



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

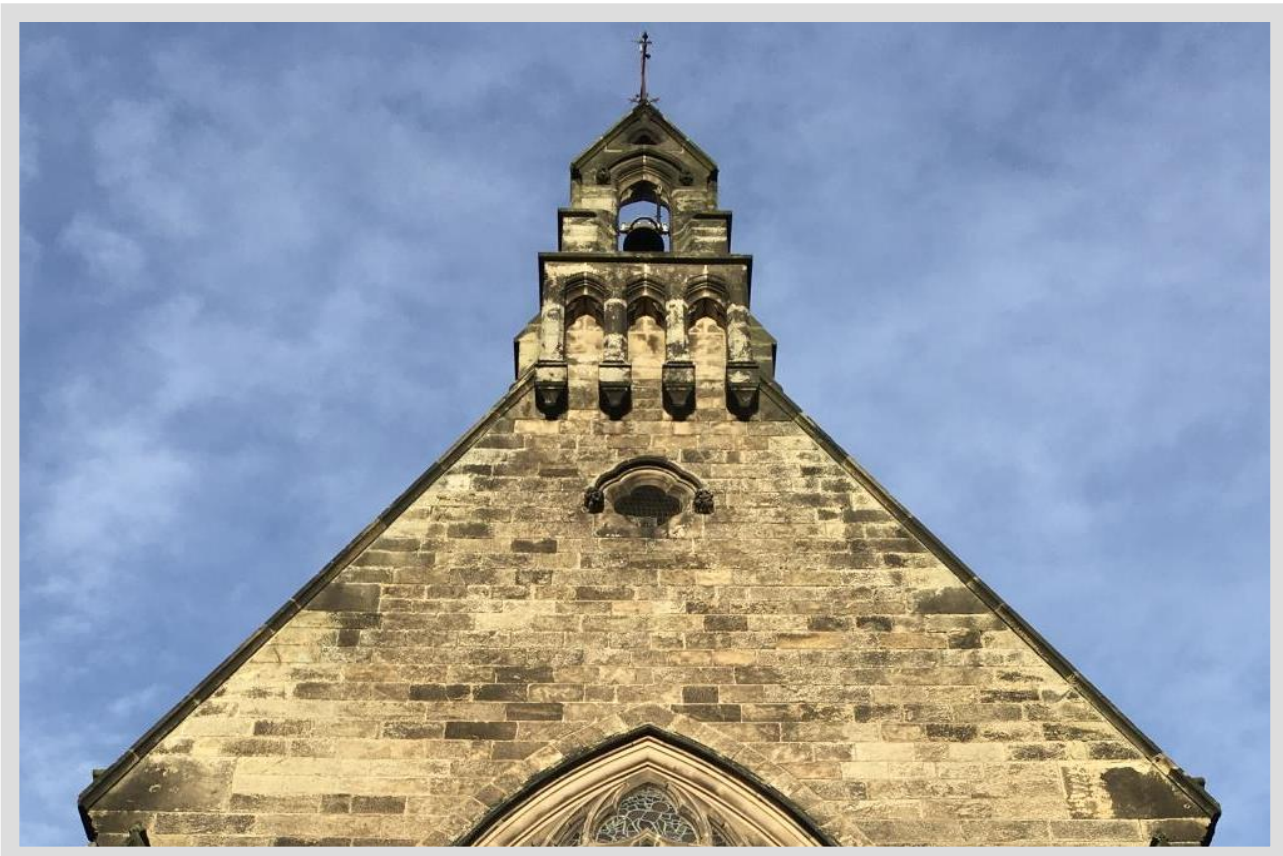
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SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019

Third Sunday of Advent (A)



GAUDETE SUNDAY

This Sunday is called *Gaudete Sunday* taken from the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass. It emphasises the joy that our Lady felt knowing that the time was drawing near for the Nativity of the Lord and for the salvation that His coming promised. You will see at the Cathedral that we have now erected the crib ready for the birth of the baby Jesus. Another joy for us at this time is the news that after many years of silence, the Cathedral bell will be ringing again in the New Year. On 27th January 2020, scaffolding will go up on the front of the Cathedral to allow access to the bell mechanism for its removal, repair and re-installation. It will be wonderful to have the sound of a bell ringing again calling people to prayer, to mark the Consecration at the Mass and to allow us to pause for the *Angelus*. If anyone would like to make a donation - large or small - to the repair of the bell, that would be gratefully received. God bless us all in the week ahead.

Father Edmund

PARISH NEWS

Reordering Update: Following a meeting with the architects and the diocesan officers, it will be late January 2020 that the removal works will begin on the sanctuary of the Cathedral. I will keep the parish updated as to a timeline. The Cathedral will not be closed, but Mass times on weekdays will be affected during these works.

St Winefride's Rewiring Works: I am delighted to say that the works for relighting and rewiring St Winefride's church have been approved and work will commence in January. This will necessitate the suspension of weekday Masses and services which will affect the Ordinary Form and the Institute of Christ the King, too. I will update on this when I am able. These works have been possible through your generosity in the *Our Mission Together* campaign.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Please note on Friday 20th December there will be no Holy Hour as there will be a concert in the Cathedral. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 20 £10 prize No. 67 Cathedral clergy

End of session bonuses: £50 No. 88 K. Hall; £75 No. 40 E. Geisler.

The next session will start in February 2020 and tickets will be on sale during January. Many thanks to all who support this fundraiser for CAFOD.

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.

St Winefrides Church: Volunteers are welcome to help clean and prepare St Winefride's Church for Christmas. Please join us from 10am on Monday 23rd December.

Mission Today calendars: Now available at the back of the Cathedral for all subscribers. May I wish everyone a blessed and holy and happy Christmas. Sue Ragdale.

Parish Magazine Winter 2019 Now Available! Many thanks indeed to all contributors. Please take one copy per family, and if you know any parishioners who are housebound please take them a copy too.

PARISH EVENTS

Cathedral Concert: Friday 20th December 6.45pm start. Doors open from 6.00pm "Il est Né le Divin Enfant" Shrewsbury Cathedral Choir and others. The programme includes some reflective and unfamiliar works all with a French theme. Combining choral with strings, harp, organ and piano – the concert is enhanced by some very talented singers and musicians from across the Diocese. Tickets are £6.00 each and include a glass of mulled wine and home-made mince pie from the Orchard Café during the interval. Remaining tickets are available NOW from the Orchard Café. Please don't miss out and support your wonderful choir and musicians. A special 16-page concert programme will be available on the night, pre-concert, from the Cathedral.

Concert Season: Shrewsbury Cathedral: Our final organ recital with Jon Barton, is happening Sunday 15th December 2019. All are most welcome. The new concert season will begin in February 2020. More details to follow. Thank you for your continued support.

The Lourdes Group: We will be serving homemade soup, in the parish room, during the Cathedral Coffee Morning this week. At next week's Coffee Morning, we will be serving Christmas themed food, including our famous Mulled

Wine and a warm Spiced Apple drink. Please join us for some refreshments and a chat with friends old and new. Remember to bring a suitable container if you would like to take some soup or Mulled Wine home with you. Please contact Christine or Tony on 01743 246916 or tbrn@btinternet.com for more information.

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.

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

SVP: The SVP raffle for the Christmas Hamper and other prizes will take place on the 15th December. Tickets are still available. The draw will take place in the parish rooms after the 10.45am Mass.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School and Nursery: On behalf of our school I would like to wish all the children, staff, parents, carers and parishioners a Happy Christmas. I would also like to thank everyone involved in our school this year who have contributed to its ongoing success. You can keep up to date with school's events by using the school's website <https://www.blessededwardcampion.co.uk/> and reading our weekly newsletters. Mr Graeme Hawes – Head of School.

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.

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

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Psalm Response: Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Collections	8 th December
Cathedral	£926.27
St Winefride	£376.72
Institute of Christ the King	£264.66
Our Lady of Pity	£211.10

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Sat 14 December St John of the Cross, P, D <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Angela Peter Carrott	
Sun 15 December Third 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	Trevor Brown Mirostaw and Maria Cylwik Sue People of the Parish	Polish EF
Mon 16 December	7.30am 12.15pm	Convent Chapel Cathedral	Sister Margaret Mary's Intentions Bridie Mannion	
Tue 17 December	9.30am 12.15pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral	All the sick and Housebound Peter Cooney	
Wed 18 December	9.30am 12.15pm	St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral	Larry and Kitty O'Shea Joyce Hicks	
Thu 19 December	9.30am 12.15pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral	Helen Kelleher David John Gillman	
Fri 20 December	9.30am 12.15pm	St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral	Pope Francis Richard Beal	
Sat 21 December <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Sister M Emmanuel People of the Parish	
Sun 22 December Fourth Sunday of Advent Day of Special Prayer for expectant Mothers	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	Moira Abbott Patrick and Mary Smyth Sister M. Dypria Anna Ezugwa and Family	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, Andrew Morrow, Parish Deacons

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