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St Vincent
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Turning Concern into Action

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2020



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

This Sunday across the parish we have an update on the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) followed by an appeal for support: practical, spiritual, and financial. Since 1968 when the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect, it is estimated that some 8.7 million abortions have taken place in the United Kingdom, an average of 202,000 a year, or 4,000 a week according to statistics examined by SPUC and verified by Full Fact, an independent fact-checking charity. Our hearts cannot fail to be moved either by the numbers of children who were not brought into the world or the grave and serious situations that may have motivated women to seek a termination rather than to bring their child to full term. We must pray for all expectant mothers, especially those women who are exploited, trafficked, or in particularly difficulty; for all those women who are presently considering ending their pregnancy for whatever reason; for the grace to build together a culture of life where abortion is no longer even thought of and every life is given the protection of the law from conception to natural death.

The Gospel this Sunday helps us understand something of life in the womb: St John the Baptist, who points out Our Lord as the 'Lamb of God' is recorded as leaping in the womb when he heard Our Lady greet St Elizabeth, her cousin, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. St John heard the voice of Our Lady even as she herself was carrying the infant Christ in her womb and John in the womb of his own mother heard and rejoiced. Let us open our hearts to hear the message from SPUC this Sunday and consider what each of us may do to protect life.

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.

CAFOD 20-week draw: Next session starts February, tickets on sale this week and next. Half of the £10 ticket price goes straight to CAFOD and the other half makes up 20+ prizes, each of which you have a chance of winning! Thank you and good luck!

PARISH EVENTS

First Holy Communion: On Saturday 25th January 2020 all parents/carers and children are invited to attend an enrolment Mass for the preparation to receive First Holy Communion. Mass is at 10am in the Cathedral.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) Party: Monday 27th January 2020 to be held in the Orchard Café at 7pm. Anyone connected to the CWL is welcome to join us.

Cheese and Wine Event for all interested in becoming a Youth Leader: On Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms. If you are planning on attending please either contact admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk or revowengallagher@gmail.com

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

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL): Thank you to all the parishioners for their support at the Carol Service, raising £674.57. Your kind donations will help FHL to support families and individuals who are struggling with education, employment and health issues and provide ongoing family support to those who desperately need it. With your help we can continue to provide financial support and hope to Christians in the Holy Land, showing them that they are not forgotten.

Cathedral Christmas Concert: 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. Please email Richard at: events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk to register your interest for this.

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_](https://www.instagram.com/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

Taizé Evening: Sunday 19th January 2020: It is the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, so it is a Churches Together in the Strettons joint service, hosted by the Methodist Church, on Watling Street South (the other side of the A49 from the petrol station). Start time is 6pm. Open to all, and all are welcome. Come along and join with people from the various churches in the Strettons, with reflective songs from Taizé, scripture readings, and thoughtful silence.

Street Pastor Inter-church service at St. Julian Centre: 25th January "Light the Night" is a new monthly service held at The St. Julian Centre open to all and in conjunction with Shrewsbury Street Pastors. The first part will include prayer, praise through music and an opportunity to share testimonies and words of encouragement. This will be followed by a time of refreshments and a chance to have chat. The second half will include more worship, a talk, reflection and prayer ending as we all gather and pray over the night's Street Pastor team who will be going out from St. Julian. For those who desire to stay and pray and be available to receive people in need of conversation, Godly council, prayer and hospitality, we will hold "The Night Watch" - for those interested in this part, please enrol for an hour or multiple hour-long slots so that we can cover from 10pm to 4am while the Street Pastors are on patrol. Please see posters at the back of church.

The Annual Formation Day for RCIA Teams: Saturday 25th January at Our Lady's Parish Centre, Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY. 10am Registration to 1pm finish. The day is led by Reuben Purchase and Caroline Farey (Diocesan Mission Catechists) and Father Chris Matthews (Diocesan Liturgy Office). Please book via anthony.timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 0151 652 9855.

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.

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 19th and 26th January for the Molodecki family.

Collections	12 January
Cathedral	£792.75
St Winefride	£349.61 Crib offerings: £66.08
Institute of Christ the King	no information at present
Our Lady of Pity	£252.40 Crib offerings: £26.60

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 19 JANUARY 2020

Sat 18 January The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Vigil of the following</i>	9.30am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Helen Kelleher Peter Carrott	RIP
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 Rose People of the Parish	 Polish RIP Sick EF
Mon 20 January	7.30am 12.15pm	Convent Chapel Cathedral	Sister Dorothy Patrick Murphy	RIP
Tue 21 January St Agnes, V, M	9.30am 12.15pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral	Mary Holles Frank and Nancy Kearney	RIP
Wed 22 January	9.30am 12.15pm	St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral	Mary Holles Clare Hanralty	RIP RIP
Thu 23 January	12.15pm	Cathedral	Helen Kelleher	RIP
Fri 24 January St Francis de Sales, B, D	12.15pm	Cathedral	The Donnelly Family	
Sat 25 January The Conversion of St Paul, Ap End of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Vigil of the following:</i>	10.00am 6pm	Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Josephine Maughan Follette and O'Donnell Families	
Sun 26 January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God	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	Betty Jones Breege Kelly Archie Spriggs People of the Parish	RIP 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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