



## SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

### 17 March 2024: Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Monthly Devotion:** The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	
Saturday	16	Ferial		12.15pm 2.00pm 6.00pm	Ted Delacy (RIP Ann.) First Confessions Private Intention	Cathedral Cathedral Saint Winefride
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>				
<b>March: For the New Martyrs:</b> We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.				8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.00pm	B V Mather (PI) People of the Parish Alan and Julie Tosu (Wedding Ann.) Holy Hour and Benediction All expectant mothers (PI)	Cathedral Saint Winefride Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral
Monday	18	Ferial		12.15pm	Canon Christopher Matthews (Birthday)	Cathedral
Tuesday	19	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am 12.15pm	No Mass Maria Cylwik (Ann.)	Saint Winefride Cathedral
Wednesday	20	Ferial		12.15pm 5.00pm	Sofia Melnychuck (PI) Holy Hour and Benediction	Cathedral Cathedral
Thursday	21	Ferial		9.30am 12.15pm	No Mass today All expectant mothers (PI)	Our Lady of Pity Cathedral
Friday	22	Ferial		12.15pm 6.00pm	Sandra and Bill Samler (RIP) No Mass	Cathedral Saint Winefride
Saturday	23	Ferial		12.15pm 6.00pm	Sister Patricia Jordan (PI) Deceased members of the Ferdinand Family	Cathedral Saint Winefride
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord</b>				
				8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.00pm	B V Mather (PI) Maureen Edworthy (RIP) Diocesan Intentions Holy Hour and Benediction People of the Parish	Cathedral Saint Winefride Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral

*Confessions: are celebrated an hour before each Mass or by appointment via The Cathedral Office.*

### Canon Christopher Writes ....

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

At the back of The Cathedral and Saint Winefride's church this weekend is a letter from Bishop Mark addressed to all the Parishioners of The Cathedral Parish of Our Lady, Saint Peter of Alcantara, and Saint Winefride, inviting us to begin a consultation on the future of Our Lady of Pity church building. Please do take a copy of the letter, read it, and pray about its contents. It is sad that we are having to consider the future of the church building, and so it is important that all parishioners have an opportunity to share their thoughts. As part of this consultation there will be a parish meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm (following the Holy Hour) in the Parish Room, and if we need a further meeting, we will arrange another opportunity. Parishioners can also write to the Bishop, and more information about how to do so is given in his letter. Thank you in anticipation of your prayerful insights on this issue.

Holy Week is almost upon us, so please pick up a copy of the program for this most holy of weeks.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten week ahead.

**Advance notice:** Save the date: Saturday 23 March 1pm to 3pm – Grand Cathedral Clean. Please join us as we clean and tidy the Cathedral ready for Holy Week. More hands make light work!

**Canon Phil Moor Vicar General:** Please continue to pray for Canon Phil who is continuing to recuperate.

**Can you help please?** It is very much hoped to put together a team of stewards, to be known as "Liturgy Stewards", to cover all the liturgical services throughout the year, other than the usual Sunday Masses. There are approximately 14 of these, each lasting between two to four hours, including arrival/leaving time for stewards. Whilst providing a sense of security and assistance for all attending, and serving your Cathedral at the same time, as a steward, it is also truly wonderful and a joy to be part of this ministry. Each liturgical service requires a good number of stewards, therefore, if you are interested, please contact the Cathedral Office, for your details to be then passed onto the team leader, who will contact you thereafter. Training will be provided and there is always the pre-service briefing! Your assistance would, indeed, be greatly appreciated. Thank you in anticipation.

**FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH:** In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalization of abortion up to birth (Daniel Kawczynski, MP for Shropshire: [daniel.kawczynski.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:daniel.kawczynski.mp@parliament.uk)). The *Right to Life* website has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* has helpful information under 'Resources.' The *Right to Life* website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to decriminalizing abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life. <https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

**Offertory Envelopes:** Offertory envelopes which commence in April 2024, are available for collection at the back of the churches, in alphabetical order of surname. If you do not find one with your name on it, but would like to donate in this way, please take one of the spare boxes. In the back of every box there are 3 spare envelopes to use for Clergy Education and Training, Communications and Priests' Retirement Fund special collections. Finally if you wish to join/or leave the Gift Aid scheme please contact Angela Pym via the Cathedral Office or on 0786 611 4751 or Ian Rechten on 07923884522. If you take a spare box please complete the index card and return it to the office. Thank you.

**Confirmation Candidates:** The next session will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm in the Parish Room (Shrewsbury Cathedral).

**Our Lady of Pity Red Boxes:** As you know I have recently taken over responsibility for the mission boxes from Elizabeth Holles and I would like to thank Elizabeth for her hard work and dedication over many years doing this job. Thank you to everyone who has already passed Mission money to me, or who has made contact. I, Christine Underwood, can be contacted on 01743 364329 (home), 07762 316837 (mobile) or [caunderwood65@gmail.com](mailto:caunderwood65@gmail.com)



**Cathedral Missio / Red boxes:** Spring Missio magazines are now available at the back of Church, please collect yours. If anyone has a red box which needs emptying, please put the contents in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and mine and hand it in to the Cathedral. Your continued support enables Missio to support missionaries worldwide to spread God's love and care for the poorest in our world. Thank you all so much and wishing you a Blessed Easter - Sue Ragdale.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE 2024:** The annual Marriage Mass will take place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Saint Columba's church Chester and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and newly married couples are invited. Please send your details to the Cathedral Office if you wish to attend.

**Parish Drop-In Coffee Morning - Every Third Tuesday of the month:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, from 9:30am – 12:00noon in the Parish Room. You are invited to come and have a chat over a drink and biscuits. Call Trish on 01743 361347 or Tony on 01743 246916 for more information. We hope to see you there.

**Bereavement Group:** The next Bereavement Group will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. The Bereavement coffee morning is from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Parish Room. The Parish Room is accessed via the steps near the Orchard Café.

**Chrism Mass:** This year the Diocesan Chrism Mass is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in Saint Michael and All Angels, Woodchurch. Everyone is welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024:** Maybe Our Lady is calling you to Lourdes this year, you maybe considering joining this years pilgrimage as an Assisted Pilgrim, Pilgrim, Youth Helper, Adult Helper or as a member of the Medical Team e.g. Doctors, Nurses or Carers, if so please get in touch with Christine & Tony on 01743 246916 or emailing [tbrn@btinternet.com](mailto:tbrn@btinternet.com) for more information or to ask those questions you have in your mind. The Diocesan brochure and booking forms are available from [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk). It would be great to have you with us!

**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](mailto:caunderwood65@gmail.com)

**Foodbank:** Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank which is greatly appreciated. There are collection boxes at the back of the Cathedral and St Winefride's. Some things (among others) currently in demand are: jam, tinned fruit, tinned veg/meat/main meals. The food needs to have a good 'best before' 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](mailto:caunderwood65@gmail.com)

**CAFOD 20 week club draw:** This week's winner of the £10 prize is No. 34 E Burke. Congratulations!

**First Holy Communion:** The next session will take place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, in the Parish Room, 10.00am-12 noon.

**54-day Novena group:** The **54-day Novena group** started on Ash Wednesday, praying in petition until 11<sup>th</sup> March and in thanksgiving until the Feast of Divine Mercy, 7<sup>th</sup> April. We will start again the following day, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, praying in petition until 4<sup>th</sup> May, and in thanksgiving until 31<sup>st</sup> 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, [gratiaplanaShrewsbury@gmail.com](mailto:gratiaplanaShrewsbury@gmail.com)

**Retreat for Catholic Singles at Stonyhurst:** "Called to Love" retreat for Catholic singles in May. Please see the poster at the back of church.

**Marian Lamp:** This week the lamp burns in Thanksgiving (PI). 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.

**Please pray for:** Pearl Sidoli and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shepherd.

**Safeguarding:** Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Tony Burns. Contact email: [safeguarding@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto: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.

#### What's on this week:

Sunday	Saint Winefride's: Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass 12 noon: Coffee after Mass in the Parish Room 2.00pm: Recital: Shrewsbury Cathedral 5.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction
Monday	
Tuesday	9.30am – 12 noon: Parish Drop-In coffee morning: Parish Room 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	1.00pm-3.00pm: Grand Cathedral Clean 2.00pm: Prayer and Life Workshop: Parish Room
Sunday	Saint Winefride's: Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass 12 noon: Coffee after Mass in the Parish Room 4.00-6.00pm: Confirmation Preparation Group: Parish Room 5.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction

## Readings at Mass

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Cf. Ps 42.1-2	Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.
<b>First Reading</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34	I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.
<b>Psalms</b>	Ps 50: 3-4. 12-15 R. v12	A pure heart create for me, O God.
<b>Second Reading</b>	Hebrews 5:7-9	He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Jn 12:26	Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
<b>Gospel</b>	John 12:20-30	If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Jn 12:24	Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

### Cathedral Team:

Bishop: The Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury  
 Cathedral Dean: The Very Reverend Christopher Canon Matthews VE ChLJ BA (Hons) MA  
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**Cathedral Office:** *The Parish Office is usually open 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday – Friday*



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Standing Orders (January) OLP: £410.00

*Offertory Collection: St Winefrides: £291.41*

Standing Orders (January) St Winefrides: £835.00

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