselm Gribbin (ICRSS)
8th Fr. Iain Griffiths
9th *Canon Timothy Harrington*
10th Fr. Michael Hartley
11th Fr. John Hovington
12th *Fr. Paul Hughes*
13th Fr. Paschal Ihesiaba
14th *Fr. John Joyce*
15th Fr. James Kenny
16th Fr. Nicholas Kern
17th Fr. William Kilkenny
18th Fr. Jaroslaw Konopko (OFM Cap)
19th Fr. Sajimon Kuriakose
20th Fr. Philip Kuzhiparambil (CMI)
21st Fr. Michael Lester
22nd *Mgr Christopher Lightbound*
23rd Fr. Paul Lomas
24th Fr. David Long
25th *Fr. Christopher McCurry*
26th *Fr. Philip McGovern*
27th Fr. Anthony McGrath
28th *Fr. James McGrath*
29th *Fr. Gerard McGuinness*
30th *Mgr John McManus*

We are grateful to all the priests - past, present and in the future – who minister to God’s people. We too can undertake a special ministry to those priests by praying for them. Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests by praying each day for a particular priest of our Diocese. A simple Thank You to God for that priest is all that is needed. You may want to add an Our Father and a Hail Mary for his health and well-being in his work and life as a priest. Throughout the year all priests of the Shrewsbury Diocese will be recalled in prayer. Please do pray for priests – they need the help of your prayers. Below are some of the many prayers which can be offered for priests and for vocations to the priesthood, which you may find helpful.

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Prayer of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests, for your priests labouring at home, or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptised me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way – especially Father N. O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

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**The Priesthood is the love of the
Heart of Jesus.**

St. John Mary Vianney