



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
AND SAINT PETER OF ALCANTARA



SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2020 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord at the hand of His cousin, St John the Baptist. With the celebration of Evening Prayer on Sunday, Christmastide is concluded for another year and Ordinary Time resumes until Ash Wednesday comes around. The cribs at the Cathedral will remain in place until either the building works begin on the re-ordering or the more traditional date of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on 2 February when, forty days after the birth of Our Lord, He was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem, this feast marking the more traditional end of Christmastide. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is an opportunity for us to renew our own baptismal vows when we rejected the evil one and professed our Faith in God and His Church. This Sunday bottles of holy water will be available for you to take home: to bless your house, your car, your children; before going on a journey or when ill or going into hospital. Holy water calls to mind our baptism, offering us protection against evil and assures us of Divine assistance.

Renewed thanks from the clergy to all the parish for your kind greetings, cards, gifts, and good wishes for Christmas and for the New Year. We appreciate your generosity and kindness!

God bless us all in the week ahead.

Father Edmund

PARISH NEWS

Farewell to the American Community: Having been with us in Shrewsbury since October 2017, Andrew, Oliver, Michael, and Jeffrey made the discernment to move on from the diocese to explore and pursue the idea of beginning a religious community perhaps back in the United States. Please pray for the four men as they seek to live out their charism and seek the Lord's Will for their lives.

Rewiring and Relighting at St Winefride's: A start date of Monday 3rd February has been communicated from the diocese and the contractors to begin work at St Winefride's that will necessitate the suspension of weekday Masses for seven weeks, all being well, until the week beginning 23rd March. Conversations are ongoing to ensure that Sunday Masses remain unaffected. The works are significant and much-needed, but please God, will allow a renewal of St Winefride's interior and sanctuary. Thank you to all those who have and continue to give to the pledges to the Our Mission Together campaign which have made these works possible. God reward your generosity.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – SPUC: There is to be an appeal to support our work on **Sunday 19th of January** at all Masses. On 21st October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the Westminster government. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to extend this to England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

Cathedral APF/Mission Today collections: Dear subscribers and Red box holders. The amount collected from the red boxes and donations for 2019 was an excellent £779.33 plus another £109.11 from World Mission Sunday. Thanks to all contributors from your continued generosity and support. Wishing you a Blessed and peaceful 2020. Sue Ragdale. Local secretary.

PARISH EVENTS

Shrewsbury Group of The Friends of The Holy Land: There will be a meeting of the Shrewsbury Group of The Friends of The Holy Land on Tuesday 14th January from 7pm at 46 Preston Street, SY2 5PG. All are welcome to attend.

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 February 9th 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 or revowengallagher@gmail.com

Cathedral Christmas Concert: A huge turnout of 130 people attended. The choir performed a French-based concert of sacred music and choral pieces; headlining the Cathedral Choir and instrumentalists from the Diocese. Richard Keddie, Development Officer would like to thank the choir and Jon Barton for all their hard work and effort into creating a memorable evening. A DVD of the concert, taken from the live webcam recording on the night is available for £5.00. Please email: events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk to request a copy.

Shrewsbury Flower Show 2020 The Cathedral will be taking an active role in the town's busiest event of the year – and creating a garden dedicated to the Cathedral and two parish churches in the town. We are looking for green-fingered volunteers to create a team that will design and manage a small garden and / or impacting floral display, that will prominently feature at the show over two days. Please email Richard at: events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk to register your interest for this.

Sunday Concert season Spring/Summer 2020: The Sunday afternoon concerts will be resuming on Sunday 1st March, showcasing a plethora of local talent from the Diocese. This year, Jon Barton, Musical Director for the Cathedral, has upped the ante – so expect some beautiful music and memorable musicians. Information for the concerts will be available in the Newsletter and within the Cathedral and Orchard Café; as well as on our social media pages.

Cathedral Social Media pages and Cathedral Shop: Please do like/follow/join/get involved our new social media channels!

Facebook: Shrewsbury Cathedral

Instagram: shrewsbury_cathedral_

Twitter: Shrewsbury Cathedral

The Cathedral shop, located in the Orchard café, has received a face-lift just before Christmas. Do come along and have a look at an eclectic range of gifts for you, family and friends. We are also catering for Baptism's, Confirmation's and Christening's, as well as traditional Piety goods.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

The Annual Diocesan Mass to Celebrate Marriage: Will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church, North Road, Birkenhead, CH42 7JY on Saturday, 8th February, 2020. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th) and wish to attend the Mass, please let your Parish Priest know (by the 26th January) and you will receive a special letter of invitation. If you are not celebrating a significant anniversary, but still wish to attend the Mass and enjoy the refreshments, please let the Bishop's PA know curia@dioceseofshrewsbury.org - 01743 290052, so that you can be added to the numbers for catering purposes.

Stop Human Trafficking – A New Year Resolution: Join forces with other local organisations to learn about Human Trafficking and what you can do to help recognise and combat it in your parish. Kevin Hyland OBE, who was the UK's first independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and is a member of the Pope's Santa Marta Group to combat Human Trafficking will be giving the Annual Memorial Lecture on Modern Day Slavery at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA on Sunday 19 January 2-4pm. Please come along to see what impact you can have locally. Info: s.atherton@rcaol.org.uk 0151 522 1080/81.

Wednesday Word: Please note that copies of the Wednesday Word can be downloaded from <http://wednesdayword.org/>

Jonathan Veira Concert in Shrewsbury: Friday 31st January, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Meole Brace. We are thrilled that Jonathan Veira is going to be with us in Shrewsbury at the end of January. Jonathan is an amazingly talented and versatile international singer and musician. From Billy Joel to Mozart to everything in between, it promises to be an evening of ballads, blues, rock and roll, jazz, and even a bit of opera thrown in. Jonathan is larger than life in so many different ways, has a real gift for talking about life and faith in the most engaging of ways, and we are really pleased he will be stopping off here on his Songs and Tales tour. Tickets are £7.50 from Trinity Churches Office (01743 362399) or website www.trinitychurches.org.

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

The Marian Lamp burns w/c 12th January for Maud and Thomas King.

The Marian Lamp burns w/c 19th and 26th January for the Molodecki family.

Request: Please can Tony Jarvis collect an envelope from the sacristy from Father Edmund. Thank you.

Collections	22, 25, 29 December and 5 January
Cathedral	£979.36, £3,206.79, £821.25, £939.28
St Winefride	£339.23, £490.09, £265.28, £326.74
Institute of Christ the King	£191.52, £253.78, £297.42, £211.60
Our Lady of Pity	£388.80 £403.00, £267.26, £334.40

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 12 January 2020

Sat 11 January Saturday after Epiphany <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Jenny Sheffield People of the Parish	
Sun 12 January The Baptism of the Lord	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	Jim Fogarty Mrs Virginia Duhu Margaret Hamrogue All the sick and the Housebound	Polish EF
Mon 13 January	7.30am 12.15pm	Convent Chapel Cathedral	Sister Dorothy Helen Kelleher	
Tue 14 January	9.30am 12.15pm	Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School Cathedral	 Victoria Piala and Mary Grace Piala	
Wed 15 January	9.30am 12.15pm	St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral	Pope Francis Kath and Family	
Thu 16 January	12.15pm	Cathedral	Margaret Hamrogue	
Fri 17 January St Anthony, Ab	12.15pm	Cathedral	Peter Cooney	
Sat 18 January <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Helen Kelleher Peter Carrott	
Sun 19 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for World Peace	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	All the sick Peter Bramall People of the Parish	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

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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