



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
AND SAINT PETER OF ALCANTARA



SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2019



Second Sunday of Advent (A)

CARITAS: SHREWSBURY

Across the parish this Sunday I am asking that we give to the appeal for Caritas: Diocese of Shrewsbury and a second collection will be taken up at each Mass. This collection will go directly to support the new initiative in the town, partnering with the Street Pastors, to provide much needed warmth, food, and friendly support to the growing number of homeless people in the town. Recently, as the cold weather has set in, you may have seen at the Cathedral people sleeping in the old side entrance. Homelessness and poverty are complex realities, yet we can each do something to help alleviate the distress and suffering of others. As the country goes to the polls this coming Thursday in a General Election, let us be sure to use our vote to seek the Common Good. Overleaf, you will be able to read the Bishop's statement concerning the General Election and what ought to underpin our choice of candidate as a follower of Jesus Christ when we make our mark on the ballot paper.

Father Edmund

PARISH NEWS

General Election Statement from Bishop Mark Davies: I commend the General Election Statement of the English and Welsh Bishops to be considered before the choice the nation makes on Thursday. As Christians, we must express the gravest concern that a number of political parties have dispensed with considerations of individual conscience making unequivocal manifesto commitments to deny the unborn child the right to life. I cannot fail to draw your attention to this further radical assault upon the sanctity of human life, presented as a programme for government and the danger of discarding the rights of individual conscience of parliamentarians in determining the right to life of the unborn child. Individual candidates may dissent from their party platforms; however, we could never give support to any policy which denies the most fundamental right to life itself - without which all other rights are without foundation. Let us pray for all who seek a mandate from us on Thursday and for light in making the difficult choices which an election involves.

Copies of the Bishops of England & Wales statement regarding the upcoming election on December 12th 2019 are available at the back of church.

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.

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 19 £10 prize No. 7 G. Hadfield

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.

Our Lady OF Pity: Thank you to all Catholic Children's Society/Caritas Box Holders at Our Lady of Pity. Total raised was £129.10.

SVP: Shrewsbury Cathedral SVP would again like to express sincere thanks to all who contributed to our collection in October. Gifts have continued to come in and we have now raised more than £1,800, an all-time record.

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 EVENTS

Advent Explore Day: Run by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT). Sunday 8th December 2019. 10.45am start with Mass and finishes at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All 11-16 year olds are invited to attend. Please contact the Cathedral office if you are planning to attend admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk

Saturday 14th December: The next meeting for First Holy Communion preparation will take place on the 14th December beginning with 9.30am Mass and then moving to the parish rooms for a brief meeting.

Concert Season: Shrewsbury Cathedral: Recitals from 2.00-2.45pm every Sunday until 15th December 2019. All are most welcome. Please see posters at the back of church. This week's concert is the Shrewsbury Youth Chamber Choir, Carol Service. The final concert of the season is an organ recital on the 15th December 2019.

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.

Christmas Concert: Being held in the Cathedral on Friday 20th December from 6.45pm. **Tickets are now available** at £6 each from the Orchard Cafe. Proceeds from the event will go towards the Cathedral and CARITAS.

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

Thank you: Pat Clarke would like to thank Fathers Gerard McGuinness and Isidore Madueke for their blessings at Mass on Sunday 24th November at St Winefride's, and a heartfelt thank you to all my parishioner friends for the splendid party given for my 90th birthday. Thank you so much for all the cards, holy masses and gifts plus the two(!) birthday cakes. God Bless you all, Pat.

Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School and Nursery: A note from the Head of School: I would like to take this opportunity to invite the parish community to some of our special events this Advent. The Key Stage 2 songs and readings will take place in the Cathedral at 6:00pm on Thursday 12th December and the Christmas Fayre will take place after school on Friday 13th December. You are all welcome to attend. You can also find more details about our Christmas events by using the school's website <https://www.blessededwardcampion.co.uk/> and reading our weekly newsletters.

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: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Psalm Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

| Collections | 1 st December |
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| Cathedral | £1148.08 |
| St Winefride | £315.07 World missions £11.38 |
| Institute of Christ the King | £209.01 |
| Our Lady of Pity | £306.65 |
| | 24 Nov: £284.33 Clergy education and training fund: £5.00 |

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Sat 7 December St Ambrose, B,D <i>Vigil of the following:</i> | 9.30am 6pm | Cathedral Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott | Agnieszka People of the Parish | |
| Sun 8 December Second 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 | Donald Gleeson All the sick and the housebound Charlotte Frost and Family Mary Baines | Polish EF |
| Mon 9 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 7.30am 12.15pm | Convent Chapel Cathedral | Teresa M Edwards Patricia Conroy | |
| Tue 10 December | 9.30am 12.15pm | Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral | All the sick and the Housebound Patricia Barron | |
| Wed 11 December | 9.30am 12.15pm | St Winefride, Monkmoor Requiem Mass Cathedral | Weeshie Fogarty Margaret Hamrogue | |
| Thu 12 December | 9.30am 12.15pm | Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott Cathedral | Peter Cooney Aunty Kathleen Clausen | |
| Fri 13 December St Lucy, V, M | 9.30am 12.15pm | St Winefride, Monkmoor Cathedral | Pope Francis Conor Walsh and Family | |
| 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 | |
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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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