



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

*Incorporating the Cathedral of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Peter of Alcantara,
Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott & St Winefride, Monkmoor*

TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 14 th October	<i>Vigil for Sunday</i>	Our Lady of Pity	6pm	Peter Kenny (RIP)
Sunday 15 th October	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time Extraordinary Form	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity St Winefride Cathedral St Winefride Cathedral	8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 10.45am 12.15pm 6pm	The Jaworski Family (RIP) <i>Mass in Polish</i> Holy Souls Pro Populo Holy Souls
Monday 16 th	Ferial or St Margaret Mary Alacoque	Convent Cathedral	7.30 am 12.15pm	Sr Mary Cecilia Wingfield Collette Wilson (Anniversary)
Tuesday 17 th	St Ignatius of Antioch	Our Lady of Pity Cathedral	9.30am 12.15pm	Priest's Intention David Shepherd (speedy recovery)
Wednesday 18 th	St Luke	St Winefride Cathedral	9.30am 12.15pm	Priest's Intention Cecily Boldry
Thursday 19 th	St Peter of Alcántara	Our Lady of Pity Cathedral	9.30am 12.15pm	Pro Populo Earl Bertram & Cathedral Benefactors
Friday 20 th	Ferial	Cathedral	12.15pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday 21 st	Saturday Memoria of BVM <i>Vigil for Sunday</i>	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity	9.30am 6.00 pm	Specko Tusar The Spread of the Gospel
Sunday 22 nd October World Mission Sunday	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time Extraordinary Form	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity St Winefride Cathedral St Winefride Cathedral	8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 10.45am 12.15pm 6.00pm	Pro Populo <i>Mass in Polish</i> The Spread of the Gospel In Thanksgiving Percy Frederick

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER LITURGIES

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, MARRIAGE

Please speak to a priest following one of the Sunday Masses

THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY (CONFESSION)

Cathedral: Monday-Friday: 11.30am-12noon, Saturday: 10-11am, Our Lady of Pity: Saturday 5.15-5.45pm, St Winefride: Sunday 8.40-9.10am. Outside these times, you are always welcome to approach a priest to hear your confession.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in the Cathedral:

Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm (for Peace), Thursday 5.30-6.30pm (for Vocations),
Sunday 4.30-5.30pm (WITH BENEDICTION ON SUNDAYS).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (THE DIVINE OFFICE)

Cathedral: Sunday 8am (Lauds), 10.15am (Prayer during the Day), 5.30pm (Vespers)

"We are at Jesus' disposal. If he wants you to be sick in bed, if he wants you to proclaim His work in the street, if he wants you to clean the toilets all day, that's all right, everything is all right. We must say, "I belong to you. You can do whatever you like." And this...is our strength, and this is the joy of the Lord." - St Teresa of Calcutta

Dean's Points:

Today's reading from the Gospel of St Matthew concludes the trilogy of 'judgment' parables which speak of the Kingdom of God (preceded by the parables of the two sons and the wicked tenants which were heard last Sunday). The Kingdom of God does not mean a kingdom located in heaven but a community of believers on earth who accept the rule of God and who hope to find a place eventually in heaven (i.e. with God for all eternity). Matthew often uses the term "kingdom," and it is sometimes translated as "reign."

The Scriptures often use the analogy of the (wedding) banquet when speaking about the Kingdom of God. For the vast majority of people who lived at the subsistence level, and where a culture of hospitality is important, the image of being invited to banquet by God is wonderful. It also speaks of God giving sustenance and how He prepares and provides for his people.

Jesus used the parable of a King who desires to provide a great banquet in honour of his son's wedding. What an honour to be invited to such an event; who in his/her right mind would think of declining such an invite? However according to Jesus, in his parable, many did turn down the invitation. However, this did not deter the king from providing the great feast. He sends out men to the highways and by-ways to invite anyone, whether citizens of his Kingdom or not. Even though the desire to hold a banquet, and to provide is given by God, we cannot be forced to accept the invitation. We always have the freedom to send our regrets.

Another dangerous temptation for us as Christians is the easy assumption that we have responded to God's invitation and are now comfortably seated at the banquet waiting for our final and inevitable heavenly reward. However the Kingdom needs to grow within us as we accept the Lord's invitation and we enter more fully the 'Kingdom of God' by placing our life and our will under God's active reign by imitating His Son. This requires humility, the same type of humility which St. Paul had by acknowledging that God will provide for us, even when we seem to be wanting, and ultimately he will provide for us at the Heavenly Banquet.

Let us make the point to accept these daily invitations from God to become more like his Son and trust both here and in eternity that God will provide

This past week I have continued meeting with parishioners to discuss the Our Mission Together fundraising and life in the parish generally; it has been a pleasure to meet and speak with everyone I've met so far, and I look forward to meeting more parishioners over the months ahead. I have also been humbled by the generosity that I have encountered - may it be the same for all of us.

Have a good week! Canon Jonathan

MEDITATION - a 6 weeks introductory course: 21 Sept-26 Oct at St Winefride's School Hall, Shrewsbury -Thursday evenings only, from 6pm - 7.30pm To reserve a place on a 1st come basis, contact: Linda Bentinck tel: 01743 243132/email: westmids@christianmeditation.org.uk or Margaret Jarvis tel: 01743 - 240401

YOUNG ADULTS - Catholicism: Session 3 - 'The Mystery of God - That Than Which Nothing Greater Can be Thought.' All young adults aged roughly between 25 and 45 are welcome to this DVD series in the Orchard Café on Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm. The remaining sessions are on 2nd November & 16th November. For more information email Fr Tony at revtonymcgrath@outlook.com

YOUTH MEETING - the next Youth Alpha with pizza for ages 13-19 will be on Sunday 29th October from 6.45pm to 8.30pm in the Orchard Cafe (immediately after the 6pm Mass). Parents please confirm your son/daughters attendance by emailing Fr Tony at revtonymcgrath@outlook.com

OUR LADY OF PITY

October the Month of The Rosary. There will be an opportunity to pray the Rosary at 9.10.a.m. before the weekday Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at Our Lady of Pity.

WORSHIP CAFE donations - After expenses were covered the Worship Cafe raised £25 which will be passed onto CAFOD.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES are due to be emptied. Please hand your offerings to Mrs. Bernadette Waring at St. Winefride's and to Mrs Judy Harding at Our Lady of Pity. Thank you!

FROM THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN: SPUC have sent a note of thanks for the donations of £50.00 and £40.00 from the garden party at St Winefride's which reads: 'Thank you very much for sending us the kind donations. We are very grateful for your support. Given the enormous imbalance in resources which exists between pro-life groups like SPUC and the many anti-life agencies against which we are pitted, your financial support comes as a very welcome, much needed and truly appreciated boost to our work. Thank you again for your generosity and please be assured that your gift will be used wisely by SPUC as it strives to build a new culture of life in our country

LOURDES GROUP

2018 Pilgrimage- The dates for next year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are Thursday 26th July - Friday 3rd August (overland) or Friday 27th July - Thursday 2nd August (by Air). If anybody, over 16 years old before the Pilgrimage departs, wants to go as a helper, then please let Tony or Christine know on 01743 246916 or tbrn@btinternet.com a.s.a.p. We will then arrange an information meeting in October.

Lourdes Soup Lunches - the Lourdes Group will be serving soup, during/following the Cathedral coffee mornings. All are welcome to join us.

CAFOD

20-week draw: Week 11 £10 prize No. 50 J. Fox

Harvest Fast Day envelopes are still available at the back of church, and may be returned in the collection plate. Many thanks as always for your generous support for CAFOD's long term development work upon which our partners rely.

CAFOD is part of the **DEC Rohingya crisis appeal**. You can donate directly to CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis or by calling 0500 85 88 85.


St WINEFRIDE'S

Park Fund Update has been boosted by recent donations, including £200 from the whist drive group, and from the sale of jams and garden produce. The original loan was for £33240.29 and to date we have repaid £22929.84 leaving an outstanding balance of £10310.45 **Thank you for your ongoing support.**

Advance notice.....Bacon and sausage butties will be served after Mass on Sun. Oct 22nd at St. Winefride's Parish Centre. Cost £1.25. Each. All proceeds to Catholic Clothing Guild.

CATHEDRAL LAMPS

The Cathedral Marian Lamp burns this week for the **Mission & Conversion of our Parish** and the Cathedral St Winefride's Lamp burns for **Earl Bertram and all Benefactors of our Cathedral**. If you would like either of the lamps to burn for a particular intention, please contact the Cathedral Office. A £5 donation is suggested.

What's on every week...		
Monday	Meditation Group 10.45am, Convent, College Hill. Term-time. T: 240401 Rosary Group 2.30pm at St Winefride's Parish Centre	
Tuesday	Meditation Group Fortnightly (1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays), 6.45pm (see above) SVP meeting every week	
Thursday	Lectio Divina Group on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (7.30pm)	

DATES FOR DIARIES

- Churches Together Shropshire AGM 31st October 5:30pm at Orchard Cafe
- Ecumenical Vespers to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the publication by Martin Luther of the Ninety-five Theses - an event that started the Protestant Reformation. 7pm on 31st October
- Vespers of St Winefride 3rd November with the Greek Orthodox Community at the Cathedral 7pm
- Blessing of Graves 5th November 1.00pm Emstrey Cemetery & 2.30pm Longden Road (old) Cemetery
25th November Church Stretton Cemetery 2.30pm, 26th Plowden Cemetery (after Mass).
- Cathedral Carol Service & Blessing of Candles 17th of December 3pm at the Cathedral

ANTIPHONS, READINGS & RESPONSES TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Entrance Antiphon:	If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.
First Reading:	A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10 <i>The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.</i>
Psalms:	Psalms 22 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.
Second Reading:	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 <i>There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word has made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!
Gospel:	A reading from holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14 <i>Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.</i>
Communion Antiphon:	The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

The Holy Father's monthly prayer intention for October - Workers and the Unemployed - That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

YOUR WEEKLY GIVING: Cathedral: 8th October £1148.50
Our Lady of Pity: 7th October £262.15 (30th September £330.00)
St Winefride's: 8th October £ 411.52
Thank you for your consistent generosity.

CATHEDRAL PARISH CLERGY

Cathedral Dean: Very Reverend Canon Jonathan Mitchell
Assistant Priests: Reverend Father Edmund Montgomery & Reverend Father Tony McGrath
Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Fred Beddow, Rev. Mr. Ron Ball, & Rev. Mr. Ben Tomnay
Associated Priest: Reverend Father David Mawson (*A Priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*)
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