



## SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL



# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

## SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020

The town and county has suffered the worst floods in twenty years and the water will undoubtedly take some time to subside. The damage to buildings and businesses, homes and schools, as well as injuries, have brought the town and county together and we can give thanks for all the Environment Agency, the town and county Councils and the Emergency Services have done in response. There is an appeal to aid those most affected by the floods and if you wish, you can donate at: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/shropshirefloods> (via the Shropshire Star). Richard Keddie, our Events and Development Officer, will be inviting parishioners to form a task team to assist in the clear up of the town once the river has returned to normal levels and perhaps we can offer free refreshments tea, coffee, sandwiches, via the Parish Room? If you'd like to be involved, please contact Richard: [events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto:events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk)

Lent began with Ash Wednesday this past week and this Sunday you'll find attached to the newsletter a CAFOD Family Fast Day envelope to support CAFOD's important work by having a more simple meal this coming week. In Lent we are given a renewed opportunity to review our lives, to reflect on where God is present and perhaps absent, to make a good confession and a firm purpose of amendment to overcome the sins we fall into and weed out our faults. Let us pray for each other.

*Father Edmund*



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## PARISH NEWS

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross after 8:30am Mass every Sunday in Lent in the Cathedral.

**Our Lady of Pity Church:** During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.10am prior to the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays. Would all Red Box holders please empty their boxes and put the contents in a sealed envelope with their name clearly written on the front and hand them to Elizabeth. Thank you.

**"The things we love tell us who we are"- St Thomas Aquinas:** The Confraternity of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament invites you to consider spending time with Our Lord this Lenten season. Daily Adoration offers us a tremendous opportunity for prayer and reflection with Our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Would you be willing to devote an hour a week in the company of Jesus as part of your Lenten exercises? The Confraternity is in the process of reorganising in order to welcome more parish members into the Confraternity and build a larger community centred around the Eucharist. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on how we can better establish the Confraternity please contact Alix Murray: [afmurray94@icloud.com](mailto:afmurray94@icloud.com)

**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.

**CAFOD 20-week draw:** Week. 4 £10 prize No. 56 H. Meynell.  
February bonus prize £50 No. 11 J. McCombie

## PARISH EVENTS

**Charity Pancake Event:** Thank you all for braving the weather and for your generosity. Thank you to Alix for the Mardi Gras music and to Hilary for all her enthusiasm and practical planning. Also a big thank you to Dave, Roger, and Carole and Caitriona, the SVP pancake flippers! £250 was raised for the SVP and the Street Pastors Soup hub.

**Bereavement Support Coffee morning:** The next coffee morning will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30am-12.00noon in the Orchard cafe. There is also a Walk and Talk for those who would like to participate, leaving the Orchard cafe at about 10.30am for a short walk and returning to the cafe at 11.30am to re-join the coffee morning. All welcome.

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day:** On Friday 6 March is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

**A Day with Our Lady: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.45am to 5.00pm:** All are welcome to join us for a day of prayer, catechism and community at St Winefride's church. There will be catechesis for adults and children, a bring and share lunch, children's activities and a community activity. Come for all or part of the day. Contact Adeline Rayment for more information on 07530521568 or [adelinemoe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adelinemoe@hotmail.co.uk)

**Concert Season:** Shrewsbury Cathedral: Recitals from 2.00-2.45pm. The next recital is on Sunday 8 March 2020. All welcome.

**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. The Cathedral coffee morning will be served in Chapter House after the 10.45am Mass this week. 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.

**Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage:** The next pilgrimage is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. The cost of this Pilgrimage is just £10.00 to cover the coach journey. Thank you for your continued support. Mary Roberts.

## OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

**Transport/Outings request:** An elderly parishioner seeks transport and company for outings. Times and terms negotiable. For details please tel: 01743 244083

**Singing the Word! Proclaiming The Word through Music:** Singing the Word is a day offered by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission for cantors, singers, instrumentalists, clergy and congregations. In this Year of the Word, you are invited on Saturday 21 March from 10am to 3pm to join the Liturgy Commission at Saint John Plessington Catholic College on the Wirral. Places are £5 payable on the day to help cover costs (6 places for £25). Our Key Note speaker for the day is Mr Martin Foster a well known composer and Director of the National Liturgy Office. To reserve a place contact Anthony Timothy at the Curial Offices 0151 652 9855 or [anthony.timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:anthony.timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Marriage Encounter Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020:** An Opportunity for all Married Couples to enrich their marriage and renew their commitment to one another. A non-residential Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held at Savio House, Bollington, Nr Macclesfield, SK10 5RW. Most couples and many priests find this a very rewarding experience. Book now at [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or for more information contact Charles & Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627 [charles.golabek@ntlworld.com](mailto:charles.golabek@ntlworld.com) or Mark and Liz Dutton on 01625 428498 [lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk](mailto:lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk). There are Travel Lodges in Adlington and Macclesfield and a Premier Inn in Tytherington – all within 3 miles.

**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.

**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 three different areas of the diocese, as follows:

Miss Barbara Davies: The Language we use to speak of God

**Sun 01 Mar:** Sacred Heart and St Peter's, Baguley 18:30-19:00-20:30 (Registration 18:30)

**Wed 04 Mar:** Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ellesmere Port 18:30-19:00-20:30 (Registration 18:30)

**Sat 07 Mar:** Shrewsbury Cathedral 11:00-12:30 (Registration 10:30)

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

Collections	23 February
Cathedral	£740.30
St Winefride	£302.50
Institute of Christ the King	£278.55
Our Lady of Pity	£372.90

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## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 1 MARCH 2020

Sat 29 February Saturday after Ash Wednesday <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Daryll Speak Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Cathedral Mary Holles	Sick RIP
Sun 1 March First Sunday of Lent  Please note change: <b>Rite of Election:</b> Saint Michael & All Angels, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 5LE  Please arrive from 2pm to be in your seats by 2.30pm.	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	People of the Parish  Rex Turner Andrew Hernon Peter Cooney	Polish  RIP Ann. RIP EF RIP
Mon 2 March	7.30am 12.15pm	Convent Chapel Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Michael Burke Victoria and Mary- Grace Piala	RIP RIP
Tue 3 March	9.30am 12.15pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Mary Holles Callum Grainger	RIP
Wed 4 March	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Eddie Geisler	RIP
Thur 5 March	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Ann Kearns	
Fri 6 March	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	A Taylor: Thanksgiving for recovery	
Sat 7 March  <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral (in Church) Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Josie Maughan and Bonney Collens Mary Holles	RIP RIP
Sun 8 March  Second Sunday of Lent	8.30am 9am 9am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.45am 11.15am 6pm	Cathedral (in Church) Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott St Mary, Shifnal St George, Whitchurch St Winefride, Monkmoor St Joseph, Albrighton Cathedral (in Church) St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral (in Church)	Michael Sullivan  People of the Parish Eddie Geisler Anna Hughes	Birthday Polish  RIP 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

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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, Parish Deacons

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