



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

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SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019



First Sunday of Advent (A)

A NEW YEAR: THE YEAR OF THE WORD

This Sunday marks a new liturgical year and the beginning of the season of Advent. Over the course of three years we read Matthew, Mark, and Luke. We will now hear from the Gospel according to Matthew at the Masses over the months ahead. The *Wednesday Word* sheets can help us prepare for the Mass by anticipating the Sunday readings, meaning that we can be more receptive to the Word of God and the words of the priest who, in his homily, will try to speak to the sacred Scriptures. The Bishops of England and Wales have invited the whole Church to keep a *Year of the Word* in 2019-2020 to renew our love for and knowledge of the Word of God, the Bible. This Sunday we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark wherein the Year of the Word entitled *The God Who Speaks* will be more fully explored. As Advent begins, heralding the coming of our Lord, let every heart prepare him room.

Father Edmund

PARISH NEWS

Renewal of Eucharistic Faith and Practice: With the approaching building works coinciding with the present rota for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to offer some teaching in the Sunday homily on the reception of Holy Communion. For the time being at the Cathedral, we will have Holy Communion under one kind, the Host, pending the disruption of the building works and the reduced number of Extraordinary Ministers. We can use this 'pause' as a chance to renew our sense of reverence for Holy Communion, and I will speak about the gift we are given by Our Lord in His Precious Body and Blood.

Additional Evening Masses at the Cathedral: I am considering having two evening Masses following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the week at the Cathedral at 6.15pm to allow people to attend Mass who may not ordinarily be able to get to Mass in the day because of work or other commitments. If this would be welcomed or appreciated, please do let me know.

Red Mission Boxes: St Winefride's boxes are due to be opened in December. If you would like your box emptied please bring it along to church. The calendars for 2020 are now available.

CAFOD 20-week draw: Week 18 £10 prize No. 30 C. French November bonus prize £50 No. 93 B. Allsop
World Gifts are CAFOD's virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of poor communities and families in developing countries. Catalogues listing a range of gifts from £4 upwards are now available at the back of church or online at cafod.org/worldgifts

Children's Mass: A Children's Mass is being held at St Winefride's at 9.30am on Sunday 15th December. An end of term celebration will follow this special Children's Mass. All are welcome. If anyone has children who wish to be involved in helping with the Mass, please speak to Michele Rowland-Jones or telephone 01743 860797.

Our Lady OF Pity: Thank you to all Catholic Children's Society/Caritas Box Holders at Our Lady of Pity. Total raised was £129.10.

SVP: Shrewsbury Cathedral SVP would again like to express sincere thanks to all who contributed to our collection in October. Gifts have continued to come in and we have now raised more than £1,800, an all time record.

PARISH EVENTS

Bereavement Support Coffee Morning: Monday 2nd December 10.30am – 12.00noon in the parish room. All are welcome. We also have a Walk and Talk session on the same day. For those who wish, we leave the parish room at 10.30am for a short stroll and aim to be back at 11.15am – 11.30am to rejoin the coffee morning.

Shrewsbury Group of Friends of The Holy Land: There will be a meeting on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7pm at 46 Preston Street SY2 5PG. All are welcome to attend.

Shrewsbury Cathedral: Historic Re-ordering of the Interior: Talks takes place in the Cathedral parish rooms – free of charge from 3.30pm – 4.30pm repeated the same day 7pm – 8pm, as detailed:

Thursday 5th Dec: Talk Four – Dr Caroline Farey '*Offer to God a sacrifice of praise*' (Hebrews 13:15)
A sacrificial banquet, a talk using Sacred Art.

Advent Explore Day: Run by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT). Sunday 8th December 2019. 12 noon start in the parish room. Please bring a packed lunch. All 11-16 year olds are invited to attend. Please contact the Cathedral office if you are planning to attend admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk

Concert Season: Shrewsbury Cathedral: Recitals from 2.00-2.45pm every Sunday until 15th December 2019. All are most welcome. Please see posters at the back of church. This week's concert has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The concert next week is the Shrewsbury Youth Chamber Choir, Carol Service.

Cathedral Carol Service: with scripture readings and reflections from Friends of The Holy Land projects on Sunday 22nd December 3pm. There will be a retiring collection on behalf of Friends of The Holy Land and afterwards refreshments in the Orchard Cafe.

A novena of sermons: in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception will be preached at 7pm at St Winefride from Saturday the 30th of November - Saturday the 7th of December. Benediction will follow except for Tuesday and Friday when the sermon will come after the 6pm Holy Hour and will be followed by Mass.

Christmas Concert: Being held in the Cathedral on Friday 20th December from 6.45pm. **Tickets are now available** at £6 each from the Orchard Cafe. Proceeds from the event will go towards the Cathedral and CARITAS

Board Games: In the Orchard Cafe on Thursdays 1 - 3pm. Do join us.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

Thank you: Pat Clarke would like to thank Fathers Gerard McGuinness and Isidore Madueke for their blessings at Mass on Sunday 24th November at St Winefride's, and a heartfelt thank you to all my parishioner friends for the splendid party given for my 90th birthday. Thank you so much for all the cards, holy masses and gifts plus the two(!) birthday cakes. God Bless you all, Pat.

Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School and Nursery: A note from the Head of School: I would like to take this opportunity to invite the parish community to some of our special events this Advent. The school will be holding an Advent Mass led by Father Owen on Monday 2nd December at 9:30am in the school hall, the Key Stage 2 songs and readings will take place in the Cathedral at 6:00pm on Thursday 12th December and the Christmas Fayre will take place after school on Friday 13th December. You are all welcome to attend. You can also find more details about our Christmas events by using the school's website <https://www.blessededwardcampion.co.uk/> and reading our weekly newsletters.

Flowers: Anyone who loves flowers and is keen to help with the floral arrangements in the Cathedral please contact the Cathedral office. Training will be given, we work in pairs, and it is a most rewarding experience. Thank you.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Mass: For the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to be held Saturday 7th December 2019 at 12 noon at St. Peter's Church, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4EA, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. We will also be celebrating John Campbell's service to the pilgrimage as Chief Franciscan, if you have any pictures or memories of John please send them to events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

Marian Lamp: The Marian Lamp burns for the first week of every month for the Sidoli family.

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have 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.

Psalm Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to God's house.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Collections	24 th November
Cathedral	£ 701.90
St Winefride	£282.25 Clergy education and training fund £20.00 World missions £12.00
Institute of Christ the King	£173.74
Our Lady of Pity	no information at present

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The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity, No. 234025. Please remember the Cathedral in your Will

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Sat 30 November St Andrew, Ap <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Frederick and Winifred Wallace James Willis Parry	
Sun 1 December First Sunday of Advent	8.30am 9am 9am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.45am 11.15am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott St Mary, Shifnal St George, Whitchurch St Winefride, Monkmoor St Joseph, Albrighton Cathedral St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral	Dan McPhillips Johnny Mohan Margaret Patricia Scimia People of the Parish	Polish EF
Mon 2 December	7.30am 12.15pm	Convent Chapel Cathedral	Dan McPhillips Maria Lopez	
Tue 3 December St Francis Xavier, P, R Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees	9.30am 12.15pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral	Father Housib Petoyan Maureen Fogarty	
Wed 4 December	9.30am 12.15pm 12.15pm	St Winefride, Monkmoor Requiem Mass St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral	Human Life International: Ireland Valerie Jean Bowen A Taylor and Family	
Thu 5 December	9.30am 12.15pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral	Thanks Giving (Private Intention) Patrick Maughan	
Fri 6 December	12.15pm	Cathedral	Erwin Heim	
Sat 7 December St Ambrose, B,D <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Agnieszka People of the Parish	
Sun 8 December Second Sunday of Advent	8.30am 9am 9am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.45am 11.15am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott St Mary, Shifnal St George, Whitchurch St Winefride, Monkmoor St Joseph, Albrighton Cathedral St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral	Donald Gleeson All the sick and the housebound Charlotte Frost and Family Mary Baines	Polish 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
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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, Andrew Morrow, Parish Deacons

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