



# SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

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## SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020



### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

This last week the men in the discernment house were due to be on a pilgrimage to Ars in France and the shrine of St John Vianney. Unfortunately on Sunday after the 10.45am Mass I fell ill suddenly with gastroenteritis and the pilgrimage had to be postponed. A shame, but hopefully we will be able to go in the Spring instead all being well. I'm writing this from my sick bed, with the hope I'll be well for the Sunday Masses. Illness always offers us a reminder to thank God for the gift of good health, to pray for all members of our parish family who are sick, and to ask God to bless those who have dedicated their lives to caring for the sick. Some members of the parish have raised a concern about the Sign of Peace and the spreading of infections at this time of year. We've received no official advice as yet from Public Health England or the diocese, but if people are worried and do not shake your hand, please do not take offence, rather it may be that they are poorly or in a high risk category and want to avoid catching the coughs and colds that are around in the winter.

Fr Isidore has returned from time with his family in Nigeria. We missed him! Thank you to Fr McGuinness for supplying the 9.30am Mass whilst Fr Isidore was away. The rewiring works are progressing at St Winefride's, there's a temporary Altar in place at Our Lady of Pity whilst a crack in the arch there is explored and scaffolding is in place, and the works on the Cathedral are almost certainly to begin early March. More on that when I have it. God bless us all in the week ahead.

*Father Edmund*

## PARISH NEWS

**Rewiring and Relighting at St Winefride's:** The rewiring works began Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February necessitating the closure of the church Monday-Friday. The church will be made accessible for the usual Sunday routine.

**Children's Liturgy (Cathedral):** We have been fortunate to have had many people involved in leading the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays at the Cathedral and after giving so generously, some of our volunteers are stepping back from this role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service of our parish and our families. In caring for families with young children across the three Masses at the Cathedral, I would be grateful to hear from any parishioners who would like to be trained up for the role of providing Children's Liturgy during the 10.45am Mass and what support we can offer. This is perhaps an area of the Cathedral's life we can invest in, so please speak to me or Father Owen/Deacon Ron should you have any ideas or suggestions.

**Cathedral Bell:** The bell has now been removed by John Taylor and Co who originally cast the bell in 1856. We envisage the new automated tolling system and the refurbished bell to be in-situ within the next two months. Scaffolding will be up whilst all work is being completed.

**CAFOD 20-week draw:** Week 1 £10 Prize: No 101 A Brown

**St Winefride's:** We will not have flowers at St Winefride's from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Easter due to the building works and Lent.

## PARISH EVENTS

**The Lourdes Group:** Will be serving homemade soup, in the Parish Room, during the Cathedral Coffee Morning, until the weather becomes warmer! Please join us for some soup and a chat with friends old and new. Remember to bring a suitable container if you would like to take some soup home with you.

**Cathedral Coffee:** Will be served in Chapter House after the 10.45am Mass this week by the **Lourdes Group**. All are welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020:** Booking Forms and brochures, along with general information about the pilgrimage, are available on the pilgrimage website at <http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk/>. The dates are **Overland:** Tues 28<sup>th</sup> July - Wed 5<sup>th</sup> August and **Air:** Wed 29<sup>th</sup> July - Tues 4<sup>th</sup> August. Please contact Christine or Tony on 01743 246916 or [tbrn@btinternet.com](mailto:tbrn@btinternet.com) for more information or if you would like a printed copy of the Booking Form and/or brochure.

**Confirmation 2020:** There will be an introductory meeting for those who are in Year 8 and above who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. The meeting will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Orchard cafe after the 6pm Mass in the Cathedral. All the dates for the preparation programme and other information will be made available. If you would like to make known your certain attendance at this meeting then please contact Father Owen via email either at [admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto:admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk) or [revowengallagher@gmail.com](mailto:revowengallagher@gmail.com)

**Reading Groups for the study of Sacred Scripture:** On Monday evenings from February 10<sup>th</sup> onwards, Shrewsbury Cathedral parish and the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis will hold weekly reading groups for the study of Sacred Scripture in the mind and the heart of the Church. This is to seize upon the Bishop's hope for a greater knowledge, love and use of Sacred Scripture in the Year of the Word. These reading groups will read from Sacred Scripture and the Catechism. They will begin in the parish rooms just after the cathedral's Holy Hour. If you are interested in attending, but would like further details, please send an email to Caroline Farey ([caroline.farey@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:caroline.farey@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or Reuben Purchase ([reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)) at the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis. Otherwise, you can just show up on the evening.

**Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage:** The next pilgrimage is on **Sunday 22nd March 2020**. Departing from the Abbey Foregate Car Park at 2.00pm. Our journey, this time, will take us to St Mary's College, Oscott, which is the Seminary serving our Diocese and is where several of our Discerners are currently studying. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is a family open day and gives us, as the Parish Family, the opportunity to meet with our trainee priests. We will begin our visit with afternoon tea, followed by a tour of the College, led by one of the Seminarians. After this we will join together with all the Seminarians and visitors for Sung Evening Vespers. We will depart from Oscott between

7.00 - 7.15pm and will arrive back at the Abbey Foregate Car park for 9.00pm. It may be possible to incorporate a snack stop on the return journey, but this will be confirmed at a later date, otherwise feel free to bring a packed meal. Thoughts are already moving on towards our next Pilgrimage which will take place in the Autumn. If you have any ideas for a day Pilgrimage, then please let me know. The cost of this Pilgrimage is just £10.00 to cover the coach journey. Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of all three Churches. Thank you for your continued support. Mary Roberts.

## OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

**Funeral arrangements for Edward (Eddie) Geisler:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Edward Geisler, who died on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The funeral service will be at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Parish Hymn Books:** Please note the Gloria and Latin hymns are in the back of the new hymn books and they are not listed in the index.

**World Day of Prayer:** Praying with Zambia on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 10.30am at Shrewsbury Baptist Church, Claremont Street, Shrewsbury. All welcome.

**Caritas Survey:** Caritas have created a survey as we are interested in finding out what issues families face in Shrewsbury, and what services would be helpful in the local community. The survey has three questions and takes a minute to complete. We would be very grateful if you would complete the survey as detailed below. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6W8B5YK>

**Lodgings/Room request:** Ryan - young man: employed, looking for lodgings /room in a house. Limited budget: £300-£350 per month. Tel: 07733714711

**Food Bank:** Thank you for all the donations brought to our three churches each week. Our help and support is very much appreciated by those who run the Foodbank in the town. Donations can be left in the boxes at the Cathedral, St Winefride's and Our Lady of Pity.

**Request for a Cleaner:** Would any parishioner be able to help with a request for a part time cleaner? Needed for approximately 4 hours a week. The house is located just off Town Walls. Please contact Siobhan Connor Tel: 07966177025 or email [siobhanconnorpr@gmail.com](mailto:siobhanconnorpr@gmail.com) Many thanks.

**Thank you:** Josephine and Elizabeth Holles would like to thank all the parishioners for sending Mass and sympathy cards. We were overwhelmed with the love and concern that everyone has expressed. We appreciate your kindness.

**Year of the Word Diocesan Spring Talks:** Everyone is welcome to come and reflect on the Word of God; no prior study needed. The same talk is given in 3 different areas of the diocese, as follows:

### Talk 1. Fr Nick Kern on *Dei Verbum/ Word of God (Vatican II)*

**Sun Feb 16** Sacred Heart and St Peter's, Baguley 19:00-20:30 (registration 18:30)

**Wed Feb 19** St Columba's, Chester 19:00-20:30 (registration 18:30)

**Sat Feb 22** Shrewsbury Cathedral 11:00-12:30 (registration 10:30)

**52nd International Eucharistic Congress, Budapest, 13-20 Sept 2020:** Details can be found on the official website <https://www.iec2020.hu/en>. If you are thinking of attending the Congress and wish to do so with the diocese, please contact the Diocesan Mission Secretary as soon as possible. Email: [Anthony.Timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Anthony.Timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Tel: 0151 652 9855

| Collections                  | 02 February               |
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| Cathedral                    | £957.96                   |
| St Winefride                 | £375.70                   |
| Institute of Christ the King | no information at present |
| Our Lady of Pity             | £277.20                   |

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## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 9 FEBRUARY 2020

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| Sat 8 February<br><b>Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</b><br><i>Vigil of the following:</i>       | 9.30am<br>6pm                                                                    | Cathedral<br>Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott                                                                                                                                                     | Winifrid Nitich<br>Butrichi and Bucci Family                                                                | RIP                              |
| Sun 9 February<br><br><b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><br><b>Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</b> | 8.30am<br>9am<br>9am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>10.30am<br>10.45am<br>11.15am<br>6pm | Cathedral<br>Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott<br>St Mary, Shifnal<br>St George, Whitchurch<br>St Winefride, Monkmoor<br>St Joseph, Albrighton<br>Cathedral<br>St Winefride, Monkmoor<br>Cathedral | Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kiun<br><br>Pat Jubb (Birthday)<br><br>Rosa Arempadathil<br><br>People of the Parish | Polish<br><br><br><br><br><br>EF |
| Mon 10 February                                                                                                   | 7.30am<br>12.15pm                                                                | Convent Chapel<br>Cathedral                                                                                                                                                                   | Mary Reilly<br>Breda McDermott                                                                              | RIP<br>RIP                       |
| Tue 11 February                                                                                                   | 9.30am<br>12.15pm                                                                | Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott<br>Cathedral                                                                                                                                                     | Mary Holles<br>Pilarina Rodrigues                                                                           | RIP                              |
| Wed 12 February                                                                                                   | 12.15pm                                                                          | Cathedral                                                                                                                                                                                     | Geraldine Cartwright-Terry                                                                                  |                                  |
| Thu 13 February                                                                                                   | 9.30am<br>12.15pm                                                                | Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott<br>Cathedral                                                                                                                                                     | Mary Holles<br>Joan Neale                                                                                   | RIP                              |
| Fri 14 February<br><b>Ss Cyril, Mk &amp; Methodius, B</b><br><b>Day of Special Prayer for Europe</b>              | 12.15pm                                                                          | Cathedral                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jerome Duhu                                                                                                 |                                  |
| Sat 15 February<br><i>Vigil of the following:</i>                                                                 | 9.30am<br>6pm                                                                    | Cathedral<br>Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott                                                                                                                                                     | Breege Kelly<br>Mary Holles                                                                                 | RIP                              |
| Sun 16 February<br><br><b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                                                       | 8.30am<br>9am<br>9am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>10.30am<br>10.45am<br>11.15am<br>6pm | Cathedral<br>Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott<br>St Mary, Shifnal<br>St George, Whitchurch<br>St Winefride, Monkmoor<br>St Joseph, Albrighton<br>Cathedral<br>St Winefride, Monkmoor<br>Cathedral | People of the Parish<br><br>Eddie Geisler<br><br>Rosa Chackiath<br><br>The Parish House Group               | Polish<br><br>RIP<br><br>EF      |

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every day 5-6pm concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction

### CONFESSION

Confession available before every weekday Mass and every Sunday Mass for one hour. On a Saturday confessions are after Mass for one hour.

### SAFEGUARDING

Bridie Croucher, Parish safeguarding co-ordinator, 07946 735289  
Andrew O'Brien, Diocesan safeguarding co-ordinator, 0151 6529855

### CATHEDRAL CLERGY

Rev Fr Edmund Montgomery, Administrator of the Cathedral  
Rev Fr Owen Gallagher, Rev Fr Isidore Madueke, Assistant Priests, Rev Fr Gerard McGuinness (retired Priest)  
Rev Fr Tom Cunnah, Judicial Vicar, Vice-Chancellor, Administrator of Shifnal and Albrighton  
Rev Canon Scott Smith, Rev Fr Anselm Gribbin, Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest  
Rev Ron Ball, Ben Tomnay, Fred Beddow, Parish Deacons

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