28 January 2024: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monthly Devotion: The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

Monthly Devotion: The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family

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<td>Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</td>
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<td>For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.</td>
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<td>The Presentation Of The Lord</td>
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<td>Requiem Mass: Leonarda Pirotta RIP No Mass</td>
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<td>For the Terminally Ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.</td>
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Confessions: are celebrated an hour before each Mass or by appointment via The Cathedral Office.

Canon Christopher Writes ….

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

As we announced last week, Bishop Mark has asked Father David to take up a new appointment from the beginning of Lent as an Assistant Priest serving the Parishes of Wythenshawe, Knutsford and Lymm. We thank Father David for his ministry here in The Cathedral Parish and wish him well as he takes up this new appointment. Unfortunately, there is no replacement for Father David, which will leave myself, Father Vijay and Father Sean stretched especially as I still have responsibility for the Parish of Shifnal & Albrighton. I do ask for your patience (and your prayers!) as I try to work out how all the responsibilities can be managed.

On a different note, I am traveling to Lourdes for the International Pilgrimage Directors Conference and for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. If you would like candles lit, Masses celebrated, or petitions taken to Lourdes please pass them to myself or to the Cathedral Office before Tuesday 6 February. I will remember you all in prayers whilst I am in Lourdes.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead.

Canon Phil Moor Vicar General: Please continue to pray for Canon Phil who is seriously ill in hospital. There have been some positive steps in his condition in the last week, but our prayers are still needed.
Baptism Group: The next baptism group is Thursday 1st February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Parish Room. If you wish to have your child baptised please contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance. Thank you

Bereavement Group: The next Bereavement Group will be on Monday 5th February. The Bereavement coffee morning is from 10.30am to 12noon in the Parish Room. The Parish Room is accessed via the steps near the Orchard Café.

Confirmation Candidates: The first session will take place on Sunday 11th February at 4.00pm in the Parish Room (Shrewsbury Cathedral). Please contact the Cathedral Office to register if you have not already done so.

Vacancies: Two vacancies have arisen for a Housekeeper/Cleaner (25 hours per week) and a Cook (for 20 hours per week) at Shrewsbury Cathedral. CV’s should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 2 February 2024. Further details can be found via the Diocesan website https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/

Diocesan Choir Festival: ‘Sing a New Song’ You are invited to come along and sing as part of a diocesan choir. Learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm. We will learn Schutz: Praise to you Lord Jesus, Schubert: Mass in G and more, on Saturday 24 February, 10.30am-4.30pm with Mass beginning at 5pm. At St Anthony’s, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Refreshments and registration from 10.30am, rehearsals begin at 11am. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. The cost is £5 per person, payable on the day. Book by completing the form at HTTP://TINYURL.COM/DIOCESANCHEIROFESTIVAL The deadline for bookings is Friday 16 February. For more information contact reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SVP: To help support refugees the SVP would greatly appreciate both adult and children’s bicycles and also sewing machines. If you can help please call Carole Yeomans 01743 359721. Thank you.

CAFOD 20-Week Club: Tickets for the next 20-Week Club will be on sale in both churches this week and next. It costs just £10 to be entered into the draw every week for 20 Weeks, with weekly prizes of £10, and bonuses at the end of each month. To buy a ticket, look out for a member of the CAFOD Group, or pick up an envelope from the back of either church, complete the slip, and pop the envelope & payment on the collection plate by today, 28th January, at the latest! Details of how to pay for the ticket are on the slip. Any queries, please contact christyderwas@btinternet.com

Prayer and Life Workshops: Do you feel like you are unsure how to pray? Do you ever wonder if your prayers will be heard? You can learn some of the most powerful Catholic methods of praying, to grow in greater confidence and a relationship with God, at the Prayer and Life Workshops. It is for everyone, whether you are a beginner or more experienced in prayer. For those that wish to join the workshops, they will continue for 15 weeks (from 13/01/2024) Saturdays at 2pm in the Parish Room.

St Winefrides: Owing to a recent Fire Assessment report, we have started to action some of the points that have been noted for the church to be compliant. We have re-arranged the back of the church so that the doors can be fully opened. Also some fire signs have been displayed and fire extinguishers put in stands. We have further points to action, one of which is to establish a team of volunteer stewards for all Masses. Please contact the Cathedral Office if you are interested in volunteering as a steward. Thank you.

Catechism Classes to begin soon for the children studying in non-Catholic schools: We are going to undertake catechism classes for children, studying in non-Catholic schools, aged 7 and above. If you are interested please register your child by emailing the Cathedral Office with the following details: the name of your child/children, date of birth, primary school name and parents contact details. Further details will be sent to all those who have expressed an interest in due course.

Marian Lamp: This week the lamp burns for the 54-day Novena group - Intentions of Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would like the lamp to burn for a particular intention please contact Laura in the Cathedral Office. A donation of £5 is suggested to help cover the cost.

54-day novena: The 54-day novena started again, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December. Do consider joining us as we pray in petition until Wednesday 3rd January and in confident thanksgiving from 4th to 30th January 2024.

SVP: The SVP are looking for volunteers willing to help children put their faith into action. Could this be you? The St Vincent de Paul Society have primary school groups called Mini Vinnies, and volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty and share resources to support the group. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month) who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). If you are passionate about helping children discover how they can make a difference in their communities, please email Sarah for more information on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk. You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. Our next initial training day is on Tuesday 27th February 2024.
Overview: Presentations on both the relational aspects of the marital relationship, and the faith/spiritual meaning of holy matrimony to help strengthen, heal and enrich your marriage. **Next Retreat:** 9th-11th February 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)
25th -27th October 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre, 89, Broughton Lane, Crewe CW2 8JS. Information and Bookings: Booking is essential - Go to the website at www.loving4life.co.uk or Contact: Jane Deegan jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435. Please see the leaflets at the back of the church.

**Three Days of Healing: 4 - 6 March 2024:** St Joseph's RC Church, Tatton Street, St Petersgate, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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**Cathedral Gift Shop Sale**

**Up to 50% off on selected products.**
Shop located in 'The Orchard' next to Shrewsbury Cathedral.

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**Please pray for:** Father Paul Lomas, Leonarda Pirotta, Luigi Valducci, Kathleen Goves, Patrick ‘Colin’ Grady, Elizabeth Cobbold-Dolan and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shepherd.

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**Safeguarding:** Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Tony Burns. Contact email: safeguarding@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk or via the Parish Office on 01743 290000 and our Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator is Andrew O'Brien 0151 652 9855

**Covid Updates:** * Please do not come to church if you are unwell or have Covid symptoms:* Please do use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave church.* Please do be sensitive to those around you and please respect others need for distance at this time.

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Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon  Ps 105:47  Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading  Deuteronomy 18:15-20  I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Psalm  Ps 94:1-2.6-9.R.v9  O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading  St Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35  An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

Gospel Acclamation  Mt 4.16  Alleluia, alleluia! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. Alleluia!

Gospel  Mark 1:21-28  He taught them with authority.

Communion Antiphon  Mt 5:3-4  Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

Cathedral Team:
Bishop: The Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury
Cathedral Dean: The Very Reverend Christopher Canon Matthews VE ChLJ BA (Hons) MA
Assistant Priest: Reverend Father Vijay Bhupathi
Assistant Priest: Reverend Father Sean Henry
Assistant Priest: Reverend Father David Irwin
Deacon: Reverend Mr Ronald Ball
Cathedral Secretary: Laura Butcher (admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk)
Development Officer: Richard Keddie (events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk)
Music Director: Jon Barton (music@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk)

Cathedral Office:  The Parish Office is usually open 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday – Friday
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Offertory Collection: OLP: £165.50
Offertory Collection: St Winefrides: £264.35
Priests Retirement Fund: £243.87
Standing Orders (December) Cathedral: £2,702.67
Standing Orders (December) OLP: £190.00
Standing Orders (December) St Winefrides: £620.00

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