



# SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

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

## FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT (Year B)

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

3rd December	<i>Vigil for Sunday</i>	Our Lady of Pity	6pm	James Willis Parry (70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
Sunday 3rd <i>Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees</i>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  <i>Extraordinary Form</i>	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity St Winefride Cathedral St Winefride Cathedral	8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 10.45am 12.15pm 6.00pm	Bridie Conroy (RIP) <i>Mass in Polish</i> Pro Populo The Frost Family  Vera & Sean Murphy
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Advent Ferial or St John Damascus</i>	Convent Cathedral <i>St Winefride</i>	7.30am 12.15pm 7pm	Mercy Associates Mary Wilson & Family <i>Extra Advent Mass</i>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ferial	Our Lady of Pity Cathedral	9.30 am 12.15pm	Holy Souls Margaret Mary O'Sullivan
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Advent Ferial or St Nicolas</i>	St Winefride Cathedral <i>St Winefride</i>	9.30am 12.15pm 7.30pm	Holy Souls For the Children of the Parish <i>Taize Prayer in Advent</i>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Ambrose	Our Lady of Pity Cathedral <i>Cathedral</i>	9.30am 12.15pm 5.30pm	Holy Souls Maria Lopez <i>Cathedral Primary School Carol Service</i>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	Cathedral	12.15pm	Frank Maltby (RIP)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ferial or St Juan Diego Cuahltloatzin <i>Vigil for Sunday</i>	Cathedral  Our Lady of Pity	9.30 am  6.00 pm	Dennis O'Connor  Anne Gillman's Intentions
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees</i>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>  <i>Extraordinary Form</i>	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity St Winefride Cathedral St Winefride Cathedral	8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 10.45am 12.15pm 6.00pm	Carmel Farrell <i>Mass in Polish</i> For Our Priests Janina & Marian Gugala  Pro Populo

### 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 (WITH BENEDICTION ON SUNDAYS)

Cathedral: Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm (for Peace), Thursday 5.30-6.30pm (for Vocations), Sunday 4.30-5.30pm.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (THE DIVINE OFFICE)

Cathedral: Saturday 9am (Lauds), Sunday 8am (Lauds), 10.15am (Prayer during the Day), 5.30pm (Vespers)

**Please note that Holy Hour will not take place this coming Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, due to the Cathedral School Carol Concert.**

# Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Advent Diary



Advent  
PREPARE THE WAY

## First Week of Advent

See the times scheduled on front page...

## Second Week of Advent

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm-8.30pm in the Cathedral and open to all - Advent: Unplugged with Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team followed by refreshments in the Orchard

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm in the Cathedral - CAFOD Charity Concert

## Third Week of Advent

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm in the Cathedral - Carol Concert & Blessing of Candles

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the Orchard - Christmas Worship Cafe

## Important Announcement re: Christmas Mass Times

For more details read the full Dean's letter

Dear Parishioners, Due to lack of the availability of priests the normal Christmas Mass schedule needs to be changed this year.

### Masses in Shrewsbury

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6pm at Our Lady of Pity

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>: 8.30am Cathedral

9.30am St Winefride's

10.45 Cathedral

#### Christmas Eve Masses

Vigil Masses: 6pm Cathedral (Children's Crib Mass)

6pm Our Lady of Pity

8pm St Winefride's

#### Christmas Day Masses

Midnight Mass

8.30am Cathedral

10.45 Cathedral

*Extraordinary Form: 12:15 on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & on Christmas Day*

### Masses in Church Stretton & Plowden

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent:** Normal Sunday schedule (6.30 & 9.15am St Milburga's & 11am St Walburga's)

**Christmas Eve Masses:** 9pm St Milburga's, Midnight Mass St Walburga's

**Christmas Day Masses:** 9.15am St Milburga's, 11am St Walburga's

*Plus there are six more Masses being celebrated by Cathedral Priests in the Diocese over the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & Christmas...*

**OUR MISSION TOGETHER:** I have continued meeting with parishioners to discuss the Our Mission Together fundraising and about life in the parish generally. I am really enjoying meeting and speaking with parishioners, and I look forward to meeting more of you over the months ahead. I have also been humbled by the generosity of those that I have met. God grant that it may continue.

**Fresh Holly and Ivy** needed - to decorate St Winefride's Church for Christmas. If you have any please would you telephone me on 07854 399 622. I would hope to collect from you on Monday 18th December. Thank you. Ellenor Donnelly.

**Young Adults (25-45ish) - Catholicism** session 6 on the mystery of the Church. 7.30pm on Thursday 7th December in the Orchard Cafe. Email [revtonymcgrath@outlook.com](mailto:revtonymcgrath@outlook.com) for more information.

**Oops!** Apologies for the varied start times given in last week's newsletter for the Got to Sing choir's concert in the Cathedral on Wednesday 13th December. The concert starts at 8pm, and admission is free: there will be mulled wine, mince pies, and a collection for CAFOD.

**Advent Taize evening** at St Winefride's Church THIS Wednesday (6th December) at 7.30pm. The evening will comprise a series of Taize songs, readings, prayers and Advent reflection followed by seasonal refreshments served by the Lourdes Group. All are welcome.

**St Winefride's APF** - for the final time in 2017 the red mission boxes are due to be opened in December. If anyone would like their box opened please bring it along to church. Also the 2018 calendars are available at the back of church for subscribers. Thanks Christine Underwood (01743 364329).

**CAFOD 20-week draw** Week 18 £10 prize No. 11 P Geisler

The **Harvest Fast Day** collection raised a magnificent £1438.71, of which £932 was Gift Aided (so CAFOD will be able to claim an extra £233). Very many thanks to all CAFOD supporters.

**Mission Today Calendars** are now available at the back of Church for all subscribers. Thank you all for continuing support. Wishing you a happy and holy Christmas and new year. Sue Ragdale

**The Lourdes Group** will be serving homemade soup during the Cathedral Coffee Mornings up to Christmas, probably beyond. Please join us for some homemade soup and a chat with friends old and new. Remember to bring a suitable container if you would like to take some home with you.

Once again, **baubles** for the **Tree of Wishes**, will be available in all churches throughout Advent. Just write your wish on the bauble (and on the list), then place the bauble in the decorated box. Mass will be offered for the donor's intentions during the Christmas Season and the tree will be displayed in the Cathedral. Contact Christine or Tony on 01743 246916 or [tbrn@btinternet.com](mailto:tbrn@btinternet.com) for more information. Suggested minimum donation is £1.

**The Diocesan Hospitality** will be celebrating the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** with Mass at 7.30pm on Friday, 8th December, at St Chad's Church, Stockport Road, Cheadle, SK8 2AF. Mass will be followed by a social gathering in St Chad's Parish Centre. Everybody is welcome to join the Diocesan Hospitality for this special Mass and social event. Mass will be preceded, at 6.30pm, with a meeting for Hospitality Members interested in joining a working party to discuss the constitution and work of the group; as agreed at the AGM in September.

The Cathedral Marian Lamp burns this week for the **Intentions of the Sidoli family** and the Cathedral St Winefride's Lamp burns for the **Holy Souls**. If you would like either of the lamps to burn for a particular intention, please contact the Cathedral Office. A £5 donation is suggested.

**Cathedral Coffee on Sunday** is served next door in No. 12 Belmont after the 10.45am Mass. This week coffee will be served by the **SVP** and next week by the **Choir**.

## 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 SVP meeting in Parish Room, 8 - 9pm

Tuesday **Fortnightly (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)** Meditation Group, 6.45pm (see above)

Thursday **Lectio Divina Group** meets in the Cathedral on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

## ANTIPHONS, READINGS & RESPONSES FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Entrance Antiphon:	To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you have I trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame
First Reading:	A reading from the prophet Isaiah (63:16-17;64:1,3-8) <i>Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down</i>
Psalm:	Psalm 79 God of hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
Second Reading:	A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-9) <i>We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O lord, your mercy and give us your saving help Alleluia!</b>
Gospel:	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (13:33-37) <i>Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<b>The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.</b>

The Holy Father's monthly prayer intention for December

The elderly - *that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new communities.*

### YOUR WEEKLY GIVING

Cathedral: 26<sup>th</sup> November £1064.15

Our Lady of Pity: 25<sup>th</sup> November £214.80 Clergy education & training £231.20

St Winefride's: 26<sup>th</sup> November £420.79 Clergy education & training £5.00

*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)

Retired Priest: Reverend Father Gerard McGuinness

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*Please remember the Cathedral in your Will.*