25 February 2024: Second Sunday of Lent

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

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**For the Terminally Ill:** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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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.

In the Gospel today we hear Saint Mark’s account of the transfiguration. We are told that in front of Peter, James and John, Jesus is transfigured with his clothes becoming dazzlingly white, a vision of his divinity. Peter states that it is wonderful for them to be there, in the presence of such holiness. We too are called into that wonderful presence of Christ. We are called also to be transfigured, our very lives changed to be more like Christ, to be holy, to be a saint. That is at the heart of this great season of Lent, that we may be transformed by the loving presence of Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that these Lenten days are fruitful for us all as we grow closer to and more like Christ Jesus.

Please note the change of time for Mass on Thursday, this is due to the clergy meeting for the Deanery Conference. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten week ahead.

**Canon Phil Moor Vicar General:** Please continue to pray for Canon Phil who is still seriously ill.

**Saint Winefrides Parish Hall:** We are having to update the fuse board and some other electrical works to make the parish hall at St. Winefrides in-line with current regulations. The total cost is in the region of £1,200. We are looking for any help in terms of donations to help cover these costs. Any donations in a marked envelope will be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be made payable to Shrewsbury Cathedral. If you would like to undertake a fundraising activity for the works, please contact, Richard at the Cathedral: 01743 290077 to discuss. Thank you for your generosity.
Saint Winefride’s Red Boxes: Thank you to all donors for your support of APF/MISSIO via the boxes. If you wish to have your box emptied please either bring it along to Church or contact me on 07762 316837 or caunderwood65@gmail.com

Foodbank: Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank which is greatly appreciated. Some things (among others) currently in demand are: jam, tinned fruit, rice and shower gel. The food needs to have a good ‘use by’ date as it may need to be stored prior to being given out. Please do not leave anything requiring refrigeration. N.B. The Foodbank is unable to give out Paracetamol or any medication. If you have any questions please contact me, Christine, on 07762 316837 or caunderwood65@gmail.com

Ecumenical Breakfast – Please Come Along: Another joint breakfast is planned with members of St. Chad’s church on Saturday 9th March, 9.30 - 11.00am, in St Chad’s Church Hall. There will be an invited speaker, and the breakfast is free (although donations are welcomed). So that we know numbers/dietary requirements, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and/or email svp.suzanneorian@gmail.co.uk before 4th March. Also, it would be great if we could have some volunteers from the Catholic community to help the St. Chad’s volunteers to set up the breakfast. If you can help please contact Suzanne ASAP. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer 2024: Friday, 1st March 2024 at 11.00am, Bayston Hill Methodist Church, Lansdowne Road, Shrewsbury. Please see the poster at the back of church.

Governors Of The Blessed Edward Campion Federation – are pleased to announce that they have received confirmation from the Secretary of State that from Thursday 1st February 2024 the Federation will be joining Our Lady Help of Christians Multi Academy Trust. We wish both our schools’ staff and pupils every success for the future. Gay Kendrick – Chair of Governors.

The National Novena to St Joseph: 10th-18th March 2024 at St Joseph’s Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God’s blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11.00am. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena This year, a special Novena Prayer Booklet has been prepared, and is available on request for a suggested donation. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Parish DBS Renewal Programme: If you receive an invitation, please follow the link and complete the DBS Check Application, so that your application can be processed and checks carried out. If you have any questions about the DBS Renewal Programme or how Safeguarding applies to your group, then please send me an email or call the Parish Office. Thanks, Tony Burns (Parish Safeguarding Representative) safeguarding@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk

Mission for Evangelisation, Catechesis, Marriage & Family: the Our Father Resource is now available to download from the Diocesan website. We have created a Year of Prayer page and have uploaded a couple of other resources for both parishes and individuals. This is the link to the page: https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/faith-and-life/year-of-prayer-resources/

CAFOD 20 week club draw: The winner of the £10 this week is No 68 J Ferdinand. Congratulations!

CAFOD’S Family Fast Day, 23 February 2024 - Lent appeal: This Lent, your donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration: Following on from last year’s fantastic night of food, celebration and entertainment, we hope to repeat the craic on Saturday 16th March in the Orchard Café at 7:30pm. The evening will include, Irish Stew (plus a Vegetarian Stew), music, a fun quiz and good craic! If time permits, we’ll have an open mic for anybody who wants to entertain the masses. There’s no bar, so please bring your own drinks: glasses will be available. Signup sheets will be available in mid-February but please contact Alice (01743 625729), Tony (01743 246916) or Trish (01743 361347) or email Christine & Tony at tbrn@btinternet.com if you want to book your places now or want to volunteer your services as a musician, singer, poet, story-teller etc. Cost for evening we hope to be the same as last year, confirmation next week.

Confirmation Candidates: The next session will take place today, Sunday 25th February at 4.00pm in the Parish Room (Shrewsbury Cathedral).

First Holy Communion: Today, Sunday 25th February there will be an Enrolment Mass for the First Holy Communion children at 11.00am in The Cathedral.
54-day Novena group: The 54-day Novena group started on Ash Wednesday, praying in petition until 11th March and in thanksgiving until the Feast of Divine Mercy, 7th April. We will start again the following day, Monday 8th April, praying in petition until 4th May, and in thanksgiving until 31st May. In this way, our first Novena covers Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave; our second Novena commences on the (transferred) Feast of the Annunciation and encompasses the whole of the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Be encouraged, not daunted at the prospect of this lengthy commitment; it is better to embark and only partially complete rather than not embark at all. For more information, gratiaplenaShrewsbury@gmail.com

Bereavement Group: The next Bereavement Group will be on Monday 4th March. 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.

Baptism Group: The next baptism group is Thursday 7th March 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.

CANTORES OEUMENICA are Presenting "Olivet to Calvary" on Palm Sunday 24th March 2024 at 4pm in Holy Angels RC Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HF. The Soloists both have a background of Glyndebourne Opera and all are accompanied by the International Organist Jonathan Scott. Entry is FREE with a retiring collection for charity. ALL donations will go to the named charities. For further details, including directions to venue, follow this link http://cantoresoec.org/

Marian Lamp: This week the lamp burns for Madison. 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.

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.

Meditation Group: Drop in Meditation Group, Wednesdays 2-3pm, St Winefrides Convent, College Hill, Shrewsbury. All welcome. If there are any questions please email bentickbelinda@hotmail.com

Passion Play – ‘The Narrow Road’: Christ Church Bayston Hill, Saturday 2nd March 2024. Tickets are £10 full price, and £6 for a concession (under 18 and over 65). Tickets can be purchased online by going to www.baystonhillchurch.org Leaflet at the back of the church.

Please pray for: Patrick ‘Colin’ Grady, Elizabeth Cobb-o’Dolan and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shepherd.

What’s on this week:

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| Sunday | Saint Winefride’s: Children’s Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass  
11.00am: First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass  
12noon: Coffee after Mass in the Parish Room  
4.00-6.00pm: Confirmation Preparation: Parish Room  
5.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction |
| Monday |                                             |
| Tuesday| 7.30pm: Prayer Group                        |
| Wednesday| 5.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction          |
| Thursday| Scrabble Board Game in the Parish Room – All welcome  
7.00pm: Choir Rehearsal                     |
| Friday |                                             |
| Saturday| 10.00am-12noon: First Holy Communion  
2.00pm: Prayer and Life Workshop: Parish Room |
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## Readings at Mass

### Entrance Antiphon
Cf. Ps 24:6,2,22
Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

### First Reading
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

### Psalm
Ps 115:10. 15-19 R. Ps 114:9
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

### Second Reading
St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

### Gospel Acclamation
Mt 17:5
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

### Gospel
Mark 9:2-10
This is my Son, the Beloved.

### Communion Antiphon
Mt 17:5
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

### 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
- **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
- 12 Belmont, Shrewsbury, SY1 1TE
- 01743 290000
- admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk

### Accepting Contactless Donations
Please use your smartphone to make an online donation. Thank you.

### Income:
- **Offertory Collection: Cathedral:** £842.16
- **Offertory Collection: OLP:** £142.45
- **Offertory Collection: St Winefrides:** £238.60

### Standing Orders (January)
- Cathedral: £2,496.67
- OLP: £410.00
- St Winefrides: £835.00

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