



## SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL



# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

## SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020

The Cathedral exploratory works on the upper sanctuary began last Monday and have already yielded much more than we might have hoped for: it seems that much of the mosaic floor beneath the former platform and carpet is intact and can be restored. The temporary arrangements of using the Parish Room and a reduced-size Cathedral ought to carry us to 3<sup>rd</sup> April, just before Palm Sunday. You can see the developments via photographs on our Facebook page, our Twitter feed and we've also printed some out for display at the Cathedral. There are some viewing windows built into the screening around the workers' area, so at the weekends you can view the latest developments.

The works at St Winefride, Monkmoor are nearing completion and the lighting is very impressive. At Our Lady of Pity we've done a temporary repair to what looks to be a significant issue with the sanctuary arch: more on that when I have it. Meanwhile, as the Lord is shown 'transfigured' in the Gospel today, let us ask that the building works to renew the churches of our parish may inspire us to be 'transfigured' by Grace this Lent.

*Father Edmund*



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## 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](mailto:afmurray94@icloud.com)

**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.

**CAFOD 20-week draw:** Week. 5 £10 prize No. 88 U. Warlock

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

**Hand Sanitisers:** Automatic hand sanitiser dispensing units are currently on order. We hope to have these in all of the churches by next weekend. With the current Coronavirus outbreak, the World Health Organisation advises that we use alcohol-based hand gel to kill viruses that may be on our hands.

## PARISH EVENTS

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March we are beginning our 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 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and explore who God is!

**Concert Season:** Shrewsbury Cathedral: Recitals from 2.00-2.45pm. The next recital is on Sunday 8 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 7pm at 46 Preston St. SY2 5PG. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**Charity Pancake Event:** Thank you all for braving the weather and for your generosity. Thank you to Alix for the Mardi Gras music and to Hilary for all her enthusiasm and practical planning. Also a big thank you to Dave, Roger, and Carole and Caitriona, the SVP pancake flippers! £250 was raised for the SVP and the Street Pastors Soup hub.

**Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage:** The next pilgrimage is on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. The cost of this Pilgrimage is just £10.00 to cover the coach journey. Thank you for your continued support. Mary Roberts.

## OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

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

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

**The National Novena to St Joseph:** This will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

**Reflections on the Life of Oscar Romeo - Martyr for Faith:** Led by David McLoughlin (Emeritus Fellow of Newman University) on Saturday 14 March, 10.30am – 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary and St Luke, Church Road, Trench, Telford TF2 7HG. For further details call 01952 568118.

**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](mailto:anthony.timothy@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**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 and Liz Dutton on 01625 428498 [lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk](mailto:lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk). There are Travel Lodges in Adlington and Macclesfield and a Premier Inn in Tytherington – all within 3 miles.

**Vacancy:** A vacancy has arisen for the appointment of CEO at Caritas, Diocese of Shrewsbury. This is in the location of Wallasey and Manchester with regional travel. For more information please visit <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/news/job-vacancies/> closing date noon 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

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

Collections	1 March
Cathedral	£885.26
St Winefride	£319.92
Institute of Christ the King	£426.03
Our Lady of Pity	£258.00

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## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEK AHEAD: 8 MARCH 2020

Sat 7 March	9.30am	Cathedral (in Church)	Josie Maughan and Bonney Collens	RIP	
<i>Vigil of the following:</i>	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP	
Sun 8 March	8.30am	Cathedral	Michael Sullivan	Birthday Polish	
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	People of the Parish		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal			
	9.30am	St George, Whitchurch			
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor			
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton	Eddie Geisler		RIP
	10.45am	Cathedral	Anna Hughes		EF
	11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor			
6pm	Cathedral				
Mon 9 March	7.30am	Convent Chapel	Kathleen Jenkins (Bond)	Ann. RIP	
	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Teresa Maughan		
Tue 10 March	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mary Holles	RIP	
	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	The Williams Family	Sick	
Wed 11 March	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Peadar Kearney	Ann. RIP	
Thur 12 March	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Cardinal Pell	RIP	
	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Eddie Geisler		
Fri 13 March	12.15pm	Cathedral (Parish Rooms)	Lectio Divina Group		
Sat 14 March	<b>12 noon</b>	Cathedral (in Church)	Helen Easterbrook	Sick	
<b>Deaconate Formation Day hosted at the Cathedral</b>					
<i>Vigil of the following:</i>	6pm	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Mrs Margaret Fielden	Ann.RIP	
Sun 15 March	8.30am	Cathedral (in Church)	People of the Parish	Polish	
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9am	Our Lady of Pity, Harlescott	Eddie Geisler		
	9am	St Mary, Shifnal			
	9.30am	St George, Whitchurch			
	9.30am	St Winefride, Monkmoor			
	10.30am	St Joseph, Albrighton	Dorothy Rowe		Sick
	10.45am	Cathedral (in Church)	Michael Burke		EF
	11.15am	St Winefride, Monkmoor			
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

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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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