



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL



SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

The news has been full of the accounts of the outbreak of coronavirus around the world and we must act responsibly in our response to the risk of passing the illness on in our communities. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued recommendations to parishes to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. These are displayed at the doors of all our churches but for reference please: use the antibacterial hand gels when entering the church; refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace; do not use the hymn books; contribute to the parish collection as you leave, so that the usual collection is not passed from hand to hand; please be alert to members of our parish community who are vulnerable at this time. The clergy will use hand gel before and after the distribution of Holy Communion which will be offered under one kind only. If extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are needed to distribute, please ensure that you use the hand gel as the clergy, before and after distribution. We have also decided to limit access to the Cathedral Parish Office in order to safeguard members of the church, the wider public and Cathedral employees. This is purely a precautionary measure. If you wish to contact the Parish Office, please either telephone or email. Contact details of the office are on the back page. Please pray that the virus will be short-lived, that those affected will soon recover, and that all of us play our part in reducing the risk of transmission by following the advice and guidance of the civil and church authorities.

Father Edmund

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

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. 6 £10 prize No. 32 J. Willis

CAFOD Lent Fast Day, Friday 6th March: Envelopes are still available at the back of church. They can be returned in the collection plate. Many thanks for your generosity.

Attention all Gift Aid Donors: The tax year 2019/2020 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Father know or contact Angela Pym on 01743-354209 (Cathedral and St Winefride) or Ian Rechten on 07923 884522 (Our Lady of Pity) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year. Also, if you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have moved house in the last year, please could you either let Father, Ian Rechten or Angela Pym know. Thank you.

Offertory envelopes for the tax year 2020/2021: Are now available for collection in each of the three churches. Existing donors' boxes are arranged in alphabetical order by surname, followed by spare boxes for anyone wishing to join the envelope giving scheme.

PARISH EVENTS

Getting to know God Better: Every Monday (until further notice) we are holding a new programme in Adult Faith Formation entitled 'Getting to know God better'. This will be a DVD based programme with conversation and light refreshments. It is open to all parishioners and is a prelude to our new approach to RCIA beginning in September. Please come along to the Orchard cafe at 6:45pm.

Concert Season: Shrewsbury Cathedral: Recitals from 2.00-2.45pm. The next recital is on Sunday 15 March 2020. All welcome.

Friends of The Holy Land: There will be a meeting of the Friends of The Holy Land Shrewsbury Group on Thursday 19th March 2020 7pm at 46 Preston St. SY2 5PG. All are welcome to attend.

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 28th July - Wed 5th August and Air: Wed 29th July - Tues 4th August. Please contact Christine or Tony on 01743 246916 or 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 22nd March 2020. Please ensure that you have signed up for the pilgrimage by the end of this weekend as I will be confirming numbers with Oscott by the middle of next week. If the day should be cancelled for any reason, individuals will be informed directly. Thank you. Mary Roberts.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

Board Games in the Orchard Café: Thursday's 1 - 3pm. Meet people over lunch. All welcome.

The National Novena to St Joseph: This will take place from 10th - 18th March 2020 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to: Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email novenamhm@gmail.com

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

Marriage Encounter Weekend 4th to 5th 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.wmme.org.uk or for more information contact Charles & Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627 charles.golabek@ntlworld.com or Mark and Liz Dutton on 01625 428498 lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk. There are Travel Lodges in Adlington and Macclesfield and a Premier Inn in Tytherington - all within 3 miles.

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

Collections	8 March
Cathedral	£967.32
St Winefride	£498.88
Institute of Christ the King	£318.01
Our Lady of Pity	£251.70

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 15 MARCH 2020

Sat 14 March The Deaconate Formation Day is cancelled but Mass will go ahead <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	12noon	Cathedral (in Church)	Helen Easterbrook	Sick
	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mrs Margaret Fielden	Ann.RIP
Sun 15 March Third Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Cathedral	People of the Parish	Polish
	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal	Eddie Geisler	RIP
	9.30am	St George, Whitechurch		
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor		
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton	Dorothy Rowe	RIP EF
	10.45am	Cathedral		
11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor	Michael Burke	RIP	
6pm	Cathedral			
Mon 16 March	7.30am	Convent Chapel	Anne McGeary	RIP
	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	All the sick and the housebound	
Tue 17 March St Patrick, B Patron of Ireland	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP
	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Mrs Brigitte Murphy	Birthday
Wed 18 March	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor	Leon and Miles Nolan	
	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)		
Thur 19 March St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Maria Cylik	Ann. Birthday
	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Liz Conway	
Fri 20 March	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Margaret Neill	RIP
Sat 21 March <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	9.30am	Cathedral (in Church)	Sister M. Pauline Terry Follette and family	RIP
	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott		
Sun 22 March Fourth Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Cathedral (in Church)	The Molodecki Family	Polish
	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal	Rex Turner	RIP
	9.30am	St George, Whitechurch		
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor		
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton	Glen Dunn	RIP EF
	10.45am	Cathedral (in Church)		
	11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor	People of the Parish	
6pm	Cathedral (in Church)			

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, Parish Deacons

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