



SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL

24th March 2024: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

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

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	
Saturday	23	Ferial		12.15pm 6.00pm	Sister Patricia Jordan (PI) Deceased members of the Ferdinand Family	Cathedral Saint Winefride
Sunday	24	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord				
March: For the New Martyrs: 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) Maureen Edworthy (RIP) Diocesan Intentions Holy Hour and Benediction People of the Parish	Cathedral Saint Winefride Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral
Monday	25	Monday of Holy Week		12.15pm	Gordon and Jean Thew (RIP Ann.)	Cathedral
Tuesday	26	Tuesday of Holy Week		9.30am 12.15pm	No Mass Marie-France Martial (RIP Ann.)	Saint Winefride Cathedral
Wednesday	27	Wednesday of Holy Week		12.15pm 7.00pm	Simon Hardy (RIP) Diocesan Chrism Mass	Cathedral Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch.
Thursday	28	<i>Holy Thursday</i>		9.30am 7.00pm	No Mass today Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Watching until 10.00pm	Our Lady of Pity Cathedral
Friday	29	<i>Good Friday</i> <i>The Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>	Confessions in the Cathedral at 10.30am and 2pm	10.00am 10.00am 3.00pm	Ecumenical Walk of Witness Stations of the Cross The Good Friday Liturgy	St Mary's Church Cathedral Cathedral
Saturday	30	<i>Holy Saturday</i>		10.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Easter Vigil	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday	31	Easter Sunday				
				8.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Diamond Wedding Anniversary (PI) Joan Nicholson (RIP Ann.) Diocesan Intentions	Cathedral Saint Winefride 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.

The great week is upon us! This Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week when we journey with the Lord from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem through his arrest, crucifixion, and ultimate resurrection giving you and I new life in Him. Please take note of the times and venues of the Holy Week liturgies and events and join us if you can. Do try and find some time for reflection this week and enter into this most holy of weeks.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead.

Our Lady of Pity: Last week Bishop Mark wrote to us to begin a consultation on the future of the building of Our Lady of Pity. Please take a copy of the letter if you haven't already done so and pray about its contents. As part of the consultation there will be a meeting for parishioners on Wednesday 10 April at 6pm following the Holy Hour. You may also write directly to the Bishop and more details on how to do so are in his letter. Thank you in anticipation of your prayerful insights.

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

Confirmation Candidates: The next session will take place today Sunday 24th March at 4.00pm in the Parish Room (Shrewsbury Cathedral).

Liturgy Stewards: 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.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: You are invited to join in prayer with members and friends of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82815763187?pwd=XvQp7xzY7FJ8wJagoDG3aHyWa2nR5q.1>
Meeting ID: 828 1576 3187 You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom: +44 208 080 6591 United Kingdom. Please make any requests for the password to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

St Patrick's Day Celebration: Many thanks to everybody who helped to organise or support in any way, last weekend's St Patrick's Day Celebration and made it the great success that it was; especially the Musicians, Compare, Open Mic Turns, Bakers, Raffle Prize Donors, Helpers and Sandra and staff at the Orchard Cafe for making the Irish Stews. A great night was had by all. Unfortunately, due to an unfortunate mix-up, some raffle tickets didn't make it into the draw until partway through. Please accept our sincere apologies for this oversight. We're contacting those who may have been affected by this but, if you haven't been contacted by Wednesday next week, and you feel that you should have been, then please contact Tony or Christine on 01743 246916 or tbrn@btinternet.com, so that we can arrange to refund your stake. We're in the process of finalising details for our next event, a Quiz Night - watch this space!

Lourdes Group Coffee/Soup Mornings: The Lourdes Group has been serving soup during our Sunday Coffee Mornings, in the Parish Room, to raise funds for Parishioners who need financial support to go to Lourdes as Assisted Pilgrims or Volunteer Helpers. If you fall into either category, then please contact Christine or Tony (details in the St Patrick's Day entry) or come and have a chat during one of our Coffee Mornings; our next one is today.

Baptism Group: The next baptism group is Thursday 4th April 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.

Ecumenical Breakfast: Thank you to everyone who attended or helped at the ecumenical breakfast held at St. Chad's on 9th March. Your support was appreciated. Watch this space for the next breakfast!

A Six Week Introduction to Meditation: St Winefride's Convent, College Hill, Shrewsbury, Thursday 18th April 10am-11am. All are Welcome. Meditation is a 2,000 year old Christian tradition and a Universal practice. Discovering inner peace, and a deeper connection to God is a discipline. Over time with Meditation we become more grounded and centred. Facilitators Linda Bentick is a Meditator and a Special Interest Co-ordinator for Palliative and long term care with the World Community of Christian Meditation. (WCCM) Margaret Jarvis is a long Term Meditator and has been a Regional Co-Ordinator with the WCCM for many years. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please email me at; bentickbelinda@hotmail.com and I will get back to you. Suggested donation for the 6 week course is £10.

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.

Employment Opportunities: Deputy Head Teacher: SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, Newport (part of Our Blessed Saints School Federation) is seeking to appoint a highly motivated, dedicated, and inspirational Deputy Headteacher who can support the Headteacher in leading the school to the next stage on its exciting journey. Governors invite applications from practicing Catholic teachers. For further information please see the school website: [Employment Opportunities | SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School](#). Please contact the school office on 01952 386450 to arrange a visit to school during weeks beginning 18th March, 8th April and 15th April. The closing date for completed applications is Monday 22nd April at 5pm. Interviews will be held Thursday 2nd May.

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

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 8th 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.

Bereavement Group: The next Bereavement Group will be on **Monday 8th 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 27th 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 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. It would be great to have you with us!

CAFOD 20 week club draw: This week's winner of the £10 prize is No. 11 S Staniforth and the £30 bonus prize goes to No. 20 C Beale.

First Holy Communion: The next session will take place on Saturday, 20th 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 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, gratiaplenshrewsbury@gmail.com

Retreat for Catholic Singles at Stonyhurst: Please see the poster at the back of church.

Marian Lamp: This week the lamp burns for the Mariani Family (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, Maha Mai, Margaret Badiali and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shepherd. We also pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Fred Beddow whose anniversary is the 28th March.



British Summer Time: The clocks change on the last Sunday of March every year in the UK, moving forward by one hour. This marks the beginning of British Summer Time (BST). The clocks go forward on **31 March at 1am**.

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.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon	Mt 21:9	Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7	I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.
Psalms	Ps. 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R.v2	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Second Reading	St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11	He humbled himself, but God raised him high.
Gospel Acclamation	Mt 17:5	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Mark 14:1 - 15:47		
Communion Antiphon	Mt 26:42	Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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 (February) Cathedral: £2,702.67

Standing Orders (February) OLP: £300.00

Standing Orders (February) St Winefrides: £620.00

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