



SHREWSBURY  
CATHEDRAL

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Monthly Devotion:** The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

Day	Date	Celebration	Psalter	Mass Time	Mass Intention	
Saturday	11	<i>Ferial</i>		12.15pm 6.00pm	Geraldine Croft (RIP) People of the Parish	Cathedral Saint Winefride
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Day of Special Prayer for World Communications</b>			
<b>May:</b> For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.				8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	Grzegorz Berczynski (Sick) People of the Parish Winefride Claridge (RIP Ann: 14/05) Holy Hour and Benediction Polish Mass B V Mather (PI)	Cathedral Saint Winefride Cathedral Cathedral St Winefride Cathedral
Monday	13	<i>Ferial</i>		12.15pm	Emilio Lopez (RIP Ann.)	Cathedral
Tuesday	14	<i>St Matthias, Ap</i>		9.30am 12.15pm	No Mass Alan Aspinall (PI)	Saint Winefride Cathedral
Wednesday	15	<i>Ferial</i>		12.15pm 5.00pm	All Farmers (PI) Holy Hour and Benediction	Cathedral Cathedral
Thursday	16	<i>Ferial</i>		9.30am 12.15pm 1.15pm	No Mass today Robert 'Bob' Tedcastle (RIP) Funeral Service: Robert 'Bob' Tedcastle RIP	Our Lady of Pity Cathedral Emstrey Crematorium
Friday	17	<i>Ferial</i>		12.15pm 6.00pm	Geraldine Ann Burgoyne (RIP) Marie Lyon (RIP Ann: 12/05)	Cathedral Saint Winefride
Saturday	18	<i>Ferial</i>		10.30am 12.15pm 6.00pm	First Communion Mass No Mass Teodora Santiago (RIP Ann.)	Cathedral Cathedral Saint Winefride
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>Day of Special Prayer for the Church</b>			
				8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	B V Mather (PI) Brendan Fitzpatrick (RIP Ann.) Pat Jubb (RIP Ann.) Mass of Confirmation No Holy Hour and Benediction People of the Parish	Cathedral Saint Winefride Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral Cathedral

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

**Canon Christopher Writes ....**

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to the 'Thank you' Mass and BBQ last week, a great afternoon was had by all! Many thanks also to Laura, Richard and Jonny who organised the BBQ for us – much appreciated by everyone. At the Mass we presented Francis Hick with his gold medal of the Saint Stephen Guild for sixty-two years of service at the altar. Congratulations to Francis!

Next weekend we have both our First Holy Communion Mass and Mass of Confirmation. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they receive these great sacraments, and may they continue to grow closer to the Lord Jesus and receive all the graces of these sacraments. Please also note any changes in times for next weekend.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead.

**Procession:** May is the month which is especially dedicated to the Mother of God. On the 13th; The feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Father Sean will lead four decades of the Rosary after the 12:15 Mass in the Cathedral. There will be a short procession to the outdoor shrine with the fifth decade being prayed there. For those who would like to, please bring with you flowering outdoor plants so we can decorate Our Lady's shrine in a fitting way during this month of May.

*O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.* Additionally, during May, our discerners will lead the Rosary, each Saturday from 11.45am, before the 12:15 Mass.

**Cathedral Office:** Due to staff holidays the Cathedral Office will not be operating at full capacity for the next two weeks. Please be patient as we do our best to respond to everything. If you need to visit the Office, please telephone (01743 290077) in advance to ensure there will be someone to greet you. Many thanks for your cooperation.

**Volunteers:** We simply could not open our doors without the help of so many, but there is always room for more hands! There are lots of opportunities to serve the Lord and your fellow parishioners in our parish, so please pray and consider supporting the parish with your time and energy. Perhaps serving as a steward or Liturgical steward, join the choir or music group, serve on the altar, read at Mass (Sundays or weekdays), help keep our churches clean and sparkling, arrange the flowers, serve tea after Mass, join the parish social team, keep our grounds neat and tidy, volunteer in the office, with our social media, support our young people as catechists for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, and so many more roles. We especially want to offer catechesis to our children who are not in Catholic schools – could you help with that? If so please email [admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto:admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk)

**Urgent Appeal for Help at Saint Winefride's church:** It is great to see the numbers attending Mass rising, however it means we urgently need to put a team of stewards in place to ensure everyone remains safe during our liturgies. We are looking for volunteers to assist in this vital ministry. If you think you can help please contact The Cathedral Office and leave your name and contact details. We will arrange a meeting very soon. Perhaps you would be willing to coordinate the team of stewards? Again, please contact the Cathedral Office. Many thanks in anticipation.

**Baby Clothes Sharing Event St Winefride's Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Babystop is a local charity which supports families by sharing baby items at their regular babyshares. Their aim is to help save the planet by encouraging recycling, whilst helping families save money. They are bringing a pop-up share to St Winefride's Church Hall, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2-3.30pm. They have new and pre-loved clothes, baby toiletries, feeding equipment, toys, books, nappies and more. Some are new, some pre-loved, but all are looking for new homes. All items are free but they do have a donation box to help cover costs, but no obligation. They also encourage people to bring along any baby items that you and baby no longer need to find them much appreciated new homes. For more information please check out their website [babystop.uk](http://babystop.uk) or contact Trish Coxhead Tel 361347. Everyone is welcome to come along and help to save the planet and the pennies, one baby step at a time!

**Parish Social Events 2024:** The Parish Social Group has put together a programme of events for the rest of the year (see table opposite). Please put place holders in your diary for any events that may interest you. Dates and events may be subject to change or cancellation but full details will be published before each event.

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sing-a-long-Mama-Mia 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Quiz Night
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Treasure Hunt
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Fete
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Quiz Night
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Bingo & Pizza Night
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Sing-A-long-Sister-Act
tbc December	Carol Service
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Burns Night

**Lourdes Group:** Today will be the last time, until the colder weather returns, that we will be serving soup during our Coffee Mornings. We should resume in the Autumn. A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who has supported us since last Autumn and helped us to raise £350 towards our funds.

**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 potatoes/veg/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, such as cheese triangles or slices as there are no facilities to store these. If you have any questions please contact me, Christine, on 07762 316837 or [caunderwood65@gmail.com](mailto:caunderwood65@gmail.com)

**Book Sale:** The recent book sale for Friends of the Holy Land raised £455. This was an amazing result due not only to the sale of books but also some very generous donations from our parishioners. Many thanks for your support; those who donated books, bought them and assisted with the book sale. The money is now on its way to the Holy Land where it will provide much needed help for a beleaguered population.

**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.

**Bereavement Group:** Owing to the Bank Holiday, the next Bereavement Group will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**Parish Drop-In Coffee Morning - Every Third Tuesday of the month:** Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 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.

**CAFOD 20 week club draw:** The winner of this week’s £10 is No 40 – V. Richard. Congratulations!

**Mental Health Awareness Week, 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** Please keep all those suffering with mental health in your prayers, along with their families and health care professionals. For more information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>

**Confirmation:** The next session will take place today, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, in the Parish Room, 2.00pm-5.30pm. Please pray for our Confirmation children and their families.

**Recital Season:** Today, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 we welcome **Joseph Dawson, playing the Cello**. Recitals are free to enjoy and we take a retiring collection that benefits the performer. The recitals start at 2.00pm. Please do come and support us and the artist. Thank you.

**The Annual National March For Life** – London, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Coach seat reservations are now being taken. Leaving from Shrewsbury (with a second, yet-to-be-decided, Shropshire pick-up point), a coach is being provided for this year’s pro-life march in London, which is attended by many thousands. If you would like to join us on the march and be a witness to the nation, call 07952 159555, or email [prolife@bridgnorth.email](mailto:prolife@bridgnorth.email) to reserve your seat as soon as possible and to receive further information. Seats are £35/person. March For Life website: [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**54-day Novena group:** We are now praying in confident thanksgiving that the Mother of God has prayed for our intentions. We will conclude on 31st May, along the way celebrating the Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and the entire month dedicated to the Queen of Heaven. One can start this powerful novena at any time, but, for your diary, our little group will set sail again on Saturday 22nd June, praying in petition until Thursday 18th July, and in thanksgiving from Friday 19th July until Wednesday 14th August, in preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption the following day.

**Marian Lamp:** This week the lamp burns for Wieslaw Bednarek. 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:** Brian Millington, Ann Moogan, Bob Tedcastle, Margaret Beddows, and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace in the arms of the Good Shepherd.

**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!

**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

**What’s on this week:**

<b>Sunday</b>	Saint Winefride’s: Children’s Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass 12 noon: Coffee after Mass in the Parish Room 2.00pm: Recital 2.00pm: Confirmation Retreat Day in the Parish Room 5.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction
Monday	10.30am to 12 noon: Bereavement Group in the Parish Room
Tuesday	7.30pm: Prayer Group
Wednesday	5.00pm: Holy Hour and Benediction
Thursday	10.00am: Meditation Group in the Parish Room 1.00pm: Scrabble Board Game in the Orchard – All welcome 7.00pm: Choir Rehearsal
Friday	
Saturday	10.30am: Holy Communion Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	Saint Winefride’s: Children’s Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass 12 noon: Coffee after Mass in the Parish Room 3.00pm: Mass of Confirmation 5.00pm: No Holy Hour and Benediction





## Readings at Mass

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	Cf. Ps 26:7-9	O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts of the Apostles. 1:15-17. 20-26	We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20. R.v.19	The Lord has set his sway in heaven.
<b>Second Reading</b>	St John 4:11-16	Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	cf. Jn 14:18	Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave your orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	John 17:11-19	That they may be one like us!
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Jn 17:22	Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

### Cathedral Team:

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