



# SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

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## SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



## WORKS BEGIN MONDAY 2 MARCH

Last Tuesday, I had a meeting with the contractors, architects, and diocesan officers to instruct a firm to undertake the first stage of the works to regain something of the sanctuary's hidden beauty and regain some much-needed space in the nave for extra seating. I can confirm that M. Salt, Ltd. have been entrusted with the works to remove the present platforming to enable a short period of experimentation as to the location of the Altar so that the Bishop can determine, together with the Historic Churches Committee, the Diocesan Heritage, Art, and Architecture Committee, and other advisors, how it can best function. The works are scheduled to last from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, taking us to just before Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The Cathedral weekday Mass schedule may need to be adjusted to accommodate the workers' access which will be from 8am to 5pm each day. I will keep you updated on this matter.

Let's place the renewal of the sanctuary at the Cathedral in the hands of St Joseph, famously a carpenter, and as the building works begin Providentially in the month of March, dedicated to his honour and devotion.

*Father Edmund*

## PARISH NEWS

**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.

**Cathedral Bell:** The bell has now been removed by John Taylor and Co who originally cast the bell in 1856. We envisage the new automated tolling system and the refurbished bell to be in-situ within the next two months. Scaffolding will be up whilst all work is being completed.

**CAFOD 20-week draw:** Week 2 £10 prize No. 38 S. Hall

**St Winefride's:** We will not have flowers at St Winefride's from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Easter due to the building works and Lent.

## PARISH EVENTS

**Charity Pancake Event:** All parishioners are invited to a Shrove Tuesday pancake party. There will be crepes and pancakes (some gluten free) with various toppings and snacks and drinks hot and cold between 7:30-9:00pm in the parish room at the Cathedral. All proceeds will go to the Street Pastors Soup Hub and the SVP. Help with flipping pancakes and serving drinks as well as bringing cold snacks would be most welcome. Tickets sold on the door. £5 for two pancakes, snacks and a glass of wine (or a non-alcoholic drink if preferred). Please get in touch with Catherine Mangham for further information. cmjmangham1@gmail.com (07876484219) 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.

**Reading Groups for the study of Sacred Scripture:** On Monday evenings from February 10<sup>th</sup> onwards, Shrewsbury Cathedral parish and the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis will hold weekly reading groups for the study of Sacred Scripture in the mind and the heart of the Church. This is to seize upon the Bishop's hope for a greater knowledge, love and use of Sacred Scripture in the Year of the Word. These reading groups will read from Sacred Scripture and the Catechism. They will begin in the parish rooms just after the Cathedral's Holy Hour.

**Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage:** The next pilgrimage is on **Sunday 22nd 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. Thoughts are already moving on towards our next Pilgrimage which will take place in the Autumn. If you have any ideas for a day Pilgrimage, then please let me know. The cost of this Pilgrimage is just £10.00 to cover the coach

journey. Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of all three Churches. Thank you for your continued support. Mary Roberts.

## OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

**Funeral arrangements for Edward (Eddie) Geisler:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Edward Geisler, who died on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The funeral service will be at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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

**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.wvme.org.uk](http://www.wvme.org.uk) or for more information contact Charles & Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627 [charles.golabek@ntlworld.com](mailto:charles.golabek@ntlworld.com) or Mark & Liz Dutton on 01625 428498 [lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk](mailto:lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk). There are Travel Lodges in Adlington & Macclesfield and a Premier Inn in Tytherington – all within 3 miles.

**Parish Hymn Books:** Please note the Gloria and Latin hymns are in the back of the new hymn books and they are not listed in the index.

**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.

**Caritas Survey:** Caritas have created a survey as we are interested in finding out what issues families face in Shrewsbury, and what services would be helpful in the local community. The survey has three questions and takes a minute to complete. We would be very grateful if you would complete the survey as detailed below. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6W8B5YK>

**Lodgings/Room request:** Ryan - young man: employed, looking for lodgings /room in a house. Limited budget: £300-£350 per month. Tel: 07733714711

**Food Bank:** Thank you for all the donations brought to our three churches each week. Our help and support is very much appreciated by those who run the Foodbank in the town. Donations can be left in the boxes at the Cathedral, St Winefride's and Our Lady of Pity.

**Request for a Cleaner:** Would any parishioner be able to help with a request for a part time cleaner? Needed for approximately 4 hours a week. The house is located just off Town Walls. Please contact Siobhan Connor Tel: 07966177025 or email [siobhanconnorpr@gmail.com](mailto:siobhanconnorpr@gmail.com) Many thanks.

**Thank you:** Josephine and Elizabeth Holles would like to thank all the parishioners for sending Mass and sympathy cards. We were overwhelmed with the love and concern that everyone has expressed. We appreciate your kindness.

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

**Talk 1. Fr Nick Kern on *Dei Verbum/ Word of God (Vatican II)***

**Sun Feb 16** Sacred Heart and St Peter's, Baguley 19:00-20:30 (registration 18:30)

**Wed Feb 19** St Columba's, Chester 19:00-20:30 (registration 18:30)

**Sat Feb 22** Shrewsbury Cathedral 11:00-12:30 (registration 10:30)

Collections	09 February
Cathedral	£592.82
St Winefride	£209.36
Institute of Christ the King	£201.15
Our Lady of Pity	£249.40

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## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 16 FEBRUARY 2020

Sat 15 February	9.30am	Cathedral	Breege Kelly	
<i>Vigil of the following:</i>	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP
Sun 16 February	8.30am	Cathedral	People of the Parish	Polish
<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal		
	9.30am	St George, Whitchurch		
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor	Eddie Geisler	RIP
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton		
	10.45am	Cathedral	Rosa Chackiath	
	11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor		EF
	6pm	Cathedral	The Parish House Group	
Mon 17 February	7.30am	Convent Chapel		
	12.15pm	Cathedral	Helena Ross	
Tue 18 February	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP
	12.15pm	Cathedral	Eddie Geisler	RIP
Wed 19 February	12.15pm	Cathedral	Edward Geisler	RIP
Thu 20 February	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP
	12.15pm	Cathedral	Martin John (Jack) Davitt	Ann. RIP
Fri 21 February	12.15pm	Cathedral	The Geisler Family	
Sat 22 February	9.30am	Cathedral	Marykuty Jose Chackiath	
<b>The Chair of St Peter, AP</b>				
<i>Vigil of the following:</i>	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP
Sun 23 February	8.30am	Cathedral	People of the Parish	Polish
<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal		
	9.30am	St George, Whitchurch		
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor	Thanks-giving for recovery	
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton		
<b>Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed</b>	10.45am	Cathedral	K.T Thomas	
	11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor		EF
	6pm	Cathedral	Sue and Hugh O'Donnell	

### Holy Mass Schedule: Ash Wednesday: 26 February 2020

7.30am (EF) Shrewsbury Cathedral  
 7.30am St George, Whitchurch  
 9.30am Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott  
 12.15pm Shrewsbury Cathedral  
 6.15pm Shrewsbury Cathedral  
 7.00pm (EF) Shrewsbury Cathedral  
 1.45pm: Shrewsbury Cathedral RC Primary School: Ash Wednesday Service/Liturgy

**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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