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SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in Temple, when our Lady and St Joseph, obedient to the Law of Moses, 'redeemed' Our Lord by sacrificing two pigeons: the first-born son had to be 'bought back' from God as anything first born belonged to God. We see an example of this law later in the Gospel when the Lord wished to use the donkey for the entrance in to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; it had never been ridden on. This meant it was a first born donkey and was set apart for God's use. Therefore when the Lord requested to use it, it was God using a first born animal for His own use.

Two figures appear in today's feast: Simeon and Anna who dedicated their lives to God and Simeon had been promised that he would not see death until he had seen the Messiah. In the baby Jesus he recognised the Saviour and spoke what has become for us the prayer that forms part of the last Office of the day, Compline - the *Nunc Dimittis*.

Today marks the traditional end of Christmastide, forty days after the Nativity of our Lord. Soon another forty days will begin - those of Lent. In between, let us ask our Lady and St Joseph to pray for us.

Father Edmund

PARISH NEWS

Priests' Retirement Fund Annual Collection: This will take place this weekend. This collection helps to meet living costs of our retired clergy. **The way that Gift Aid will be collected on this special collection has changed - please collect a new envelope** (with the same photograph that appears on the poster) **from the back of church to use instead of one from a previous year. Alternatively you may wish to make a donation by scanning the QR (Quick Response) code on the poster at the back of church.** Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.

Rewiring and Relighting at St Winefride's: The rewiring works begin Monday 3rd February necessitating the closure of the church Monday-Friday. The church will then 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: Last chance today to enter the CAFOD 20-week draw; if you didn't get a ticket in church you can phone Margaret on Shrewsbury 350208 to order one. The draw takes place this week, and Week 1 winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.

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

PARISH EVENTS

The Lourdes Group: Will be serving homemade soup, in the Parish Room, during the Cathedral Coffee Morning from this week onwards, 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.

Cathedral Coffee: Will be served in the Chapter House after the 10.45am Mass this week by the **Children's Liturgy Group** and next week by the **Lourdes Group**. 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 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.

The February Bereavement Support Coffee Morning: Is on the first Monday of the month - Monday 3rd February from 10.30am to 12.00noon in the Parish Rooms. On the same morning we have a Walk and Talk group for anyone who would like to leave the parish room at 10.30am for a short walk returning to re-join the coffee morning at about 11.30am. All welcome.

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 9th February 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

Reading Groups for the study of Sacred Scripture: On Monday evenings from February 10th 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. If you are interested in attending, but would like further details, please send an email to Caroline Farey caroline.farey@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or Reuben Purchase reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) at the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis. Otherwise, you can just show up on the evening.

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 22nd 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

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 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)

52nd International Eucharistic Congress, Budapest, 13-20 Sept 2020: Details can be found on the official website <https://www.iec2020.hu/en>. If you are thinking of attending the Congress and wish to do so with the diocese, please contact the Diocesan Mission Secretary as soon as possible. Email: Anthony.Timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Tel: 0151 652 9855

Collections	26 January
Cathedral	£830.34
St Winefride	£318.95 Crib offering £5.00
Institute of Christ the King	£360.50
Our Lady of Pity	£279.80

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 2 FEBRUARY 2020

Sat 1 February	9.30am	Cathedral	Christine Barnes	
<i>Vigil of the following:</i>	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP
Sun 2 February	8.30am	Cathedral	People of the Parish	Polish
The Presentation of the Lord	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal		
	9.30am	St George, Whitchurch		
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor	Victor Garcia	RIP
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton		
	10.45am	Cathedral	Danny O'Donnell	
	11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor		EF
6pm	Cathedral	David Davies		
Mon 3 February	7.30am	Convent Chapel	Sister Mary Martin	RIP
St Werburgh, V	12.15pm	Cathedral	Marcel de Brauwere	RIP
Tue 4 February	12.15pm	Cathedral	Deceased members of the Hanley Family	RIP
Wed 5 February	12.15pm	Cathedral – Requiem Mass	Esther Gordon	RIP
St Agatha, V, M				
Thu 6 February	12.15pm	Cathedral	Peter Hanley	
Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Mm				
Fri 7 February	12.15pm	Cathedral	Deceased members of the O'Mahony Family	RIP
Sat 8 February	9.30am	Cathedral	Winifrid Nitich	RIP
Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Trafficking				
<i>Vigil of the following:</i>	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Butrichi and Bucci Family	
Sun 9 February	8.30am	Cathedral	Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kiun	Polish
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal		
	9.30am	St George, Whitchurch		
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor		
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton		
	10.45am	Cathedral	Rosa Arempadathil	
Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice	11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor		EF
6pm	Cathedral	People of the Parish		

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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