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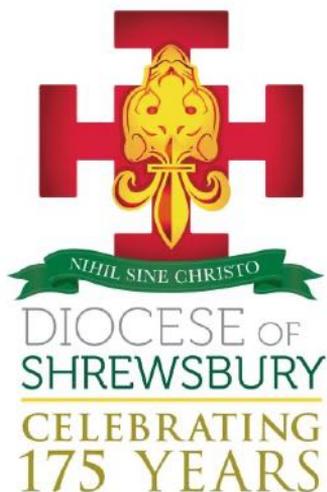


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BISHOP'S FOREWORD

This year the Diocese reaches the 175th year of its life and mission. The founding generation of the Diocese back in 1850, amounted to little more than 1 bishop, 26 priests and scattered communities of the faithful, amounting to a mere handful of people. They could scarcely have pictured the growth and development of the Diocese into the 21st Century recorded in these pages.

Yet, the founding generation would certainly recognise the same Faith and the same Sacraments, above all, the one Eucharist, Sacrifice and Sacrament, on which all has been

built across these 175 years. And all in communion with the Successor of Saint Peter, from Pope Pius IX of blessed memory to our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, whose election to the Chair of Saint Peter, the cover of this Yearbook celebrates.

Our Cathedral of Shrewsbury which many have known the joy of visiting during the Jubilee Year, celebrates 170 years since its doors first opened in the Autumn of 1856. All the history of our Diocese has passed in some way through those doors. It is wonderful to see so much of its beauty renewed as a place of prayer and pilgrimage where the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist are daily frequented. We give thanks to God for “the little flock” in Shrewsbury who together with the generosity of the Earl of Shrewsbury and a recent convert, Charles Cholmondeley, made the building of this diminutive Mother Church of our Diocese possible.

Our Diocesan Yearbook also celebrates an anniversary of 95 years since its first publication in 1931. Its pages have faithfully recorded our Diocesan story through change and upheaval, to the continuing mission to which the pages of this 2026 Yearbook give witness. I wish to record my thanks to Mr Anthony Timothy and all who have made this publication possible. It must finally be to the Blessed Virgin Mary to whom a handful of the faithful first entrusted themselves at the beginning of the Shrewsbury Diocese, that we must turn as truly the Help of Christians in every generation.

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Bishop of Shrewsbury





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THE POPE AND THE NATIONAL HIERARCHY

LEO XIV

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His Holiness Pope Leo XIV (Robert Francis Prevost OSA) born in Chicago, Illinois, USA 14 September 1955; made final profession with the Order of St Augustine (Augustinians) 29 August 1981; ordained Priest 19 June 1982; elected Prior General of the Order of St Augustine in 2001 and reelected in 2007; appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru on 3 November 2014; ordained Bishop 12 December 2014; appointed Bishop of Chiclayo 25 September 2015; appointed a member of the Congregation for Clergy 13 July 2019; appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Callao, Peru 15 April 2020; appointed member of the Congregation for Bishops 21 November 2020; appointed Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and Archbishop on 30 January 2023; created a Cardinal by Pope Francis at the consistory of 30 September 2023; elected Pope 8 May 2025, installed 18 May 2025.

His Holiness is represented in many countries by nuncios, and many governments are in turn represented at the Vatican by ambassadors or ministers; the British Government has an ambassador to the Holy See. The cardinals constitute the senate of the Church and, with the congregations of the Roman Curia, assist the Pope in the government of the universal Church.

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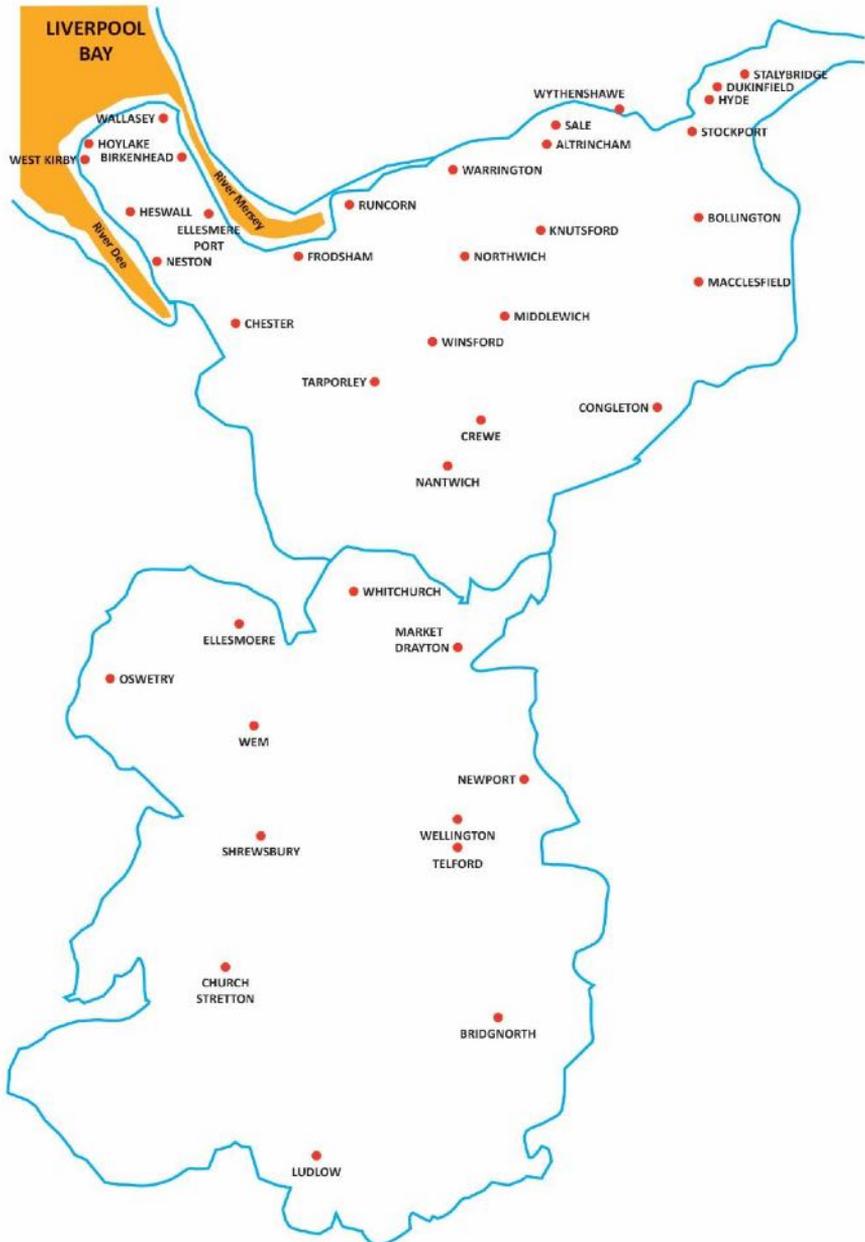
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DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

THE 175 YEAR JOURNEY OF THE SHREWSBURY DIOCESE

At Southwark Cathedral on 27th July 1851, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman ordained James Brown as the first Bishop of Shrewsbury in the final act of the renewal of a Catholic Hierarchy in England. Bishop Ullathorne of Birmingham had warned the newly appointed bishop of the urgency of receiving episcopal ordination because anti-Catholic feeling was rising in the country. Less than a year later, James Brown sat with all the bishops in the Chapel of Saint Mary's College in Birmingham, to hear Saint John Henry Newman deliver one of the most celebrated sermons in the English language. A sermon which evoked the context in which the Shrewsbury Diocese began 175 years ago this summer. Newman declared this to be part of the "Second Spring" of the Catholic Church in England.

To this day we see around us the beautiful remnants of the 'first spring' of Catholic England which stood for a thousand years. Newman reminded the assembled bishops that just three centuries before, *"The Catholic Church, that great creation of God's power; stood in this land in pride of place. It had the honours of near a thousand years upon it; it was enthroned in some twenty sees up and down the broad country... and was ennobled by a host of Saints and Martyrs."* This flowering of holiness was represented in the shrines of so many Saints across the English landscape which expressed the bond of communion between the Church in Heaven and on earth.

When what suddenly broke like a violent storm on the Church in this land, all seemed lost as Newman poignantly described as: *"priests cast out and martyred ... sacrileges innumerable ... temples profaned or destroyed ... the presence of Catholicism simply removed – its grace disowned ..."* the Church in England died, yet Newman confidently declared, *"the Church lives again."* For he insisted we could never suppose that *"the blood of the martyrs, three centuries ago and since, shall never receive recompense ... Was not every tear that flowed and every drop of blood that was shed, the seeds of a future harvest, when they who sowed in sorrow were to reap in joy."*

Yet, when our first bishop surveyed this new Diocese of Shrewsbury, he saw a desolate scene which he graphically described in a Pastoral Letter, where the Mass heroically continued but for *"want of means ... the Holy Sacrifice is offered in a room of a public tavern ... in a loft over a stable ... over a blacksmith's shop."* The enormity of the achievement by 26 diocesan priests and the people they served in scattered communities across Shropshire, Cheshire and the six counties of Northern Wales, saw the foundation of all we know as the Shrewsbury Diocese today.

Twelve months into the journey of this Diocese, Saint John Henry Newman had expressed supernatural confidence in a situation which seemed humanly unpromising. *"Canterbury has gone its way"* he declared, *"York is gone, and Winchester is gone ..."* yet *"Westminster and Nottingham ... Northampton and Shrewsbury, if the world lasts, shall be names as musical to the ear, as stirring to the heart, as the glories we have lost ... and Saints shall arise out of them."*

Newman's vision inspired these pioneering years with the ultimate goal of holiness. The unfolding chapters of our story would see the struggle to build the foundations of a new diocese and then a continuous expansion into 20th Century alongside the growth of industrial towns and new housing estates. A highpoint was witnessed in Bishop John

Murphy's ambitious building programmes of new churches and schools following the Second World War. At the beginning of Bishop Eric Graser's episcopate, the Diocese had reached a statistical highpoint in the number of faithful attending Mass and in responding to the great Christian vocations of ordination, marriage, and the consecrated life. Yet, these same years marked the beginning of a steady decline which continued into the late 20th Century.

As the 21st Century dawned, Pope Saint John Paul II challenged us to embark on nothing less than a New Evangelisation as the Diocese prepared for the rationalisation of the number of churches and parishes. Bishop Brian Noble would see the beginning of a remarkable development in the arrival of new Catholics from Asia, Africa and from Central and Eastern Europe, together with the faithful witness of priests who came from overseas to serve the changing communities of the Diocese. A development not foreseen in Newman's 1852 Sermon, yet this would form part of our providential springtime.

As the eleventh bishop, following a long line of dedicated labourers in the vineyard of the Diocese, I was conscious of the need for an increase of faith and faithfulness in a society which variously manifests indifference, hostility and frequently falls prey to increasingly insidious ideologies. At this challenging moment we have need to deepen our interior lives and our sense of mission to win souls for Christ. In this I was guided by the words Jesus Himself spoke on the night He instituted the Holy Eucharist: *"Without me you can do nothing"*¹ Indeed, in my first words as bishop I turned to Saint John Henry Newman's Sermon, like many of my predecessors, echoing his words, *"One thing I know that according to our need, so will be our strength."* In this supernatural trust, we now seek to build on the foundation already set in place, Christ Himself present with us always in the Mystery of the Eucharist.

As we come to the 175th year as a Diocese, we can give thanks for the faithful witness of many who have gone before us, a witness which remains visible in our churches, schools, and institutions. Let us never forget the love and sacrifices with which they were built. In 2026, we can see week after week in our parishes and schools; in the candidates coming forward for Confirmation; in the young adults seeking faith and Baptism and in the steady stream of new vocations to the Priesthood, the Shrewsbury Diocese as it will be at its Bi-Centenary in just 25 years. May these new generations be able to give thanks for our faithfulness.

Bishop Mark Davies

¹ Jn.15:5

FORMER BISHOPS OF THE DIOCESE

Right Reverend James Brown, first Bishop; born in Wolverhampton, 11 January 1812; elected Bishop June 1851; consecrated in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, by Cardinal Wiseman, 27 July 1851; died 14 October 1881.

Right Reverend Edmund Knight, second Bishop; born 27 August 1827; elected as Bishop-Auxiliary and consecrated in Our Lady's, Birkenhead on 25 July 1879 by Cardinal Manning; translated to Shrewsbury on 25 April 1882; resigned 11 May 1895; translated to Flavia 28 May 1895; died 9 June 1905.

Right Reverend John Carroll, third Bishop; born near Castleblaney, Co Monaghan, 16 March 1838; consecrated in Our Lady's, Birkenhead on 28 October 1893 as Bishop-Coadjutor; succeeded 1 May 1895; died in Birkenhead on 14 January 1897.

Right Reverend Samuel Webster Allen, fourth Bishop; born in Stockport 23 March 1844; consecrated in Shrewsbury Cathedral by Cardinal Vaughan on 16 June 1897; died 13 May 1908.

Right Reverend Hugh Singleton, fifth Bishop; born in Birkenhead on 30 July 1851; consecrated at St Joseph's, Seacombe, on 21 September 1908 by Cardinal Bourne; died in Birkenhead on 17 December 1934.

Right Reverend Ambrose James Moriarty, sixth Bishop; born in Stockport on 7 August 1870; consecrated Bishop-Coadjutor 28 January 1932; succeeded on 17 December 1934; died 3 June 1949.

Right Reverend John Aloysius Murphy, seventh Bishop; born in Birkenhead on 21 December 1905; consecrated Bishop-Coadjutor on 25 February 1948 in St Werburgh's, Chester, by Archbishop Godfrey; succeeded on 3 June 1949; translated to Cardiff on 26 August 1961; retired 25 March 1983; died 18 November 1995.

Right Reverend William Eric Grasar, eighth Bishop; born in Scunthorpe on 18 May 1913; consecrated by Archbishop Grimshaw on 27 June 1962; retired 30 August 1980; died 28 December 1982.

Right Reverend Joseph Gray, ninth Bishop; born in Finternagh, Co Cavan, 20 October 1919; ordained Bishop of Mercia and Auxiliary for Liverpool by Archbishop Beck, 16 February 1969; transferred Shrewsbury 30 September 1980; retired 30 August 1995; died 7 May 1999.

Right Reverend Brian Michael Noble, tenth Bishop; born in Lancaster, 11 April 1936, ordained Priest 11 June 1960; ordained Bishop in St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, 30 August 1995 by Archbishop Couve de Murville; retired 1 October 2010. Died 21 October 2019.

St Werburgh's Chester And The Year Of Pilgrimage

Pilgrimages come in all shapes and sizes. Medieval ones could take several months, and many people today like to spend several weeks on the Camino de Santiago through France and Spain. Our Diocese goes on pilgrimage to Lourdes for the best part of a week every year. But here in our Parish, we have had wonderful one and two day pilgrimages this year, to mark the Jubilee Year and its theme of Pilgrims of Hope and also our own 150th Anniversary of the present church. 2025 has been filled with so many activities and celebration events, and some of the highlights have been the two-day pilgrimage to Holywell and two one-day visits to our own Cathedral at Shrewsbury.



Parish Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral

Travelling to Shrewsbury needs no planning, being under an hour by direct train. Twenty-five of us set off on both days, a stunning ride down the Welsh Marches. A leisurely stroll through the town allowed us all to appreciate what a beautiful place Shrewsbury is: past the statue of Charles Darwin outside the old Shrewsbury School, a chance to see the residence of the former Bishops at the Council House, and coffee at the old Salop Royal Infirmary.

In fifteen minutes you are at the Cathedral, situated on Belmont one of the loveliest streets in the town. A warm welcome from the team there, and Mass at 12.15, thanks to the courtesy of Fr Sean and his fellow Priests. Lunch in the Orchard Café followed and then a guided tour of the Cathedral, seeing its treasures old and new. The newest for some of us was the magnificent tiled floor, for too long concealed under carpet. A chance to venerate one of the Cathedral's relics, Stations of the Cross led by one of our Church Students, and time for the stroll back to the Station.

It was a beautiful day, and we cannot recommend a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral too highly to other Parishes.



Fr Paul Shaw with Pilgrims from Chester at Shrewsbury Cathedral

Pilgrimage Walk to the Shrine of St Winefride in Holywell

So, how about a Parish Pilgrimage Walk to the shrine of St Winefride at Holywell?

Could we make it happen? The planning and preparation brought together a team who went on a planning journey of their own: route finding, risk assessments, insurance cover, communications, signing up of participants, preparatory walks and selection of appropriate worship. This phase, over many months, formed new friendships and gave us a fresh opportunity to offer our talents to the Parish.

The Pilgrimage itself took place on the weekend of the Feast of SS Peter & Paul, 28th & 29th June. The weather was wonderfully kind to us. On the Saturday we walked approximately thirteen miles from St Werburgh's via the canal towpath, the Millennium Greenway and the Wales Coastal Path to Flint, before taking the train back to Chester. During stops we prayed the Northumbria Community Office and used other prayers and reflections appropriate to the location and journey.

A highlight was being welcomed for our first major stop at the Church in Wales Parish of St Bartholomew's at Sealand, who specially opened their café to serve us food and coffee. We prayed together before departing with a sense of a new link forged between two worshipping Christian communities.

On the Sunday morning after an early 8.00 am Pilgrims' Mass specially for us at St Werburgh's, we took the train back to Flint to restart the walk. We covered approximately seven miles along the Coastal Path to the ruins of Basingwerke Abbey, and then the final mile to the shrine. There we were warmly welcomed, arriving just in time for devotional prayers followed by bathing. For those who have not experienced it, the waters are bracing (or perhaps icy would be a fairer description). Bus and train got us back to Chester late afternoon.

In total thirty-three people participated in the Pilgrimage, most on both days, some on just one, with two wonderful Support Pilgrims who were able to accompany us all the way providing emergency support by car and finding us to join most worship stops. There was a great balance to the group, which included an age span from school age to the over seventies, single walkers, couples and small family groups. Both days we included an extended stretch of walking in silence. Whilst the conversations on the walk were rich and allowed many of us to get to know fellow Pilgrims much better, the silence offered space to



Through Wales towards the Shrine of St Winefride, a place of pilgrimage for over 900 years



Pilgrims from St Werburgh's at St Winefride's Well, Holywell



Pilgrims take a break on the journey

reflect and pray in a way that rarely seems available.

The Pilgrimage formed many new relationships within the Parish community and beyond (and a few blisters). It gave many of us the opportunity to escape from the daily busyness and open ourselves to God's voice in a range of environments.

We would really encourage other Parishes to consider something similar and would be delighted to share our experience, and even the route and worship materials.

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News from the Cathedral

In this year of Jubilee, Pope Francis told us that, 'we are called to set out with the marvel of the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem'. Set out with haste to rediscover the hope which comes from God; 'it is this hope' he told us, that is 'based on Christ who died and rose again, that we wish to celebrate, ponder and proclaim to the whole world in the coming Jubilee.'¹ His call has been heard by many of our parishes and schools from around the diocese and their response has led them to the Cathedral this year. They have been supported and welcomed by the Cathedral team and its many faithful and committed volunteers.

Alongside the practical elements of any Cathedral, we have witnessed a year of wonderful things in the mother church of our diocese, things



Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025 at Shrewsbury Cathedral - 29th December 2024.

[1] OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR AND MIDNIGHT MASS BEGINNING OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE. Francis. 2024.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html>

[1] Diocese of Shrewsbury Diocesan Yearbook 2025. (Gemini Print: Warrington UK). 149.

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[1] Sermon 10. The Second Spring. J.H. Newman. 1852. <https://www.newmanreader.org/works/occasions/sermon10.html>

which can only be seen through a supernatural lens which allows us to ‘marvel’ as the shepherds of Bethlehem did.

The death of Pope Francis led many people to this same marvel and wonder, as they watched the events and ceremonies unfold on television. Our eyes were then redirected to the joyful election of Pope Leo XIV. The Holy Father greeted the Church and the world with the first words of the risen Christ; ‘peace be with you!’ The same Christ who offers us hope.

170th Anniversary of Shrewsbury Cathedral

What does this mean for the Cathedral? There has been a new and fresh desire for Christ and His Church. Like many of our parishes in England, and indeed in Europe, Mass attendance has increased along with an increase of people approaching the Church to learn more about the hope and peace that Christ desires to give. The mission of the Cathedral has been placed under the protection of St Joseph, whose silent witness points once again to marvel and wonder.

The Cathedral parish joined our Greek Orthodox brothers and sisters at many of the occasions held to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Nicaea Council and the profession of faith which we share.

On a practical level, the Cathedral floor has been restored and the next phase of renewal is underway. Plans for this are pending the much-needed funds, which are generously gifted by donors.

As Canon Christopher Matthews noted in last year’s edition of the Yearbook, ‘the work of the Cathedral is ultimately for the greater glory of God’² and it is by offering Him the gifts He gives us that we give Him glory. In Him, Pope Francis again reminded us ‘the “holy door” of God’s heart lies open before you. Jesus, God-with-us, is born for you, for me, for us, for every man and woman. And remember that with him, joy flourishes; with him, life changes; with him, hope does not disappoint.’³

As we embark on this coming year we celebrate another anniversary; 170 years of the Cathedral here in Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury; a name which St John Henry Newman said ‘shall be as musical to the ear, as stirring to the heart, as the glories we have lost; and from where Saints shall rise’

Fr Sean Henry
Cathedral Dean

Jubilee Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

In this Jubilee Year of 2025, we travelled to Lourdes under the banner ‘Pilgrims of Hope with Mary’. This theme of hope was at the heart of our pilgrimage and especially the daily celebration of Mass. The Diocesan Prayer Intentions were carried with us in our hearts and minds as we asked Our Blessed Lady to intercede for us, and we prayed for those we had left at home and for their intentions.

Many more of our parishioners said ‘Yes’ to our Lady’s invitation to travel to



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Lourdes as pilgrims this year, with the pilgrimage plane selling out very quickly. With seats on another flight, a coach, the Junior Pilgrimage coach and two coaches of young people, 2025 was our biggest pilgrimage since before Covid and it was great to see. It was a particular blessing to have so many first-time pilgrims join us this year, many have already asked when they can book for next year!

It is always a wonderful thing to say yes to Our Blessed Lady's invitation and travel to Lourdes, but to do so there are a lot of people we need to thank. As always, I want to say a very public thank you to the Management Team who assist me in my role as Director, but this year I want to say a very particular thanks to Mr Phil Malone. Phil has been our Pilgrimage Administrator for many many years and what he doesn't know about hotel bookings, plane seats and meal deals is not worth knowing! Phil has stepped down as Pilgrimage Administrator and we say a huge thank you for all his hard work over many years. He assures me he will continue to be a pilgrim, so we will have the chance to say thank you properly to him in Lourdes next summer.

In 2026, we keep the 75th anniversary of our Diocesan Pilgrimage, with the first pilgrimage traveling to Lourdes in September 1951 under the leadership of Bishop John Murphy, with the first Director being Father Nixon.

In 2026 our 75th anniversary pilgrimage will take place from Friday 31 July to Thursday 6 August, with those traveling overland leaving on Thursday 30 July and returning Friday 7 August. Our Youth section will depart on Wednesday 29 July and return with the overland section on Friday 7 August. Booking forms will be available early in the new year but watch out for our 2026 Pilgrimage launch in early December.

It is Our Lady who invites us to make the pilgrimage to Lourdes and it is always a great joy to see new pilgrims who have said yes to that invitation. I hope you will be able to join us in 2026.

Canon Christopher Matthews
Pilgrimage Director



May My Song Arise To You: the Ongoing Joy of Singing Our Faith

As I reflect on another year of music across the diocese, it is once again clear how deeply it enriches not only our worship, but the life of our diocesan community. In this Jubilee Year, it has been a joy to see how singing continues to draw people together in faith and shared purpose. I am delighted to report that the year has brought with it a host of new opportunities and memorable moments.

We began the year at St Anthony's Church in Wythenshawe, with the visit of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. It was a joy to hear the voices of children from our diocesan schools joining together to mark this special occasion. Their singing created a powerful atmosphere of reverence and hope and was a testament to the positive effect of our Singing in Schools Programme.

St Anthony's Church was once again full for the Chrism Mass, and singing was led by the Diocesan Choir that formed during last year's Singing Festival. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning to sing together, bringing their experience and enthusiasm to this very important liturgical celebration.

Another significant moment was the Study Day held at the Shrine of St Joseph in Stockport, focusing on "Singing the Mass." The day was led by Fr Guy Nichols of the St John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music, and under his guidance we explored the role of music within the liturgy. Fr Guy's expertise was backed up with practical experience, and we ended the day singing Mass said by Fr Sean Davidson, putting into practice everything we had learned. Thanks go to Fr Sean, and also Victoria Holmes for not only the organisation of the day, but her wonderful organ accompaniment at Mass.

Our year also featured musical performances that showcased the extraordinary talent within our community. The Cathedral Choir performed Fauré's Requiem and other sacred songs for a beautiful concert, featuring our choral directors Jon Christos and Motje Wolf along with Cathedral Choral Scholar Erin Hogan as soloists in a very moving performance.

Later in the year, the Cathedral Choir and the Children's Choir joined forces with the Yeoman Singers for a thrilling performance of Vivaldi's Gloria. This was a fitting way to close a year so full of singing and celebration.

Looking ahead, we will be blessed with two organ scholars at the Cathedral. Gene Coleman is starting his second year with us, and he will be joined by Henry Gouling who returns to us as Senior Organ Scholar, after a year away.

The Singing in Schools Programme continues to flourish, reaching thousands of children each week. Not only are they developing strong musical foundations, but also growing in faith and confidence. The engaging activities and games make learning enjoyable and accessible, and the impact is clear both in the classroom and beyond. We are extremely grateful to the National Schools Singing Programme and all the kind benefactors for making this financially viable. As always, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our team of choral directors, Jon Christos, Motje Wolf, Thea Sheppard and Jo Dennis for their dedication, expertise, and care. It is a privilege to work with such gifted and committed colleagues.

As we look towards the end of this Jubilee Year, as pilgrims of hope, I believe it is through music that we begin to see our hope for ourselves and each other made manifest, as music brings us together in harmony, in faith, and in profound joy. It is my hope that the year ahead may bring even more voices into song, as we continue to praise God with thanksgiving and devotion.

Jon Barton
Diocesan Director of Music

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

It has been another busy year for the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team! Between parish work, schools work and Lourdes we've had an incredible year!

Our Parish work continues mainly with our Confirmation Programme as we help our young people to prepare to receive the Sacrament. It is a real privilege to accompany our young people on this journey, as we are now working with a lot of the young people in their parishes and their schools, enabling us to get to know them better.

Some of our parish work is now more of a support role, as we work with the catechists to enable them to deliver some of the sessions alongside us, or independently. Our retreat days, either in the parishes or at a retreat centre, are days of reflection and joy for all involved!

Our schools' work continues to grow, particularly as we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope in a special way in some of our Primary and Secondary Schools. Highlights have included working with St Anthony's School for their Mission week, themed upon Hope, and also the Wirral Schools day, with 17 Schools from the Wirral gathered together at the Floral Pavillion in New Brighton. Working alongside musician and singer Jo Boyce, the 650 Year 6 children had a memorable day reflecting upon Hope, with activities and song before Bishop Mark celebrated Mass with us. It was a truly uplifting occasion!



We continue to run our Year

Group Retreats with our Secondary Schools, and it's wonderful to have the support of the Parishes as in most cases we use the local parish halls. On these days we encourage the young people to take time to reflect on how God works in their lives in different ways and how they can use what God has given them to make the most of their lives and be a witness to others.

The youth contingent for the Lourdes Pilgrimage nearly doubled from last year's 43 to this year's 81! It was a joyful year, celebrating our theme of Pilgrims of Hope for this Jubilee Year and the young people served our assisted pilgrims with great warmth, care and big smiles. They loved meeting the

pilgrims each day and hearing stories of past trips to Lourdes and the lives of our pilgrims. Despite the numbers, an immediate bond was made within the group, and they were a great witness to all in Lourdes this year, carrying out their duties and joining in the times of prayer and formation with reverence.

This year was the first year for our Junior Contingent of the pilgrimage with schools and parishes bringing along those in Years 8 – 11, taking part in the main pilgrimage Masses, services and processions alongside a programme of their own to help deepen their faith and to learn more about Lourdes. It was great to see both the Youth and Juniors working together on the last day, as the juniors shadowed the youth to meet pilgrims and get a taste of what service the youth provide in Lourdes.

We are already planning for Lourdes 2026, so if you would like more information about the Youth or Junior parts of the Pilgrimage please email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

As a new academic year continues the diary is beginning to fill up, so if you would like to book a Parish or School Event or retreat, please contact us as soon as possible by emailing youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Sandy Fairley
Director Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

Annual Report - Caritas Shrewsbury

“Your support, kind words and help have been utterly invaluable to me this year.” Family support feedback

For Caritas Shrewsbury, 2024–2025 has been a year of deepening support and strengthened relationships across our Diocese. Whether through our community groups, counselling service, school partnerships or crisis support, we’ve continued to walk alongside children, families and individuals facing challenge and hardship with hope and dignity.

Our ‘Stronger Together’ peer support groups continue to grow across Wirral and Shrewsbury, supporting 103 families (339 people) through safe, welcoming spaces where laughter, friendship and support have helped tackle isolation and build mental health. In Shrewsbury, 26 people engaged in our local group, and we also supported 17 individuals through drop-ins, two parenting groups and other community support.

In Wythenshawe, our SEND Together programme has provided vital weekly and monthly groups for families of children with additional needs — supporting 38 families across the year. Parents accessed training on SEND law, first aid, and mental health; 34 families came to the monthly SEN Den, and three parents helped create six myth-busting videos for others navigating SEND systems. Our MEND Minds group supported 13 men, including physical activity sessions that helped improve confidence and wellbeing.

Our Family and School Support reached 156 children, and our team delivered practical parenting guidance to 44 parents and carers. We continued to support children experiencing anxiety, trauma and neurodiversity-related challenges — offering creative sessions and emotional support that built confidence, reduced stress and improved outcomes at home and school. Schools praised our service as essential in supporting pupils’ wellbeing and communication.

Our counselling and therapy work has expanded to meet rising demand, with 184 clients supported this year and 10



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student counsellors in placement. New therapeutic services such as Rewind Trauma Therapy and hypnotherapy have helped clients move forward in their healing and return to work or study with renewed strength.

Bereavement and loss support has continued to be a core part of our care. This year, 36 individuals received 1-2-1 support, and 22 took part in our Bereavement Group sessions. In addition, 20 children across six schools were helped to explore grief through dedicated sessions with our trained staff.

St Mary's Caritas Centre in Crewe is now firmly established as a vibrant hub, with over 3,100 visits across the year. More than 10 organisations use the space regularly — from dementia cafés and healthy lifestyle groups to counselling and a community choir. New initiatives launched include a community laundry, fridge and café, each supporting dignity, connection and wellbeing.

The Well Project in Manchester continues to be a beacon for refugees and people seeking asylum. Our ESOL classes supported 30 learners, and our Women's Group welcomed over 15 women into English conversation and craft sessions. At our Christmas party, 30 families came together in celebration, supported by volunteers and generous donations.

We also provided weekly support to people seeking asylum living in Manchester hotels — distributing over 90 SIM cards and weekly bus passes. Creative activities for children reached over 185 children during school holidays and a joyful Christmas celebration saw 240 toys shared with 200 children.

The Hope Foodbank supported 491 adults and 414 children with food parcels and vouchers, while also offering essential advice, debt support and referral to further Caritas groups. 1,050 hours of volunteer time helped keep this lifeline running. Special Christmas support reached 146 children with toys, and 79 families received financial help.

Through crisis grants (totalling £26,756) and appeals such as Caritas at Christmas (£17,140 raised) and the Good Shepherd Appeal (£10,206 raised), we have helped families stay warm, fed and connected during difficult times. We're especially grateful to our parishes, schools and local partners whose generosity made this possible.

As ever, our work is sustained through faithful prayer, support, and volunteering. Thank you to every donor, fundraiser and supporter who makes this mission of love in action possible.

Please do support our Caritas at Christmas campaign in parishes and schools this Advent, and the Good Shepherd appeal at Lent, so we can sustain our work with children, families and communities.

Together we can be 'Caritas' – love in action!

Ben Gilchrist,
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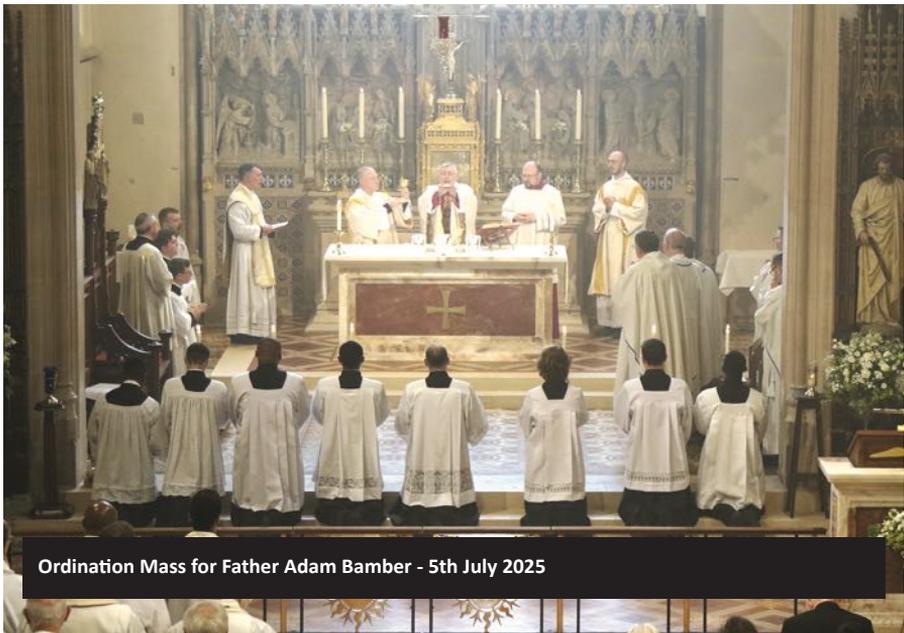
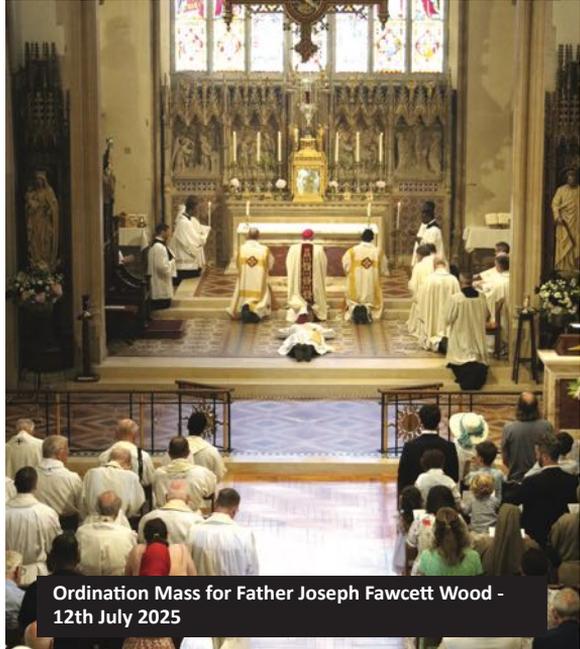
Two New Priests Ordained for the Diocese at Shrewsbury

The hot summer days of 2025 provided the perfect backdrop to two priestly ordinations at Shrewsbury Cathedral on consecutive Saturdays in July. On Saturday 5th Father Adam Bamber was ordained to the Priesthood, followed a week later, on Saturday 12th July by Father Joseph Fawcett Wood.

In his homily at the Ordination of Adam Bamber the Bishop took up the words of the "Hail Mary" (Lk 1:28), celebrating how Our Lady responded to the Divine call at the Annunciation, as his theme. He said "it is in our lowliness that we find what makes our vocation possible. For we no longer depend on ourselves, but on Him who has called us, echoing Mary's words: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word".

He continued "it is the realisation of our own inadequacy that forms the first and essential prerequisite for ordination.... For we approach ordination as we must continue to live it, kneeling in prayer, prostrate on the ground asking the prayers of others, depending on no sense of entitlement, rather expecting everything from God."

He concluded "...today and every day of your Priesthood



remember it is from here you must always begin and finish: from the Altar where you will offer and receive the Holy Eucharist; kneeling before the Tabernacle; confident only in prayer.”

Originally from Lancashire, Adam’s Parish placements during his years of formation included Our Lady and St Christopher, Romiley, Saint Mary’s, Crewe and St John Vianney, Northwich. Following his ordination he has been appointed Assistant Priest at Shrewsbury Cathedral.

Both Father Adam and Father Joseph began their journey to the Priesthood at the House of Discernment based at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Both men were contemporaries during their six years of seminary formation and study for the Priesthood and at Saint Mary’s College, Oscott.

Originally from rural Wales, Joseph Fawcett Wood attended Mass in his formative years in Shropshire parishes, particularly St Milburga in Church Stretton and at Shrewsbury Cathedral. His Ordination Day, one of the hottest of 2025, brought together his large family at the Cathedral, including eight siblings and his mother in a celebration of great joy. In his ordination homily, the Bishop recalled how Joseph had come to the Cathedral one Saturday morning to pray and in a sense had never left having discovered the courage to begin the great adventure of love of his vocation. The Bishop said that “for not a few people the Catholic Priesthood appears a renunciation of love ... yet the Church places from the day of ordination the greatest Love at the centre of our lives, the Love in which you are called from this day to live in remarkable intimacy: the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. For the Priesthood and the Eucharist are so bound together that a priest must be first and foremost a man of the Eucharist, a man moved to Eucharistic adoration.”

Joseph’s parish placements whilst training for the Priesthood included Heswall, Pensby and Romiley. Bishop Mark has now appointed Father Joseph to serve as Assistant Priest at Saint Vincent de Paul, Altrincham.



Newly-Ordained Father Adam Bamber and Father Joseph Fawcett Wood - July 2025



PASTORAL LETTERS

On the Threat of Assisted Suicide *Sunday 13th October 2024*

My dear brothers and sisters,

This week an ‘assisted suicide’ Bill will be introduced into Parliament. The Bill will seek to remove the legal safeguards which have long protected some of the most vulnerable members of society to allow medically assisted suicide. The government has indicated it will provide time for this legislation which will be considered on a free vote. It is hard to fathom why this proposal is such an urgent priority and why parliament will proceed in haste even voting before Christmas. This is especially troubling when we recall that due to its dangers, assisted suicide was overwhelmingly rejected by the House of Commons only nine years agoⁱ.

The proposal to be put before Parliament poses the same dangers and challenges the same moral foundations on which our laws have been based. In today’s Gospel, a young man affirms he has kept the Ten Commandments from his earliest days. For inscribed into the human heart from the beginning is the command: “You shall not kill”ⁱⁱ. This prohibition safeguards a great good which has led us to value and hold human life sacred. We can say that from the beginning, this command has formed our society at its best in the care of the sick, the aged and the most vulnerable.

The decision MPs are about to make is heralded as a historic vote because it threatens a momentous change to society in both its care and attitude to the sick and the aged. This change could be decided within a matter of weeks, allowing our parliamentary representatives little time to consider the enormity of the moral choice. I am therefore asking you to take urgent action in contacting your Member of Parliament to express opposition to this dangerous proposal and to urge that greater support and resources be given to end of life, palliative care. It is surely a scandal, that Hospices, providing pain relief and care for those at the end of their lives, are often left in financial deficit and need.

Today, I must also warn where crossing the moral boundary set by the command “You shall not kill” will lead. Elsewhere in the world we have seen how similar laws permitting medical professionals to assist their patients in suicide have been extended wider and wider to encompass those with mental health problems and even young children. We have witnessed a similar trajectory since the Abortion Act of 1967: initially agreed by Parliament to address ‘hard cases’, this law has been tragically responsible for the destruction of many millions of human lives.

As we see populations ageing across western countries with a diminished number of younger people to support them, this is an especially dangerous moment for politicians to open the door to euthanasia: the medical killing of the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We already hear of a social duty to end our lives when we become a burden to others. This is not the kind of society in which we would wish to grow old or become vulnerable! If medical professionals, now sworn to protect the lives

ⁱ The House of Commons voted 330 to 118 to reject Assisted Suicide in 2015

ⁱⁱ Cf. Mk. 19

ⁱⁱⁱ Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 2279

of patients, become those who assist in killing and suicide, how will our relationship change to those we look to for help and care? This is, indeed, a dark and sinister path on which we could be embarking before Christmas 2024.

The pre-Christian mind may have thought it reasonable to dispose of a human life, yet, through the Christian Centuries we have seen how the command "You shall not kill," has protected the most vulnerable and led society to generously care for those at the end of their lives. The Church's Catechism explains how discontinuing burdensome, extraordinary or disproportionate medical procedures and using pain relief to alleviate the suffering of the dying, even at risk of shortening their days, can stand in harmony with this commandⁱⁱⁱ. Yet, these considerations in genuine medical care belong to a different moral universe to deliberately killing another human being or assisting someone to commit suicide.

Let us pray that a decisive rejection of the proposal being placed before Parliament will lead society to affirm the value of human life anew, by devoting ourselves more generously to the support of the aged; to the relief of suffering and to truly assisting those at the end of their lives. I ask you not to delay in contacting your Member of Parliament, whose postal and e-mail address can be found in the parish newsletter today.

United with you in this witness to the Gospel of Life,
+ Mark
Bishop of Shrewsbury

On Returning to the Heart of Jesus

Sunday 1st December 2024

My dear brothers and sisters,

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Year Door of Saint Peter's in Rome to mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year 2025. This gesture leads me to picture the open doors of all our churches this Sunday and to picture you crossing their threshold. I think especially of our Cathedral in Shrewsbury and Saint Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport, which will serve as pilgrim churches in this Holy Year. I want us to reflect on how passing through the doors of every Catholic church must lead us to the Heart of Jesus opened to us in His Eucharist and in all the Sacraments of His grace and mercy.

Today as the Advent Scriptures invite us to turn our eyes to the Redeemerⁱ amid the crises of time, we are conscious of the shadows of war and conflict across the world; and the threat of euthanasia to the sick and the aged in our own society that has led you to give such impressive witness to the value of human life. Pope Francis has set a clear priority for us in his recent letter to the Church, writing: "I turn my gaze to the heart of Christ ... this leads me to propose to the whole Church renewed reflection on the love of Christ represented in his Sacred Heart. For there we find the whole Gospel, a synthesis of the truths of our faith, all that we adore and seek in faith, all that responds to our deepest needs"ⁱⁱ. The Holy Father speaks of a personal discovery that awaits us, echoing the words of Saint Francis de Sales, "Each of us can look therein and see our name carved in letters of love ..."ⁱⁱⁱ.

Pope Francis reminds us, this encounter with the divine and human love of Jesus Christ must be the source of our mission for "As we contemplate the Sacred Heart, mission becomes a matter of love. For the greatest danger in mission is that, amid all the things we say and do, we fail to bring a joyful encounter with the love of Christ who embraces and saves us"^{iv}. This same encounter has a far-reaching social dimension which leads Pope Francis to quote his predecessor, Saint John Paul II, who insisted it is only by entrusting ourselves to the Heart of Jesus that "over the ruins accumulated by hatred and violence, the greatly desired civilization of love, the Kingdom of the Heart of Christ, can be built"^v.

ⁱ Lk. 21: 25- 28

ⁱⁱ Dilxit Nos No. 87 C 89

ⁱⁱⁱ DN No.115

^{iv} DN No. 208

^v Cf. DN No. 182

^{vi} Cf. Pope Pius XI quoted in DN. No. 79

^{vii} DN No. 57

^{viii} DN No. 51

^{ix} DN No.26

^x DN. 84 C 85

The Sacred Heart is a familiar image in our homes and churches, forming a visual summary of the whole experience of Christian faith^{vi}. Pope Francis observes that certain artistic representations of Christ's Heart might strike us "as tasteless and not particularly conducive to affection or prayer ..." Yet, he writes "this is of little importance since they are only invitations to prayer"^{vii}. For the living Heart of Jesus is found in the Mystery of the Eucharist.

This Sunday as we receive a new Lectionary with all the Scriptures to be read at Mass, Pope Francis invites us to recognise "The Christ we see depicted with a pierced and burning heart" is always "the same Christ who, for love of us, was born in Bethlehem, passed through Galilee healing the sick, embracing sinners and showing mercy. The same Christ who loved us to the very end..."^{viii}. This 'Love that goes to the end' is the miracle of love that is the Eucharist. Pope Francis reminds us how England's newest Saint, John Henry Newman "Encountered the living Heart of Jesus" in this Blessed Sacrament and prayed: "O ... loving Heart of Jesus, you are concealed in the Holy Eucharist and beat for us still ..."ix. Every time we cross the threshold of our churches, the same discovery awaits us at the Altar and before the Tabernacle where we "discover in the Eucharist the immense love of the Heart of Christ" which invites us to union with Him^x.

This must be the journey of Advent, a journey which leads us to celebrate 'Christ's Mass' with ever greater wonder and joy. May the Holy Year 2025, open the doors of our hearts and help many to discover the Love which awaits us in Confession and in the Mystery of the Eucharist. May we make this 'wholehearted' return to the Heart of Jesus every Sunday of our lives.

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

On the Opening of the Holy Year 2025 Sunday 26th December 2024 Feast of the Holy Family

My dear brothers and sisters,

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's in Rome for the Jubilee Year 2025. The Church celebrates a jubilee every 25 years, drawing on the Biblical tradition of a year celebrated to manifest God's mercy by freeing the imprisoned, writing off debts and re-setting relationships by a universal pardonⁱ. The Church now commends such a moment of grace to us so that we might be moved to seek forgiveness for our sins; conversion of life; and reconciliation with our neighbour. Pope Francis writes: "Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door is flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God"ⁱⁱ.

Tens of millions will travel to Rome as pilgrims and in this Shrewsbury Diocese, I have established the Cathedral and Saint Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport as places for local pilgrimage. The Gospel tells of the pilgrimage made by Our Lady and Saint Joseph which became the joyful mystery of finding Jesus in the Templeⁱⁱⁱ. Today we reflect how our pilgrimage to Mass each Sunday - invites us 'to seek and find anew' the same Jesus present in the Mystery of the Eucharist. The Holy Father prays this year will be such a renewed encounter for us all "a moment of genuine personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the door of our salvation ..."iv

Pope Francis has placed hope at the heart of this Jubilee celebration. He writes, may this be "A Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relations, in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation"^v. Christian hope is ultimately the hope of Heaven, for nothing less corresponds to the longing placed in the human heart. The Catechism explains: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises ..."vi. As Saint Augustine so memorably wrote of this hope: "you have made us for yourself, O Lord, our hearts are restless till they rest in you"^{vii}.

i Cf. Leviticus 25: 8-55

ii Spes non Confundit No. 6

iii Cf. Lk. 2: 41-52

iv Spes non Confundit No. 1

v Spes non Confundit No. 24

vi Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1817

vii The Confessions of Saint Augustine' 1,1

viii Spes non Confundit No. 23

ix Spe Salvi No. 47

This hope does not lead us to care less about our present lives or this passing world, rather it leads us to care more, much more! The fact that this world is the way to another, “the life of the world to come,” charges the whole of our lives with new purpose. Pope Francis gives practical examples of how this supernatural hope opens the door to see our lives and our world anew. This, he writes, enables us to untiringly seek peace in a world threatened by war and conflict; to be open to the gift of life in countries witnessing an alarming decline in the birthrate, since the desire of young people to give birth to new sons and daughters is born of hope; this same hope brings us closer to the sick and the elderly and helps us see in a new light the plight of the poor and most vulnerable, of prisoners, exiles and refugees. The hope we have received, insists Pope Francis, leads us to forgive others, for while forgiveness cannot change what happened in the past “it can allow us to change the future and live different lives, free of anger ...”^{viii}.

In inviting us to seek the Jubilee Indulgence for ourselves and for our loved ones departed, Pope Francis reminds us that we are never alone in our struggle to reach the goal of Heaven. We are united in the Mystical Body of Christ with all those striving on earth, with those being purified in purgatory and with all the saints who have reached everlasting happiness. With the help of their prayers and the indulgence of the whole Church, the Holy Father points to the hope of final purification which we call ‘purgatory’. For - in the face of the sins and repeated failures that you and I confess - we dare hope for that holiness which is necessary to share the joy of Heaven. As Pope Benedict beautifully wrote, before Christ’s gaze all falsehood will melt away as “the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God”^{ix}.

Together in this pilgrimage, in the company of Our Lady, Saint Joseph and all the saints may we be such ‘pilgrims of hope.’ In time and for eternity, may we find His love and mercy.

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

On the Catholic Faith we have received

Sunday 23rd February 2025

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Gospel speaks to us today of God’s overflowing generosity, a generosity we discover anew each Sunday, and indeed every day, in the Holy Eucharist where Christ gives Himself wholly and entirely for us! We are called to imitate this Divine, Eucharistic generosity in each of our lives and in every vocation. This leads me to reflect today on the gift of faith which we have received in all its fulness in the Church.

I write to you from the Cathedral where even the beauty of wood, glass and stone stand in silent testimony to the faith of all those who have shared the journey of our Shrewsbury Diocese. The Cathedral has become a place of pilgrimage in this Holy Year and my letter today is accompanied by a YouTube video that invites you to join me in a virtual pilgrimage to our Cathedral. This video can be found on the Shrewsbury Diocese websiteⁱ.

Yesterday, I met in Chester many adults who will be Baptised and received into the Church at Easter. The first question that will be put to them is: “What do you ask of the Church?” Their answer will be a single word: “Faith.” The Catechism reminds us, that we receive the gift of faith through the Church, since the Church believes first; and she nourishes and sustains our faith through life’s journeyⁱⁱ. For we can no more give ourselves this gift of faith than we can give ourselves the gift of life. This vital task of handing on the faith led the first Apostles to describe the Church as “the pillar and bulwark of the truth” guarding “the faith once delivered to the saints”ⁱⁱⁱ.

The faith we ask to share in Baptism was put into the words of the ‘Apostles Creed.’ These words used at Baptism from earliest centuries profess the faith received from the Apostles beginning with the Latin word ‘Credo’ meaning “I believe.” Today, some of our contemporaries speak disparagingly of what they call ‘organised religion.’ They suggest a “disorganised religion” is more authentic though it

ⁱ Cf. Lk. 6: 27-38 C Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1374

ⁱⁱ <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church No 168

^{iv} Cf. I Tim. 3: 15, Jude 3

^v The Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee 2025

^{vi} The Roman Pontifical for the Ordination of Bishops

^{vii} Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church Nos. 863 C 1303

would amount to little more than opinions drawn from ever-changing views around us. Such an answer to the great questions of life can never be a secure foundation. And so, the Creed sets out the unchanging faith received by the Church in all truth, providing the sure foundation on which our lives can be built in faith, hope and love.

When the bishops of the world first gathered in the City of Nicaea in 325 AD after centuries of persecution, they made the great profession of the Catholic faith which we call the ‘Nicene Creed.’ Gathered in ecumenical council they declared the faith which the Church had received from the beginning and had everywhere believed. It is a moving thought that when you and I declare “I believe” at Mass, we are repeating those same words. The need for such a profession of faith was occasioned by the error of one priest, Arius, who taught that while Jesus was the highest and most exalted, he was less than God. This dark error occasioned a luminous profession of the Church’s faith, that has echoed through the centuries. For with all the Church we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ who is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father;” and “through him all things were made.” Pope Francis, who we are accompanying with our prayer in his time of illness, has asked in this Holy Year of 2025 that we especially celebrate the anniversary of the Creed first professed at Nicaea in AD 325^v.

Fifteen years ago, I became a bishop for you. At the heart of this mission, like every bishop before me, was handing on the faith of the Church. I promised I would always “Guard the deposit of faith pure and entire according to the tradition preserved always and everywhere in the Church from the time of the Apostles”^{vi}. By Baptism and Confirmation, we all share in this apostolic task by imitating God’s overflowing generosity in our readiness to share and defend the Catholic faith in all its fullness^{vii}. In our Cathedral church, we remember the courage and generosity of the founding generation of this Diocese, who in the face of every difficulty and contradiction, handed down the faith to us. Let us ask Our Lady’s help in this sacred trust of handing on the faith we have received to all generations to come.

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

On Prayer for Pope Francis *First Sunday of Lent 6th March 2025*

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today we join with so many across the world in prayer for Pope Francis. As the Church at the beginning prayed unceasingly for the Apostle Peterⁱ, so we now pray for the Pope as the Successor of Peter. We pray aware of the immense responsibility entrusted to Peter’s successors, which Saint John Henry Newman described as “a glorious apostolate, a tremendous weight, a ministry involving momentous duties, innumerable anxieties and immense responsibilities”ⁱⁱ. Yet, in these past weeks we have intensified our prayer for the Pope in time of sickness and frailty. Pope Francis has spoken of his gratitude writing: “I feel all your affection and closeness” in prayer rising from many hearts, “I feel I am carried and supported by all God’s people.”ⁱⁱⁱ

On Ash Wednesday, it was wonderful to see so many people come together to begin the prayer and penance of Lent, just as we will soon come together for the Chrism Mass at Saint Anthony’s, Wythenshawe, in Holy Week. It is a visible reminder of how all our lives are bound together, above all, in the struggle for holiness. I often remind you that we come to Mass each Sunday not only for ourselves and our own salvation – as urgent as this is! We come to Mass for all those in our lives who need our prayer, our continuing conversion by the confession of our sins, and our ever-deeper union with Christ in the Mystery of His Eucharist.

ⁱ Cf. Acts 12: 5

ⁱⁱ Sermon “The Pope and the Revolution” 7th October 1866

ⁱⁱⁱ Angelus Address 2nd March 2025

^{iv} St. Thomas Aquinas quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 947

^v CCC No. 946

^{vi} Cf. I Cor 12: 26-27

^{vii} Lk. 4: 1-13

^{viii} Selected Sermons, The First Sunday of Lent

^{ix} The reference is to “Pope John Paul II “Letter to my Brother Priests” 1986

^x Catechesis of the Holy Father on Saint Joseph, 2nd February 2022

^{xi} Cf. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council No. 62

^{xii} First Mass with the College of Cardinals, 14th March 2013

The Church speaks of this beautiful reality as “the communion of saints.” The Catechism explains: “Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others”^{iv}. Pope Francis reflects on this wonderful truth insisting: “The Church is the communion of saints”. What a beautiful definition this is!” says Pope Francis, “The image of the Body of Christ immediately makes us understand what this means to be bound to one another in communion: If one member suffers,’ writes Saint Paul, ‘all suffer together, and if one member is honoured, all rejoice together’^{vi}.”

Saint John Vianney, the greatest of Parish Priests, expressed wonder reading the Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent^{vii}. For he saw in Christ’s struggle in the wilderness the assurance that in every struggle our Redeemer desires to be with us, “leading the way and assuring us of victory”^{viii}. The Cure of Ars likewise sought to be close to all entrusted to his care through his own prayer and fasting, and in the long hours he made himself available in the Confessional. Saint John Paul II said, in this way he desired “to love God for those who did not love him, and even to do the penance they would not do”^x.

Pope Francis explains what such spiritual and pastoral accompaniment means when he reflected, we: “cannot be indifferent to others because we are all parts of one body in communion. In this sense even the sin of an individual person always affects everyone, and the love of each individual person affects everyone... By virtue of the communion of saints, of this union, every member of the Church is bound to me in a profound way. I don’t say “to me” because I am the Pope – we are bound reciprocally... and this bond is so strong it cannot be broken even by death”^x.

Today, we wish to so accompany Pope Francis, not merely by our thoughts nor even by the affection in which we hold every Pope, but above all by our prayers. Together with all who pray the Rosary night after night on the steps of Saint Peter’s, we commend him to the protection of Our Lady who accompanies each one of us on our earthly pilgrimage.^{xi} As Pope Francis himself prayed at the beginning of his pontificate: “My prayer for all of us is that the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, may grant us the grace to walk, to build, to confess Jesus Christ crucified. So may it be”^{xii}.

United with Pope Francis in this prayer,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

Pastoral Letter on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill *5th and 6th April 2025*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wish to speak with you today about the process in which our Parliament is currently considering legalising assisted suicide through the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. As I have made clear earlier in this debate, as Catholics we have maintained a principled objection to this change in law recognising that every human life is sacred, coming as a gift of God and bearing a God-given dignity. We are, therefore, clearly opposed to this Bill in principle, elevating, as it does, the autonomy of the individual above all other considerations.

The passage of the Bill through Parliament will lead to a vote in late April on whether it progresses further. This will be a crucial moment and I, together with all the Bishops of England and Wales, am writing to ask your support in urging your MP to vote against this Bill at that time.

There are serious reasons for doing so. At this point we wish not simply to restate our objections in principle, but to emphasise the deeply flawed process undergone in Parliament thus far. We wish to remind you that it is a fundamental duty of every MP to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised and which will bring about damaging consequences.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will fundamentally change many of the key relationships in our way of life: within the family, between doctor and patient, within the health service. Yet there has been no Royal Commission or independent inquiry ahead of its presentation. It is a Private Member’s Bill. The Bill itself is long and complex and was published just days before MPs voted on it, giving them inadequate time to consult or reflect upon it. The time for debate was minimal. The Committee examining the Bill took only three days of evidence: not all voices were heard, and it comprises an undue number of supporters of the Bill. In short, this is no way to legislate on such an important and morally complex issue.

One consequence of this flawed process is that many vital questions remain unanswered. Can MPs guarantee that the scope of the Bill will not be extended? In almost every country where assisted

suicide has been introduced the current scope is wider than was originally intended. What role, if any, will the judiciary have in the process? We were told that judicial oversight was a necessary and vital part of the process; now we are told it isn't needed at all. What will protect the vulnerable from coercion, or from feeling a burden on family? Can the National Health Service cope with assisted suicide or will it, as the Health Secretary has warned, cause cuts elsewhere in the NHS? Can MPs guarantee that no medical practitioner or care worker would be compelled to take part in assisted suicide? Would this mean the establishment of a 'national death service'?

In contrast to the provisions of this Bill, what is needed is first-class, compassionate palliative care at the end of our lives. This is already provided to many in our society but, tragically, is in short supply and underfunded. No-one should be dispatched as a burden to others. Instead, a good society would prioritise care for the elderly, the vulnerable, and the weak. The lives of our families are richer for cherishing their presence.

It is sad reflection on Parliament's priorities that the House of Commons spent far more time debating the ban on fox hunting than it is spending debating bringing in assisted suicide.

I am sure that you will share these concerns. It is now clear that this measure is being rushed without proper scrutiny and without fundamental questions surrounding safeguards being answered. This is a deeply flawed Bill with untold unintended consequences.

Every MP, and Government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation reaching the statute book. This, tragically, is what may happen. So I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner.

In his Letter to the Philippians, from which we heard in the Second Reading, St Paul reflects on the difficulties and responsibilities of life. He speaks of 'pressing on' and 'striving' for the fulness of life promised in Christ Jesus. Yet he is totally confident in his struggles because, as he says, 'Christ Jesus has made me his own'.

We too have many struggles. We too know that Christ Jesus has made us his own. So we too press on with this struggle, so important in our times.

May God bless you all.

+ Vincent Cardinal Nichols Archbishop of Westminster

+ Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury together with all the Bishops of England and Wales

On the death of Pope Francis – “Please, pray for me” *First Sunday of Lent 27th April 2025*

My dear brothers and sisters,

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, we commend the soul of Pope Francis into the arms of God's mercy. Anyone who met Pope Francis during his twelve years as our Holy Father will have heard him make an insistent plea: “Please, pray for me!” I had always prayed for the Pope, yet Pope Francis impressed on me with those urgent words the need to always pray for the man called to be Peter's Successorⁱ. In the hour of death, it is always our first duty of charity to pray for the souls of our loved ones departed. This Sunday we must pray for the soul of the man who became Pope Francis for us.

Today we share many memories of Pope Francis. We might think of the Year of Mercy he called in 2015 which saw many return to sacramental confession. We might picture in 2020 a deserted Saint Peter's Square at the height of the global pandemic, when Pope Francis stood alone holding the Blessed Sacrament in blessing to the world. We might recall his last (Encyclical) Letter to the Church urging the renewal of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.ⁱⁱ It may be less well remembered that on every apostolic journey Pope Francis went first and returned to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome. It is in this ancient church dedicated to the Holy Mother of God, that his mortal remains have been laid to rest as an abiding testimony to his love and devotion to Our Lady.

Some of us were with Pope Francis in 2019 when he declared John Henry Newman as England's newest Saint. Newman had reflected on the long continuity of the Office of Saint Peter across the

ⁱ Cf. Acts 12:5

ⁱⁱ Dilexit Nos 24th October 2024

ⁱⁱⁱ The Pope and the Revolution, Sermon preached on 7th October 1866

^{iv} Cf. Lk. 22:32 C Jn 21:17

centuries, declaring that Christ's Church remained as unchangeable as Jesus Christ her founder, for as in the Apostles' time "It taught the truth, so it does now; as then it had the sacraments of grace, so has it now ..." and just as it had a visible head at the beginning, so it must now have such a head.

And Newman asked: "Who is that visible head now? Who is now the vicar of Christ? Who now has the keys of the kingdom of heaven, as Saint Peter had then? If a successor of Saint Peter there must be, who is that successor?" Newman insisted there could only be one conclusion: "It is he who sits in Saint Peter's chair: it is the Bishop of Rome ... in the continuous line of the Bishops of Rome, or Popes as they are called, one after another, down to this day"ⁱⁱⁱ.

As Pope Francis, the 265th Successor of the Apostle Peter, now goes with all our prayers, we must pray for the Cardinals entrusted with the responsibility of choosing a new Pope. This task is undertaken not with Hollywood intrigue, but in an atmosphere of prayer and recollection, which reminds each Cardinal of the final account he must give to Our Lord. In our lifetimes, we have been blessed with remarkable men chosen to be our Pope, some numbered among the greatest Saints. They were men gifted with great minds and pastoral hearts, communicating the Gospel and the Catholic faith to all humanity with unflinching concern for souls. Yet, each man was also conscious of his weakness and limitations and asked the help of our prayers in this awesome calling. Today we must pray for the man soon to be chosen as the next successor of Peter. May he fulfil his mission to confirm us in faith and be a true shepherd for the entire flock of the Lord entrusted to his care^{iv}.

United with you in this prayer,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

On Welcoming Pope Leo XIV with Great Joy *First Sunday of Lent 11th May 2025*

My dear brothers and sisters,

On Thursday, an outburst of joy marked the announcement that we have a new Pope. This joy was known before we even knew the name or had glimpsed the kindly face of Pope Leo XIV. It was the announcement that we had a Pope that was the source of this joy. The man chosen was still unseen, and undoubtedly conscious as never before, of his human weakness and the immense weight of the mission suddenly entrusted to him as the 266th Successor of the Apostle Peter. The new Pope would first lead us in prayer by greeting the Holy Mother of God and asking her to pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. This struck me as a beautiful expression of our Catholic faith in the office of the Pope, whoever the man happens to be, and in the mission entrusted by Christ to Peter and his successors until the end of time. It is in this faith that we welcome Pope Leo XIV. For it was Christ who made Peter the rock of His Church, gave him the keys of the Kingdom,ⁱ called him to strengthen His brethrenⁱⁱ and to feed the sheep and lambs of His flock, as a witness to His love^{iii iv}.

It seemed significant that before we caught sight of our new Pope, we saw first the Cross of Christ carried onto the balcony of Saint Peter's. For the Pope always stands before the world as a witness to Christ and to the victory of His Cross. In his first words and greeting "Peace be with you all", Pope Leo consciously echoed the words of the Risen Jesus and reminded us "We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light" for in His love we find the assurance that evil will not prevail.

Following a previous papal election, I was asked at a petrol station whether I 'liked' the new Pope. This is a strange question for a Catholic, akin to being asked whether you 'like' your father or mother! The Pope is not a celebrity, a politician nor a public personality whose popularity may grow or fade. The place of the Pope in the family of the Church is always seen in the light of faith, whoever the man happens to be, for he has taken the place of Peter for us.

We pray for the Pope with a loyalty and affection which transcends all human 'likes' or 'dislikes.' We might even pray, as one faithful soul did, that the Pope gets a good night's rest, conscious of the

i Mt. 16: 18 -19

ii Lk. 22:32

iii Jn. 21: 15-17

iv Cf. Pope Saint John Paul II "The Ministry of Love" 17th October 1978

v Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 552

burden he bears. It is with such faith, loyalty and human affection that we welcome Pope Leo XIV, our thirteenth Holy Father since his predecessor Pope Pius IX founded the Shrewsbury Diocese in 1851.

A still wider perspective is offered in the Cathedral this Sunday, when our Greek Orthodox brothers and sisters bring an icon and relic of Pope Saint Sylvester I, in celebration of the Creed we profess each Sunday. If you don't recognise his name, this was the Pope at the time of the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, when the bishops first gathered to make the great profession of the Church's faith that we echo together at Mass each Sunday. It is the enduring mission of Peter and his successors to keep this faith and strengthen us in faith by serving as "the visible source and foundation of unity". In celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Creed of Nicea and remembering the saintly Pope of that distant time, we are reminded of the long continuity of the mission of Saint Peter, which continues with the fourteenth Pope Leo in our time.

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations celebrated on this Good Shepherd Sunday, also leads us to remember that a young man, Robert Prevost, was first ready to dedicate his whole life to Christ in the Catholic Priesthood. Today, as we pray for this young man as our Pope, let us also pray for many new and generous vocations to the Priesthood that are a source of joy for the whole Church. It is because of Robert Prevost's generous and faithful response to his calling, that we are now able to receive "with great joy" Pope Leo XIV as a holy father for us all.

United with you in this joy and in this prayer,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

On Saint John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church *1st/2nd November 2025*

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Solemnity of All Saints provides the ultimate perspective for our lives. This celebration urges us to strive to be with those whom the Gospel declares forever 'blessed', so we may at last "*rejoice and be glad*" that "*our reward is great in heaven*". This is our goal by God's grace – "*his free and undeserved help*"ⁱ – to finally be with those "*from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb*"ⁱⁱ. A gathering anticipated in the celebration of every Mass, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "*the Eucharist is the anticipation of the heavenly glory*"ⁱⁱⁱ. Tomorrow, we begin our November prayer for 'All Souls,' praying for those beyond death's horizon, who long to be purified and brought to the perfection of love.

The saints who have attained this goal offer us their encouragement and the help of their prayers. Among them are those men and women who have been recognised through the centuries as "doctors", that is "teachers," who help us with the guidance of their writing and teaching along the path of our Christian lives. From such great bishops as Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine, to the 24-year-old Saint Therese of Lisieux declared a teacher of the whole Church by Pope Saint John Paul II. Today, Pope Leo has declared our own Saint John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church.

John Henry Newman is no stranger to this Shrewsbury Diocese, spending most of his life in Birmingham and Oxford. In times when people often despair of finding objective truth, preferring to speak of "your truth" and "my truth" because they no longer believe truth can be found, Cardinal Newman has been raised up as a guide.

The journey he made into the full communion with the Catholic Church will be an encouragement for many making this same journey. Against the prejudices of his time, Newman came to recognise the Catholic Church as the Church which Christ founded, "*endowed with all divinely revealed truth and with all means of grace*"^v. Saint Paul VI said of his journey, that "*guided solely by love of the truth and fidelity to Christ, (he) traced an itinerary, the most toilsome, the most conclusive, that human thought ever*

ⁱ Mt. 5: 12

ⁱⁱ Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1996

ⁱⁱⁱ Rev. 7:9

^{iv} Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1402

^v Decree on Ecumenism of the Second Vatican Council No 4

^{vi} Homily of Pope Paul VI at the Beatification of Blessed Dominic Barberi, 27th October 1963

^{vii} Cf. Letter to Mrs William Froude 16th June 1848 C Decree of the Second Vatican Council *Presbyterorum Ordinis* No. 5

^{viii} Sermon 25th May 1858 C Letter to Henry Wilberforce 24th September 1846

travelled during the last century, indeed one might say during the modern era, to arrive at the fulness of wisdom and peace"^{vi}.

Today we pray Saint John Henry Newman's fearless love of the truth, will help many besieged in a digital age by a cacophony of discordant voices, to arrive at this same wisdom and peace. At the heart of the Catholic Church, Newman found what he called "a *Treasure unutterable*", the Mystery of the Eucharist containing the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself"^{vii}. This led to an enduring sense of wonder that he had found in the Blessed Sacrament the Real Presence of Christ Himself. As Newman reflected, "He is not past, He is present now. And though He is not seen, He is here"^{viii}.

May we learn from Saint John Henry Newman to see our own lives in the light of the Eucharist. And let us pray that this newest Doctor of the Church will help many of our contemporaries on the same path to the truth, to the fulfilment of our vocation and to reach the goal of everlasting happiness with all the Saints.

United with you in this prayer,

+ **Mark**

Bishop of Shrewsbury



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DIOCESAN REPORTS

Vocations

The Sunday following the election of Pope Leo XIV on 8th May 2025, Bishop Mark gave a diocesan pastoral letter highlighting how our new Pope was once ready, as a young man, to generously dedicate his whole life to Christ in the Catholic Priesthood. Within the first few months of his pontificate, Pope Leo has spoken to gatherings of priests. On 12th June, to the priests of Rome, he said 'I thank you for your life given in the service of the Kingdom, for your daily labours, for your great generosity in the exercise of your ministry, for everything you live in silence and that is at times accompanied by suffering or misunderstanding. You carry out different services, but you are all precious in the eyes of God and in the fulfilment of his plan.' Then a few days later, speaking as part of a Jubilee Year event to priests, seminarians, and bishops, Pope Leo referred to the words of Jesus in the Gospel 'I have called you friends (John 15:15) explaining that this is 'an authentic key to understanding the priestly ministry for the priest, in fact, is a friend of the Lord, called to live with him a personal and trusting relationship, nourished by the Word, the celebration of the sacraments, and daily prayer.' In just a few words, Pope Leo sums up the call of God to the sacred priesthood which can leave a man who is discerning this vocation to be, at the same time, both awesomely daunted and joyfully attracted to following Jesus Christ in the Church in this way.

Our Diocese was blessed with two ordinations to the priesthood in 2025. On 5th July, Deacon Adam Bamber was ordained priest at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Two coaches arrived from Our Lady and St Christopher's in Romiley to celebrate the occasion. The parishioners have taken Adam to heart during his time as a seminarian and deacon in their parish. On 12th July, Deacon Joseph Fawcett-Wood was ordained to the priesthood in Shrewsbury. Joseph's extensive family and many friends filled the Cathedral for another prayerful and beautiful liturgy. Many Shrewsbury Cathedral parishioners were also in attendance on both days having known Adam and Joseph during their year in the House of Discernment before they entered seminary. These were two of sixteen ordinations to the priesthood in England and Wales in 2025.

At present, four of our seminarians are undertaking parish pastoral placements, but the majority are based in seminary at St Mary's College in Oscott where they have formed solid friendships and are a support to each other. Each week they pray the rosary together in the grounds of the seminary for new vocations and the people of our Diocese. Three of our men were blessed to attend the Jubilee in Rome for seminarians in June, and one even managed to shake hands with Pope Leo!

The House of Discernment based between St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport and Shrewsbury Cathedral has men discerning the priesthood with a focus on daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, spiritual direction, catechesis, and spiritual reading. Some men take part full-time and others are connected to the House of Discernment on weekends whilst working throughout the week. The Vocation Group meetings take place every two months for seekers who wish to explore their calling. The meetings consist of Adoration, Holy Mass, followed by pizza, reflection, and the night prayer of the Church.

In April 2025, the Bible Society reported that a 'quiet revival' of the Christian faith is taking place in our country, that church attendance is going up, and that many Gen Z's now have a new openness to faith in Jesus. We have noticed this 'quiet revival' through our Sunday Mass attendances and RCIA programmes. Let us pray that many of these young people will be open to discerning their vocation.

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Diaconate Report

Through the eyes of a Hospital Chaplain

During the Mass for the Jubilee of Deacons on the 23rd of February 2025, Pope Francis, who was being treated at the time in Gemelli Hospital for bilateral pneumonia, communicated his message, which is encouraging all deacons to be “selfless servants of our brothers and sisters, and builders of communion.”¹

His statement highlights “an essential dimension” of our diaconal identity to become “a bridge linking the altar to the street and the Eucharist to people’s daily lives.”²

In this article I would like to share this “essential dimension” and focus on my diaconal ministry as a hospital chaplain.

At its core, “*diakonia*” (Greek for “service”) is what it means to follow Jesus, a sign of the loving presence of Christ who “came to serve, not to be served.”³ I am called to emulate Christ the Servant who walked with those who were afflicted. This places my personal ministry as chaplain in a unique position of having a special relationship with those who are experiencing sickness whilst representing the Church in a distinctive sacramental way.

I am that bridge between our bishop, his priests and the people we all serve bridging the altar to the people, spreading the Gospel and strengthening the life of the Church in the hospital.

Here, I bring my diaconal ministry from two parishes to the community of Wythenshawe hospital.⁴ The day-to-day role of the hospital chaplain is multi-faceted. This includes sharing morning prayer with my Christian colleagues, distributing Holy Communion, taking Viaticum to the dying, praying with individuals, giving counsel and discussing those big questions about life and faith. I may be called to meet with patients in the Emergency Room and Intensive Care, helping families absorb devastating news and deal with crisis situations by providing emotional and spiritual care.

Besides providing pastoral care, chaplains can function as a mediator between patients and providers, advocate for the patient to medical staff, explain hospital processes and offer comfort and guidance to hospital staff giving them support. Along with my peers from other faiths, I regularly counsel people who are experiencing their toughest trials, whether that is in a crisis of health, faith, or fear.

Chaplains may be asked to share in joyous celebratory occasions, such as the birth of a child, a lifesaving surgical procedure or a sad challenging end-of-life situation providing comfort and prayer. Referring to our local priests who come into the hospital to administer the sacraments of penance and anointing.

In all these circumstances, the Roman collar becomes a visible sign for people to recognise the living “Church”. Where patient or staff with their own personal vulnerabilities and needs are opened, and you become an intercessor in prayer and a bridge to Almighty God.

So, what is my sense of accomplishment?

As a sacramental sign to the Church and the wider community I am building relationships and drawing people closer to God. Being involved with individuals and families at very important times of their lives is both a profound and a humbling experience. Since my appointment five years ago these experiences have enriched my diaconal ministry bringing many blessings and fruitful joy which I offer to the Lord as His servant.

To walk with people in every moment of their lives, even the most painful moments, in their times of sickness and loss. I am reminded in this ministry that bringing the presence of the Lord in his Word and in the Eucharist is a great blessing and responsibility.

The call to be a hospital chaplain is God’s call to love and serve others. Providing a listening ear, emotional support and spiritual nourishment to everyone. If individuals feel the love and grace of God, then my ministry as an instrument of the Lord’s presence will touch them.

To quote Pope John Paul II, “the very heart of the Diaconate to which you have been called: to be servant of the mysteries of Christ and, at the same time to be servant of your brothers and sisters...”⁵

This is at the very heart of the Deacon as hospital chaplain.

Deacon Antony Zidan

¹ Homily of the Holy Father, the late Pope Francis, read by Msgr. Rino Fisichella, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23rd February 2025 at the Holy Mass and Ordinations to the Diaconate.

² Ibid

³ Mark 10:43; Matthew 20:28

⁴ Wythenshawe Hospital is part of the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and is considered the largest NHS Trust in the country.

⁵ Address of John Paul II, Ford Auditorium, Detroit, U.S.A. to the men ordained to the Permanent Diaconate, 19th September 1987.

Evangelisation And Catechesis Annual Report

It has been an exciting year for the department of Evangelisation and Catechesis which has embraced the gift of the Jubilee Year which was inaugurated by Pope Francis on Christmas Eve, 2024. We opened the year with Jubilee Day of Hope in St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport. Many parishioners from across the diocese attended this wonderful event which had talks on hope, the biblical roots of the Jubilee Year and how we can practically respond to it. We focused on the joy of a Jubilee Year that is fundamentally rooted in forgiveness and conversion.

Keen to engage with people in parishes in the diocese with the Jubilee Year and the theme of the Pilgrims of Hope I travelled to various parishes to provide talks on the virtue of hope.

In Lent we had a series of talks with Fr David Irwin and I on the virtues of faith, hope and love at St Joseph's. Sale. Each of these talks concluded with Compline and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In September to celebrate the Jubilee of Hope, there was an event focusing on evangelisation with a guest speaker Mark Saunders, who is a revert to the Catholic faith. The theme of this day was Sharing Hope in a Broken World with an emphasis on the importance of each of us evangelising in our own communities.

In November catechists were invited to the Jubilee for Catechists in Shrewsbury Diocese. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together for formation, prayer, thanksgiving and networking. This fantastic event was held at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, one of our places of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year and we had the privilege of Bishop Mark Davies and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph joining us for the day.

There has continued to be an increase of engagement with the Franciscan at Home platform, with people taking the opportunity of the free catechetical courses available. There are parishioners receiving formation as individuals, mentored by myself or through self-study. Over the year two groups of parishioners have emerged who meet monthly with me, and we are accessing the workshops together. These are ongoing at St Columba's Catholic Church Chester and Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church, Wallasey. Those who attend these faith sharing groups frequently comment how inspiring and encouraging it is to receive this formation together. If you wish to develop a group in your parish then please do get in touch.

Details of how to access this can be found via the Diocese of Shrewsbury website (<https://franciscanathome.com/shrewsbury>). You can request a mentor and someone from our team will guide you through your studies.

2025 marked the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea which was convened in 325 AD by Emperor Constantine, which gathered bishops in response to the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. This was the first ecumenical council in history, and it produced the creed that, completed by the First Council of Constantinople in 381, has become the distinctive expression of the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

Please do get in touch if you require any assistance or advice regarding evangelisation and catechesis you can email me at natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Natalie Orefice,
Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis



The Holy Father meets catechists from all over the world at the Jubilee of Catechists in September 25

Mission for the Vocation of Marriage & Family

The Jubilee Year of Hope for Marriage & Family

The year 2025 has been a Year of Jubilee in the Church. In the Old Testament, the key theme of the Jubilee Years was forgiveness and the temporary reestablishment of the goods of creation that were lost in the Fall. Some of these goods were freedom, both spiritual and physical, the forgiving of debts which enabled the reuniting of families, and the freely given, abundant gifts of God for His people. Jesus Christ restores the good of creation for us, but the Church has continued the tradition of Jubilee years to help us appreciate in a special way all that we have received from Him through the lens of a particular theme. The theme for 2025 was the theme of hope.

Jubilee Retreats were held in the Diocese, some of which particularly focused on the family and especially the importance of forgiveness within families, as well as the concept of indulgences, which can be obtained not only for ourselves but also for our loved ones who have passed away.

Pope Leo, at the Jubilee Year for Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly, focused on the importance of love and unity within families, drawing on the Gospel, which included Jesus' prayer for unity: "I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (Jn 17:23). Jesus Christ restored God's original plan for marriage and family making holiness possible and the mission of marriage and family in the Church a sign of hope.

"In recent decades, we have received a sign that fills us with joy but also makes us think. It is the fact that several spouses have been beatified and canonised, not separately, but as married couples. By pointing to them as exemplary witnesses of married life, the Church tells us that today's world needs the marriage covenant in order to know and accept God's love and to defeat, thanks to its unifying and reconciling power, the forces that break down relationships and societies".¹

Betrothed Marriage Preparation

This year also saw the expansion of the Betrothed marriage preparation programme into the Chester and Shropshire deaneries, making it more conveniently available to couples from these areas. For more information on the dates and venues for 2026, please get in touch with the team.

Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat

In June 2024, we also began a series of Retreat days to explain the work of MFL and to call for volunteers to help with the work. We need intercessors, catechists, presenters, natural fertility awareness (NFA) practitioners, and witnesses to the practice of NFA, as well as witnesses to the grace of the sacrament of marriage and living marriage as a vocation. If you are interested in volunteering or attending the next Retreat Day, please contact the team.

Why Get Married Retreats

Another initiative that started this year was a series of talks and couple witnesses aimed at explaining marriage as a vocation to help those discerning God's call in their lives or those interested in understanding more about marriage and its role in the Church's mission more generally. The feedback was very positive, and so we will be repeating the event in the coming year. Here is the feedback we received from just one participant:

"Thank you so much for the retreat last week. I really enjoyed the recent retreat on Marriage and Family at Our Lady's Stockport. I thought it was at 'conference' level in its content. The material was well researched, well put together and thoughtfully presented. There was something in there for the younger person hoping to get married, those engaged and those who were already married. Bringing those three groups of people together, in the small group discussions, actually allowed the younger people on our table to ask the married people questions about marriage and what it was like. They were also able to share their thoughts of what marriage was and what their expectations were. I cannot imagine another scenario where they are likely to meet different people, with different experiences, to ask these questions too, and the relaxed atmosphere of the day did allow that, which was lovely and really enjoyable."

Marriage Mass

The marriage Mass this year was held at Holy Angels Parish in Hale Barns, with over 120 couples attending, including those celebrating special anniversaries ranging from one to sixty years.

Jane Deegan, Director of Marriage, Family Life Vocation, Lay Spirituality and Prayer

¹ Pope Leo Homily June 1st 2025 <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-full-text-homily-of-pope-leo-xiv-on-jubilee-for-families-children-grand-parents-and-the-elderly/>

Missio Annual Report

On Saturday June 7th 2025 Bishop Mark celebrated our Annual Shrewsbury Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Missio/Red Box Local Secretaries and supporters in Shrewsbury Cathedral.

Bishop Mark thanked all the priests, clergy, religious and volunteers and benefactors of Missio, the Association for the Propagation for the Faith (APF), The Holy Childhood, The Society of St Peter the Apostle and the Mill Hill Missionaries for their great work, faithfulness, prayers, generosity and support to the 1,150 Mission Dioceses which are either too poor or young to support themselves. Fr. Anthony Chantry, Mill Hill Missionary (MHM) and the National Director of Missio in England and Wales concelebrated the mass, with Fr Dermot Byrne, the Provincial of the Mill Hill Missionaries in England and thanked everyone as well.

Bishop Mark said, "We support the Global Mission of the Church in a multitude of places and circumstances through your prayers, faithfulness and generosity through the Red Boxes, which helps this mission continue." This mission "Ad Gentes" is a Latin phrase, meaning "to the nations" or "to the peoples". It refers to the Church's missionary mandate to evangelise and spread the Gospel to all people, regardless of their background or culture. It emphasizes the universal call to mission and the Church's responsibility to reach out to those who have not yet heard the message of Christ. It is the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Missionary activity that reaffirmed the need for missions and salvation in Christ and reaffirmed the tie between evangelisation and charity for the poor.

Bishop Mark emphasized that success in mission was due to "faithfulness to the end," as in the Mass readings relating to St Peter and the Ugandan Martyrs. The Cathedral of Shrewsbury was consecrated in June 1886 just after Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions were martyred. Thanks to Fr. Dermot Byrne, Provincial of the Mill Hill Missionaries, the blest relics of St Charles Lwanga and Companions rest silently in the altar of Shrewsbury Cathedral. Bishop Mark said, "a mission fulfilled in utter failure to the moment of death, has inspired and opened the door for many to find faith in the martyrs of all ages."

The Diocese of Shrewsbury raised the wonderful amount of £125,734.14p through the Red Boxes in 2024 and through online donations through missio.org.uk It also is sponsoring through parishes and



The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV greets Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director, at the Vatican

individuals 20 seminarians, through the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, a branch of Missio, working in over 5 pontifical mission seminaries in Malawi, Kenya, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Anyone who wants to sponsor a seminarian or religious sister or brother in the last 4 years of their training can find more information on the website missio.org.uk.

One example of Missio supporting the training of future priests is at Our Lady of Lanka National Seminary in Sri Lanka, supported by Missio and the Red Boxes, that continues to stand as a beacon of hope for the Catholic Church in south Asia. With 218 seminarians currently studying for the 2024/2025 academic year, representing all 12 Sri Lankan mission dioceses and 13 different religious congregations, the seminary maintains its position as a truly national institution of formation. The year of 2025 marked the 71st anniversary of the seminary's academic institution, a milestone that reflects its enduring impact on the Church in Sri Lanka.

Fr Quintus, the seminary Rector shares: "The history of the National Seminary is a story of God's unfailing and benevolent love for the people in this country. During the last 70 years, the National Seminary has given birth to 1700 priests for the mission of the Church. Among them 21 are Bishops and 1 Cardinal... All these men of God have nourished the faith of our people and kept it alive to build the vibrant Catholic Church in Sri Lanka, that we are today."

One example of help is in Cambodia, where Missio supports Choum a teacher who says "We work very hard but I feel very happy, because I know that I can find myself in the children." Choum is a dedicated teacher at a Catholic kindergarten connected to Sacred Heart parish in Cambodia. Despite difficult conditions in the country, her mission of compassionate education for all children is a shining beacon of hope which is transforming her community.

To meet community needs, she explained, "I get up early, around 5am and I go to buy food for the children's lunch. Then around 6:30 I start to welcome the children because some of the parents need to go to the factory early."

Many parents in Choum's community work in factories. But many families have limited options or money for daycare, so children often stay home by themselves. Choum goes the extra mile to see that the children in her community have a safe place to learn and grow, opening the kindergarten doors at 6:30am to accommodate working parents' schedules.

Missio provides "Dignity through inclusive education". At Sacred Heart kindergarten, every child is welcomed with love and respect. Among the 40 pupils are children with Downs syndrome and severe autism, who are fully included and accepted into classroom activities. The kindergarten staff, including Choum and Sokha, an older Catholic parishioner, provide caring, patient attention to ensure all children feel valued and included. Choum makes sure the school nurtures the whole child. She does this by making sure that alongside their academic studies, the children also receive cultural education, physical activity and even brief meditation sessions.

It isn't always easy, since in poor communities many families have not been able to prioritise education. "Some children don't know how to hold a pencil. We have to hold their hands and help them. Khmer letters are very difficult. I need to buy some easy [alphabet] books for the children." Under Choum's careful guidance, children learn numeracy, the complex Khmer alphabet, traditional dance and important social skills. Choum's dedication stems from her own difficult upbringing. Growing up in a family with eight siblings, she knows first-hand the challenges of poverty. Often, they went hungry and sometimes her parents didn't eat at all. But the local priest through the Red Boxes helped the family, by bringing them food when he could, and later, the Church through Missio supported Choum's education.

For Choum, teaching is more than a job—it's a mission, where she finds fulfilment and purpose. Despite the long hours and modest pay, she has discovered her vocation in nurturing children:

'With the children in the kindergarten I find my happiness. So it's okay even if I'm tired, for myself it's not a problem.' Her approach to education is rooted in a simple but crucial philosophy: 'I tell them, "I love you children. I love you all. Not just only one of you. I love you together"'

She says "Thank you to all Red Box benefactors."

In mission dioceses, the Church is often the main or sole provider of education and safe places where children can learn and grow. With your support, Missio can help dedicated teachers like Choum continue their vital work of providing quality, inclusive education that transforms lives and communities – in Cambodia and around the world. Thank you for being a sign of hope to communities in need.

On the missiontogether.org.uk website, there are great resources, such as PowerPoint presentations for whole school assemblies or class assemblies for the Primary and Secondary Schools on their website. This helps Headteachers, RE Leaders and all teachers to pass on the faith, deepen the children's prayer life and their awareness of missions overseas.

Our grateful thanks go to Mary Dearden, who is our Shrewsbury Diocesan Director and has visited over 90 schools in the Shrewsbury Diocese over the last 20 plus years of her service. Many thanks also

to Theresa Codd who is the Missio Coordinator for the Northern Dioceses for her great work.

Through the help of Missio, Fr Anthony Chantry says, “The presence of a church building or school in areas of conflict, oppression and hopelessness can bring joy into people’s lives. The church becomes a sign of God’s presence among a suffering people, and it is within its walls, that people will be given the courage, to continue to witness to that presence outside. In this country where there is an excess of church buildings, this sounds somewhat strange to our ears but go to Myanmar – or a refugee camp in Thailand, or an oppressed community in Pakistan, or a township in South Africa, or a tiny island of Catholics in a sea of adversity such as Gaza– we will hear this message loud and clear. Their joy springs from God’s presence among them and they need to celebrate this.”

With your help through Missio and the Red Boxes, the National Seminary continues to play a vital role in Sri Lankan society, where Catholics represent a minority within the Christian population of 7.4%. Through its formation of future priests and engagement with contemporary challenges, the seminary remains committed to its mission of forming missionary priests for the third millennium, configured to Jesus Christ and rooted in his Word and the teachings of the Catholic Church. With your help, we can make sure that all vocations are given a chance to flourish. Many thanks.

If you would like to sponsor a seminarian as an individual, please contact Missio during office hours: T:02078219755 E: info@missio.org.uk

You can also write to: Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU

I want to sincerely thank each and every Red Box supporter for your generous contributions, love and concern – especially those offering Mass Intentions that help priests live day-to-day. We continue to pray for you all.

Fr Tony Grace
Missio Diocesan Director



Fr Nick Kern, staff and pupils from St Mary’s Primary School, Crewe. The special non-uniform day raised funds and awareness for Mission Together, the children’s branch of Missio.

Catholic Certificate Of Religious Studies – CCRS

Have you ever asked yourself questions such as, Who is Jesus? Why do we say Jesus is God? Why do we still read the Old Testament? Questions such as these are what the course explores in a series of eight separate modules. The modules explore the Old and New Testaments, the Person of Jesus, the Sacraments, the Church, Morality and an additional two from a choice of Liturgy, RE in the classroom, the Vision & Mission of Catholic schools and Parish Catechesis. In a world which seems to be tuned out from God and organised religion, exploring our faith, and coming to know God better, has never been more important. With the recent publication of the new RE directory, the course seeks to help those passing on the knowledge of our faith for the next generation to understand their own.

“The primary request from people who undertake CCRS, as well as those who provide or support it is for knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith Tradition. Lay people in schools, parishes, chaplaincies, youth, family members and other ministries are being asked to take on growing roles and responsibilities at a time when knowledge of faith and theology is declining. CCRS is by no means the only avenue for adult theological education. However, the research data indicates that it has stood the test of time and continues to attract many participants from different backgrounds, giving everyone who completes it the only nationally recognised award of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales.” (CCRS 25 Years On)

The Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (CCRS) has for over a quarter of a century enabled those responsible for passing on our Catholic Christian Faith through education or catechesis to gain a deeper knowledge of that faith. This year we have retained two pathways for study approach; two Thursdays per module in person, the emphasis being on talking and learning together. The second pathway is more of a self-study approach, where we meet in person for a seminar at the beginning and the end of a module. We continue to explore the best ways to engage with adults who want to deepen their faith and welcome all suggestions.

Each module begins with the study of the scriptures which are the foundation of all the subjects which we explore as part of CCRS. Our study of the scriptures and the person of Christ can help to deepen our relationship with the Lord. It is written of Saint Dominic that “in his conversations and letters he often urged the brothers of the Order to study constantly the Old and New Testaments.” (*From various writings on the history of the Order of Preachers*)

Practically, the course can be completed over two years or a maximum of five years. It is divided into eight assessed modules, so you can start in one place and finish in another. Doing CCRS does require time and application, but it will deepen your understanding. Why not give it a try?

For more details visit: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs>

Email: ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Fr Michael Coughlan
CCRS Coordinator

Shrewsbury Diocesan Planned Giving And Gift Aid Service

Giving

There is a tradition within the Church of sharing and mutual support in all its forms. There are many parishioners who offer practical help to their parishes and to those in need, who support through remembrance in prayer, as well as those giving financial support through the donations that are made. Even in these difficult economic times, it is humbling to see the continued commitment of parishioners to support their parishes, and the generosity that is shown.

In keeping with the increasingly cashless economy in which we live, we have continued to rollout contactless giving and now have 30 churches with a physical Dona station present, in conjunction with these stations we have an online presence that can be accessed through a QR code or a link on the parish website, they also provide an easy process to Gift Aid the donation. It has proved successful in those parishes in which it is operating, increasing the opportunity for people to give, particularly for second collections as well as regular offertory. We will continue to develop and enhance this facility to ensure that all parishioners are given the opportunity for giving at a level and in a way that is right for them.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is an important part of giving, as it enables the Diocese to reclaim a tax rebate equivalent to the basic rate of income tax on a donation. This means that every £1 donated with Gift Aid generates an additional 25p for the Parish, with over £800,000 having been claimed on Offertory giving for the year to

31 March 2024. Not everyone currently adds Gift Aid to their donation, in part because it is only those who pay tax that are eligible to do so. In the coming months we will be asking parishioners to consider again if they are in a position to Gift Aid their offering, as this will assist in increasing the total funds which are given to the Church.

Curial Staff

The Curial Office staff can help and assist with new donations and Gift Aid forms, as well as offering support in maintaining parish accounts that now form an integral part of the gift aid function. The Gift Aid department is staffed by Sarah Russell and Jo Skerrett and both are supported by the Finance Manager, Paul Ridley. Please do contact them if you would like any help and assistance.

Carol Lawrence
Financial Secretary

Safeguarding In The Diocese

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Message From The Bishop

Safeguarding is a task and commitment to which every member of the Church is called. Safeguarding is part of proclaiming the Gospel, for in all our efforts to care and protect the most vulnerable we give witness to Christ. The same Jesus, the Eternal Son of God who became vulnerable and defenceless as a tiny child entrusted to Our Lady and Saint Joseph. Today we can be grateful for so many in our Shrewsbury Diocese who serve the Church's mission in safeguarding, helping to make the home and family of the Church the safest of places for the young and the most vulnerable. We are thankful too for the invaluable network of volunteers and team of professionals at parish and diocesan level who help us all put safeguarding into practice in our communities and remind us of our shared responsibilities. With my thanks to everyone who is part of the Church's safeguarding mission today,

+ Mark

Rt Rev Mark Davies Bishop of Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury Diocese in line with the wider Catholic Church of England and Wales is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. Every human being has a value and dignity which we, as Catholics, recognise as coming directly from God's creation of male and female in his own image and likeness. Therefore, our parishes and communities must be safe places of welcome where we support and protect one another. We must take particular care of those who may be vulnerable due to age, illness, disability or current and past experiences in their lives and respond compassionately to their needs to help keep them safe from harm or abuse. Everyone in the Catholic Church has a responsibility to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of those around them and those engaging in activities provided by the Church.

In Parishes

Safeguarding is rooted in everything the Diocese of Shrewsbury does and we continually aim to develop good practice for the benefit of all. In creating a robust safeguarding culture across the diocese, parish priests, other clergy and the laity have a key role to play. Clergy are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities and demonstrate their commitment to developing their knowledge through ongoing engagement with safeguarding training and continual support of parish activities. The diocese is incredibly fortunate to have a network of dedicated and vigilant Parish Safeguarding Representatives. These volunteer Safeguarding Representatives are key in ensuring the safer recruitment and support of all parish volunteers and activities.

Would you like to support your parish safeguarding team?

Please speak to your parish priest or contact the Diocese Safeguarding Office (Tel. 0151 652 9855 / safeguarding@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

Diocesan Safeguarding Office Responsibilities

- Safe recruitment of all volunteers in parishes, groups, and organisations.
- Managing criminal record check applications as the diocesan countersignatory for the national registered body with the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).
- Safe management of offenders living within our parish communities wishing to attend church. Work is undertaken with relevant statutory authorities and Safeguarding Plans (written agreements) are prepared to carefully manage safe boundaries. These arrangements are monitored and reviewed regularly in line with policy.
- Responding to allegations concerning any member of the Diocesan Catholic community. This involves working in close partnership with all statutory agencies to ensure any allegations of abuse are promptly and properly investigated so that victims and survivors are supported, and perpetrators held to account.
- Providing ongoing training and resources in child and adult at risk protection with clergy, lay individuals and groups across the diocese.
- Contribution to national safeguarding policy and practice developments through work with the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA).
- Representation as appropriate and links with local authority children's and adults social care boards and groups.
- Responsibility for safeguarding matters relating to the diocesan annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, including the safe recruitment of all pilgrimage volunteers.

Diocesan Trustee Safeguarding Sub-Committee.

The Shrewsbury Diocesan Safeguarding Sub-Committee has strategic oversight of the safeguarding work across the diocese and reports to the Board of Trustees. The sub-committee assists and promotes the importance of safeguarding across all diocesan activities and ministry, including the creation of safe church environments. A key role of the sub-committee is ensuring that responses to safeguarding matters are dealt with in a timely manner and statutory authorities are informed and cooperated with.

The sub-committee is Chaired by a Lay Safeguarding Trustee, other members include the diocesan Chancellor, Vicar General, Clergy Advisor, Financial Secretary and representatives from statutory authorities including the Police, Probation and Local Authority Social Care services.

Catholic Standards Safeguarding Agency (CSSA)

The Catholic Standards Safeguarding Agency CSSA is the central agency that has been created as the professional standards body to which all Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales are accountable. The CSSA holds a regulatory function monitoring compliance by Church bodies with the safeguarding standards adopted by the Church, using its own audit and review function. Through this, the CSSA has the powers to ensure that each Church body partnered with it, is complying with published standards. Further details about the CSSA can be found at www.catholicssafeguarding.org.uk

In 2024 Shrewsbury Diocese engaged with the CSSA to undergo a baseline audit of the diocesan safeguarding provision against the 8 national safeguarding standards as set by the CSSA. The overall grade achieved was 'Results Being Achieved'. The executive summary of the quality assurance report can be found here <https://catholicssafeguarding.org.uk/audits-and-reports/cssa-audit-reports/>

Responding to Allegations or Concerns

Wherever a child, young person or vulnerable adult is at risk, or concerns are raised we have a duty to act to safeguard that individual and promote their welfare. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office via phone or email to report any safeguarding concerns, past or present.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church across England & Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England & Wales you must refer allegations directly to the diocesan Safeguarding Office, or directly to the police.

Please note the Safeguarding office is open Monday to Friday between 9am to 5pm. Emails and phone calls are not regularly monitored outside of these times.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

Victim and Survivor Voices

The diocese encourages victims and survivors of abuse to come forward and supports them to do so. The Elliott Review (2020) focussed on the importance of the voice of victims and survivors in shaping safeguarding services in the Church. “To provide an effective safeguarding service, it is imperative that the voice of those that have been harmed through their involvement with the Church, is heard and learnt from. We will respect and value their opinions, seeing them as wise consultants. All engagement will be done with humility, compassion, and empathy in the realisation that there is much to learn. Engaging with survivors will be approached in a way that reflects their needs, and at all times their wellbeing will be central”.

The diocesan Safeguarding Office responds to victims and survivors professionally and in a sensitive way, understanding that sharing and disclosing information can be distressing. The office and its team provide a safe point of contact for any individual to raise safeguarding concerns and will facilitate appropriate support. The Shrewsbury Diocese Victim & Survivors Commitment document can be viewed at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/safeguarding-victim-survivor-commitment-from-bishop-mark-davies/>

Safe Spaces

This is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales. The First Light charity have been commissioned to run this national service, providing remote support through a helpline, live chat service and website. Remote support is provided for as long as the survivor needs. This can be advocating for the survivor, giving them support, providing information (including information on church and police procedures), understanding individual needs, and jointly working on individual support plans. If face-to-face support is also required, contact and referrals will be made with appropriate local organisations depending on need.

How can Safe Spaces help?

You can contact the Safe Spaces team Tel: 0300-303-1056, safespaces@firstlight.org.uk
www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk

Free Online Safeguarding Training

The Catholic Church is dependent on Clergy, Religious and lay people using their skills and talents to nurture and support the wider Catholic community. Some will be paid employees, but the majority undertake work on a voluntary basis, with many seeing their caring and support contribution as part of their Christian responsibility and ministry. Everybody has a role to play in safeguarding within their community and it is for this reason that the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has produced a free of charge e-learning package to raise safeguarding awareness.

Have you completed your essential safeguarding training?

If you are a volunteer in the Catholic Church, you have a responsibility for keeping people safe. Volunteers who are in roles with children or vulnerable adults are required to complete safeguarding training.

Level 1 - Basic Safeguarding Awareness.

Level 2 - Intermediate Safeguarding Training.

Level 3 - Advanced Safeguarding Training

(ALL volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults MUST complete Level 3).

Training Access

To self-register visit <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/> or scan the QR code

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The Management of Health and Safety in the Diocese of Shrewsbury

The Diocese seeks to honour its legal and moral obligations in all matters relating to Health and Safety by having a comprehensive approach that endeavours to deal with every level of diocesan activity.

Direction and responsibility rests initially with the Diocesan Trustees Health and Safety Sub-committee. This group manages and directs all matters relating to Health and Safety, thereafter, overall compliance rests with the Financial Secretary and day to day implementation and advice is undertaken by the designated Health and Safety Officer.

At a parish level, according to our Health and Safety Policy, the Parish Priest is responsible for managing the day to day health and safety matters within their parish, including the production of suitable risk assessments for activities pertaining to their parish, supported and assisted by their appointed volunteer Health and Safety Representative(s)/Assistance who have delegated duties for maintaining good health and safety practices and act as a point of contact between the parish and the Diocese Health and Safety Officer.

Each Church holds a copy of the Diocesan 'Health and Safety File' containing the Diocese Health and Safety Policy, Safety Guidance Notes, Risk Assessment templates and forms, for Parish reference and use. It is also an appropriate place to hold each churches Asbestos Surveys, Fire Risk Assessment Reports, Statutory Inspections, Health and Safety Inspection reports and Parish Activity Risk Assessments etc.

Our programmes of in-house Health and Safety Audits and Fire Risk Assessment Reviews are ongoing into their concluding year. These audits and reviews advise and report on the Parish compliance with legislation and good practice.

We are still engaging with external consultants for Asbestos Surveys Reviews and Initial Fire Risk Assessments for a small number of premises.

The Health and Safety Officer provides assistance to Parishes on special events that they may be organising; assisting in the preparation of Event Safety Plans and Event Risk Assessments. Over the last year these have included: A visit of the Relics of St. Columba to St. Annes, Rock Ferry; A walking Pilgrimage from St. Albans, Macclesfield to St Joseph Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport and opening Holy Name Church for participation in the Wirral Council Heritage Open Day.

There are also many things that Parishes can do to mitigate the risks that we are all exposed to from time to time by following simple guidelines and having in place a series of routine checks. This is where our valued volunteer Health and Safety Representatives/Assistance make their vital impact. Each Parish Priest is encouraged to recruit such designated volunteers to assist them in meeting their health and safety responsibilities.

It is important that these checks are carried out at regular intervals and recorded as they can form an essential account of the care we take of people and places.

If the following questions are regularly asked then many problems and hazards can be eliminated.

Are the emergency exits and escape routes clearly marked and unlocked when the premises are in use.

Are fire extinguishers inspected annually, are people aware of how and when to use fire extinguishers successfully

Are flammable materials safely stored.

Is the electrical installations inspected at least every five years and are the portable electrical appliances checked annually [PAT]

Is the gas installation inspected annually

Is the emergency lighting tested monthly

Is the lightning protection checked annually

Are the locations of all stop cocks and meters known and recorded

Is asbestos present in the building and if so where is the management plan for that asbestos kept and is the plan reviewed regularly.

Are all necessary safety signs clearly displayed?

Are all routes internal and external inspected weekly and are they free from trip and slip hazards? Is the lighting adequate in all public areas?

Are all trees, gravestones, and boundary walls inspected annually or after storms or serious events.

Are roofs inspected monthly or after storms for slipped slates and tiles and is vegetation growth removed promptly from gutters and valleys.

Are all hazardous materials such as cleaning products labelled and securely stored.

Are all keys and pass codes accounted for and kept safe.

Are parish accident books/forms completed of all incidents including near misses.

If there are specific concerns by any parish please contact the Health and Safety Officer.

Julie Tinsley

Diocesan Health and Safety Officer, julie.tinsley@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Data Protection in 2025: Upholding the Law and Protecting the Faithful

Personal data is any information that relates to a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, from that data. This includes names, contact details, photographs, donation records, or anything relating to a person's religious life and pastoral care.

In the UK, the handling of such data is governed by the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. These laws require that personal data is used lawfully, fairly, and transparently; collected only for specific purposes; limited to what is necessary; accurate; stored securely; and retained only for as long as needed. For the Diocese, this covers a wide range of activity, from parish administration to safeguarding, catechesis, and the sacraments.

In June 2025, the data protection landscape evolved further with the introduction of the Data Use and Access Act 2025 (DUAA). This new law amends parts of GDPR and related regulations to reduce administrative burden, support responsible innovation, and clarify the rights and duties of organisations, while retaining the core principles of privacy and protection.

Key Legal Changes under the DUAA

Access Requests (DSARs): DSARs continue to be an important provision of GDPR as everybody has the right to access their own personal data held by an organisation. If you would like to make a DSAR, please contact me in writing with the details. If parishes, clergy or staff receive a DSAR, this should be passed to me as soon as possible so that it can be responded to appropriately. There are strict time limits for responding, so it is important that any requests are passed on immediately. Requests can be verbal, by email, text message (or similar), social media, or indeed by letter, so please be aware that they can come in any format. The Diocese must now conduct only "reasonable and proportionate" searches when responding to data access requests. If identity or scope needs to be confirmed, a new "stop the clock" rule allows more time to respond.

Recognised Legitimate Interests: Certain tasks, such as safeguarding, crime prevention, and public health, are now classed as "recognised" legitimate interests, meaning they do not require a full balancing assessment before data can be lawfully processed.

Automated Decision-Making: The DUAA relaxes some restrictions on automated decisions, though such methods must still include meaningful human involvement, especially where sensitive (special category) data is involved, such as religious belief or health information.

Research & Archives: Broad consent is now permitted for long-term archiving and historical research, including genealogical and parish history projects. In some cases, privacy notices may be omitted if providing them would require disproportionate effort.

Parish Communications & Cookies: Some types of cookies and analytics tools no longer require explicit consent. Churches and charities may now use a "soft opt-in" for email communications to individuals who've previously interacted with them, so long as opt-out options are clear.

ICO Powers & Complaints Handling: The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) now has expanded enforcement powers. All organisations, including churches, must also provide a process for individuals to raise concerns and ensure timely responses.

What This Means for the Diocese

These legal changes offer opportunities to streamline how we manage data in parishes, schools, and diocesan offices, especially in areas like safeguarding, email communications, and historical archives. However, they also require continued vigilance. We must regularly review privacy notices, procedures for handling data requests, and how we engage with third-party platforms.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is reshaping the way organisations in the UK manage, analyse, and protect information, while also presenting fresh challenges for data protection. AI can strengthen security frameworks by supporting advanced threat detection, automating compliance checks, and identifying risks before they escalate. However, because AI systems rely on large volumes of personal and organisational data, they raise important concerns around transparency, fairness, and lawful processing under GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. To strike the right balance, AI must be used with strong governance, accountability, and privacy-by-design principles, ensuring that technological progress enhances, rather than compromises, public trust in data protection within the Diocese.

Conclusion

Above all, data protection remains a matter of pastoral care. As we adapt to changing laws, we do so not only out of legal obligation but as a reflection of our deeper commitment: to treat each individual's information with dignity, integrity, and respect.

If you have any queries, please contact me at the Curial Office. The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website also has a wealth of information on data protection and can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

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Data Protection Officer
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SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN (MARRIAGE) TRIBUNAL – A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Each diocese is required by the Church to have a Tribunal, which has the principal duty of giving a fair answer to questions concerning marriage. Most commonly the Tribunal is asked to make a judgement on the validity of a marriage which has broken down irretrievably. People who seek the services of the Tribunal have usually been through a civil divorce and in many cases, they have received counselling. The Tribunal is not a counselling service but may signpost you towards organisations or charities which could help.

The starting point of any enquiry is to establish if a marriage is valid, that is a marriage between two baptised people, which has been consummated. If in fact one of the parties to a broken marriage was not baptised, or if the marriage had not been consummated, the Tribunal will be able to help the parties to seek the dissolution of the marriage. If it was not a valid marriage, the Tribunal will declare it null and void, and the parties would then be free to marry.

Is this just a Catholic Divorce?

Certainly not; a divorce is a civil legal statement that a marriage has ended. The teaching of Christ himself is that a true marriage is for life and that no one can bring it to an end, even when the couple can no longer live amicably together. However, sometimes the bond between a man and woman created by the sacrament of Matrimony falls short of the full requirements of the sacrament. In other words, at the time of the marriage they both need to be free, not physically or emotionally impeded in any way, aware of the implications of marriage and able to take on its responsibilities. It happens sometimes that one or other of these elements is missing when the vows are exchanged and the contract is entered into; in such a case, however worthy the parties' intentions, a sacramental bond is not created, and the sacrament can be declared invalid. The parties can then be declared free to enter into another, sacramental, marriage.

We never heard of annulments in the old days. Is it getting easier?

Marriage has not changed, but our understanding of it is developing all the time. Together with the insights of modern psychology there is a growing awareness that some people are not able to make the commitment that marriage requires. As Tribunals have come to greater understanding, we can more easily recognise where marriages are in fact null and void.

What about the children? Will an annulment mean they become illegitimate?

No. In Canon Law children are legitimate if their parents are married at the time of their child's birth, even if that marriage is later annulled. Obviously, the decisions of the Tribunal have no effect in the law of England, and so if they are considered legitimate in civil law before the annulment is granted, they will remain so afterwards.

People who are divorced cannot receive the sacraments. Is this true?

No. The fact that a person is divorced is not a bar to receiving the sacraments. If a divorced person remarries during the lifetime of their partner, or lives with someone else as man and wife, they should not receive Communion. If their former partner dies however, or if they receive an annulment, they are free to marry and to continue receiving the sacraments.

Can a Catholic who wants to marry a divorced non-Catholic do so?

No unless the non-Catholic has received an annulment. The Church recognises the marriages of non-Catholics as binding marriages in every sense. If the marriage of two non-Catholics breaks down neither is free to marry again in the eyes of the Church unless an annulment has been granted by the Catholic Tribunal. This is true even if the two non-Catholics had been married only in a Register Office, or in a Civil Marriage in a hotel or somewhere else.

Would it not be easier to forget the past and let divorced people marry again without all this fuss?

The Church must speak with the voice of Christ, and his teaching is very clear: what God has joined together, let no one separate. The Church has therefore to uphold and protect the bond of marriage. At the same time, we are often faced with the reality of relationships breaking down, and from the very earliest days the Church has tried to help such people. That is the purpose of the Tribunal: to help such

people. While remaining true to the teaching of Christ, the Tribunal will establish facts about a marriage and to draw a conclusion from those facts. In this way, the parties can be declared free of the bond of marriage if it can be shown that theirs was never a true marriage.

Is there a cost?

No, the Tribunal does not charge for its service. It is funded by the Diocese, itself a charity, and it costs around £1,500 on average per case for the services of lay staff and in overhead costs. Petitioners are invited to make a contribution towards these costs if they are in a position to so do. However, no case is turned down on financial grounds.

How does one go about getting an annulment?

You can either speak to your local priest and ask him to help you to present a case to the Tribunal, or you can contact the Tribunal direct, our official title is:

The Shrewsbury Diocesan Tribunal, and we can be contacted at the Presbytery, Our Lady's, Cavendish St, Birkenhead, Wirral CH41 8AQ. 0151 670 0097 tribunal@dioceseofshrewsbury.org




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Priests of the Diocese	52	Working in the Diocese
	1	Working elsewhere in England and Wales
	2	Working outside England and Wales
	33	Retired
	88	Total Priests of the Diocese
Overseas Priests working in the Diocese	22	(Temporarily attached)
	2	Diocese of the same country
	24	Total Overseas Priests
Priests of Religious Orders, Congregations and Societies	2	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
	3	Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament
	6	Franciscans (Capuchin)
	3	Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
	3	Oblates of Mary Immaculate
	1	Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
	3	Salesians
	3	Society of Christ
	1	Society of St Paul
	12	Spiritans
	37	Total Religious Priests
	149	Total Priests
Permanent Deacons	50	Active
	24	Over the canonical age of 75
	8	Retired
Houses of Religious Seminarians	23	Women
Discerners	9	As of September 2025
	4	
Parishes & Churches	87	Parishes
	9	Other churches and chapels open to the public
Parish Register Returns	182,000	Catholic population (estimated)
	19,133	Mass Attendance
	2,021	Baptisms
	2,358	First Communion
	915	Confirmation
	198	Marriages (including mixed)
	1,576	Deaths
	221	Catechumens

Educational Statistics January 2025

	No. of schools	No. of students
Voluntary aided schools Primary	53	12,538
Voluntary aided schools Secondary	6	6,248
Six Form College	1	2,510
Independent schools	4	809
Academies Primary	32	7,538
Academies Secondary	13	12,635
Total - all schools and colleges	109	42,278

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Shropshire

Dean: Canon Jonathan Mitchell

Church Stretton, Shropshire, St Milburga

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St Joseph Church		11			**	
St John the Evangelist	5	9; 11			**	
St Milburga	5:30	9:30			10	
St Elizabeth		9				7
St Paul		9			**	
St Michael		11			9:15	
St Peter	6	11		7:30	11	
Ss Thomas & Stephen		11			**	
Ss Peter and Paul	5:30	9:15			**	
St Walburgh's Church		11:15			**	
Our Lady Help of Christians & St Oswald	6:30	10			9:30	6:30
St Mary		9:30				7:30
Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara		8:30; 11	6		**	12; 7
St Winefride	6	9:30	12:30 ^L ; 5 ^{L,2}			
Our Lady of the Rosary and St Luke	3 ⁶ L	9			**	
St Mary	5	11			**	
St Patrick	5:30	8:45 ^L ; 11			**	
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church	5:30	9:30			10:30	
St George Protector of England	6:30	9:30; 11			10	6:30

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Central Cheshire

Dean: Rev Paul Standish

Northwich, Cheshire, The Parish of St John Vianney

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Churches and Chapels	Sunday Masses			Holyday Masses		
	Sat Eve	am	pm	Eve	am	pm
St Pius X		9			**	
St Gabriel	6:30	11:30			10	
Our Lady of Fatima	5:30				**	
St Mary	6:30	8:30; 10:30			**	
St Mary of the Immaculate Conception	5:30	9; 11	12:45 ^L ; 4 ^L ; 7 ^L			12; 7:30
St Benedict		10	5:30		**	
Mass Centre - St Margaret's Church		9			**	
St Vincent de Paul		9; 11		7		12
St Alban	6:30	9:15; 11:15	1 ² ; 6:30	7	9:15	
St Edward the Confessor	5:45	10:30			11:30	7
St Gregory	6	8:30; 10:30			**	
St Mary's	6:30	9; 11		6:30	9	
St Anne	5	9:30			10	
St Wilfrid		9:15	5:30		**	
St Paul	5:30	10			**	
St Winefride	6:30	9; 10:30				7:30
St Bede		11:15			**	
Sacred Heart		10			10	
Sacred Heart & St Teresa	6:30	11			**	
St Joseph	5:15	10			**	

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Ellesmere Port and Chester

Dean: Mgr David Charters
Chester, St Werburgh

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	Eve	am	pm	Eve	am	pm	
St Clare	6	9:30			**		
St Columba	6:30	11					
St Francis	6:30	8; 9:30	12 ^L ; 4:30 ^L			12; 7	
St Theresa	5	9:30		7	9 ^{OTT} ; 9:15 ^{TT}		
St Werburgh	6	9; 10:45	6		7:30	12:15; 7:30	
St Mary of the Angels		9			**		
Our Lady Star of the Sea	5	11			**		
St Saviour		**			**		
St Thomas Becket		11			**		
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Warrington and Runcorn

Dean: Rev Peter Montgomery
Latchford, Grappenhall and Thelwall, St John Henry Newman

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	Eve	am	pm	Eve	am	pm	
St Monica	5	10		6	11		
St Luke	6	11			**		
St Winefride	5:45	10:30				7	
Mass Centre - St Cuthbert's		9			**		
Holy Spirit		9			**		
Our Lady, Mother of the Saviour		11			**		
St Augustine	5				**		
St Edward	5	10:30			**		
St Martin de Porres		9			**		
St John Henry Newman	5:30	9; 11			**		

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Dean: Rev Stephen Woolley

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Churches and Chapels	Sat	Sunday Masses		Holyday Masses		
	Eve	am	pm	Eve	am	pm
St Hugh of Lincoln	6:30	8:30; 10:30			**	
St Vincent de Paul	5:30	8:30; 10; 11:30	6:30		10	12:15; 7
Holy Angels	6	8:30; 10:30			**	
St Aidan		10			**	
Our Lady of Lourdes		11			**	
All Saints	5	9:30	5		**	
Holy Family		10			**	
St Joseph	6	9; 11	5:30		9:30	12; 7
Sacred Heart and St Peter RC Church		11:30			**	
St Anthony's RC Church	5	11	3 ^{1L}		**	
St Elizabeth's RC Church		9:30	3 ^L		**	
St Hilda	6	9:30 ^L			**	

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Churches and Chapels	Sat	Sunday Masses		Holyday Masses		
	Eve	am	pm	Eve	am	pm
St Ambrose	5				**	
St Vincent de Paul		9:30			**	
St Bernadette		10:30			**	
St Chad		9:30			**	
St Ann	5	11			**	
St Mary		10:30			**	
Our Lady & The Apostles	6:30	11	2 ¹ L		**	
St James		9			**	
St Peter		8:30; 10	6			12; 7:30
Christ Church	6:30	9; 11			**	
St Paul	6	9			**	
Holy Spirit	4; 6	9			10	
St Philip	6	11 ^L		7		
Our Lady & St Christopher	6	9; 11			9:30	7:30
St Joseph	5	9:30; 11:30	1:30 ³ L		**	
St Peter	6:30	11			9:15	7:30

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Wallasey and West Wirral

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Heswall, Wirral, Our Lady and St John

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	<i>Eve</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>pm</i>	<i>Eve</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>pm</i>
<i>Our Lady of Pity</i>	6	9; 11		7:30	9:30	
<i>Our Lady & St John</i>	6	11:15			**	
<i>Ss Catherine & Martina</i>		9			**	
<i>St Winefride</i>	6	8:45; 10:30			**	
<i>Holy Family</i>		9:30			**	
<i>Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church</i>	6	9:30; 11			**	
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>		9:30			**	
<i>Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Joseph</i>		11	5:30		**	
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	6	10:45			**	
<i>St Alban</i>	5	9:30			**	
<i>St Agnes</i>	5:30	10:30			**	

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Birkenhead and East Wirral

Dean: Canon Niall Mullaley

Birkenhead, Wirral, Parish of St Philip Neri

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Parishes

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	Eve	am	pm	Eve	am	pm
<i>St Luke the Physician</i>		**				
<i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>	5:30	11:30			**	
<i>Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception</i>		11	4:30 ^L		**	
<i>St Anne</i>	6:30	11			**	
<i>St Joseph</i>		9:30	5		**	
<i>St Michael and All Angels</i>	6	11			**	
<i>St Peter</i>		9:30			**	
<i>St Werburgh and St Laurence</i>	5	9; 11				12
<i>Christ the King</i>	6	11	6		**	
<i>St John the Evangelist</i>	5	9:30			**	
<i>Holy Cross and St Paul</i>		9:30			**	
<i>St Joseph</i>		9; 11			9:30	7

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rm/c: Recusant Mass Centre

m/c: Mass Centre serves from elsewhere (sometimes intermittently)

p: Parish or Mission officially established

c: Church built - see Church Architects Section

con: Church consecrated

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Shrewsbury

Our Lady, St Peter of Alcantara and St Winefride

(Established 2012)

(Pop 3000)

LPA 1

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Rev Ron Ball, Rev Gerard Connett (*In Residence*)

Deacons: Laura Butcher

Parish Secretary: father.sean@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk

Office Hours: 9.30-3.30 pm Monday to Friday

Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara

(rm/c c1776 c1856 con 21 May 1890)

Location: Town Walls, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 1UE

Sunday Mass: 8:30am, 11am, 6pm

Weekdays: Mon-Sat 12noon

Holy Days: 12noon , 7pm and as announced

Confessions: Before every scheduled Sunday and weekday Mass



St Winefride

(c1956 1957)

Location: Crowmere Road, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury SY2 5RA
Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 9:30am, 12:30pm (Latin - Extraordinary Form), 1st & 2nd Sun 5pm (Polish)

**Weekdays:** Tue 9:30am

Schools: Shrewsbury Cathedral Primary - 55 page 150
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Albrighton

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Alderley Edge, Cheshire

LPA 6

St Pius X

(Pop 465)

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Served from (and correspondence to) Sacred Heart and St Teresa, Wilmslow page 106**Website:** www.wilmslowcatholic.com

Priests: Rev Anthony McGrath (*resident at Sacred Heart & St Teresa Presbytery, Wilmslow*), Rev Moses Ibeh (*resident at St Pius X Presbytery*)

St Pius X

(p1946 c1968)

Location: Stamford Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SK9 7NS**Sunday Mass:** 9am**Weekdays:** As announced**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** As announced**Adoration:** As announced

Schools: Alderley Edge School for Girls - 43 page 158
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Hospital: David Lewis Centre page 111

Alsager, Cheshire
St Gabriel
 (Pop 1200)

LPA 9

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Address: St Gabriel Presbytery, 140 Lawton Road, Alsager ST7 2DE
Also Serving: St Anne's, Nantwich page 90
Website: www.stgabrielsalsager.org.uk
Priest: Rev Anthony Grace
Deacon: Rev Edward Miller

St Gabriel

(m/c 1935-39 m/c 1941 c1953 p1958)

Location: 140 Lawton Road, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2DE
E-mail: infostgabriels@yahoo.com
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 11:30am
Weekdays: Mon 7:30pm, Fri 10am (preceded by Reconciliation & Exposition)
Holy Days: 10am
Confessions: Mon 7pm-7:30pm, Fri 9:30am-10am
Adoration: Mon 7pm-7:30pm, Fri 9:30am-10am



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Altrincham, Cheshire
St Hugh and St John
 (Pop 4000)

LPA 15

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Priests: Canon Christopher Matthews EV, Canon Patrick Munroe
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am - 2.30pm

St Hugh of Lincoln
(p1930 c1931 c1981)

Location: 314 Manchester Road, West Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 5NB
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm ☐, 8:30am ☐, 10:30am ☐
Weekdays: Mon, Wed-Fri 9:30am ☐, Tue 7pm ☐, 1st Fri, Sat 12noon ☐
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 11am-11:45am
Adoration: Term Time only Thu 7pm-8pm ☐ (Holy Hour), Sat 11am-11:45am ☐



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Altrincham, Cheshire St Vincent de Paul (Pop 6000)	LPA 15 0161 928 1689 parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk
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Priests: Canon Jonathan Brandon VG, Rev Joseph Fawcett-Wood
Office Hours: 9am - 1pm weekdays, term time

St Vincent de Paul

(m/c pre-1847 p1847 c1860 c1905 con 17 July 1941)

Location: Bentinck Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2BP**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5:30pm, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 6:30pm**Weekdays:** Mon-Sat 12:15pm, Fri 7pm**Holy Days:** 10am, 12:15pm, 7pm**Confessions:** Sat 11am-12noon, Sat 4:15pm-5pm or on request**Adoration:** Mon-Fri 11:30am-12noon, Sat 11am-12noon

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Appleton, Warrington St Monica (Pop 1000)	LPA 13 01925 264695 georgebrowne38@btinternet.com
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Address: St Monica Presbytery, 38 Dingleway, Appleton, Cheshire WA4 3AB**Priest:** Canon George Browne (*Provost*)**St Monica**

(m/c 1958 c1964 p1965)

Location: Dingleway, Appleton, Cheshire WA4 3AB**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5pm, 10am**Weekdays:** As announced**Holy Days:** Eve 6pm, 11am**Confessions:** 1st Sat 11am-11:30am**Adoration:** Exposition at Noon each Thu followed by Mass

Schools:	Cardinal Newman Catholic High School - 40	page 156
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Bebington, Wirral St Luke the Physician (Pop 1200)	LPA 24 0151 645 3996 Parish.office@stannes-rockferry.co.uk
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Website: www.stannes-rockferry.co.uk
Priest: Rev Mario-Benedict Ashuikaka HFFBY (*resident at St Anne Presbytery, Birkenhead*)

St Luke the Physician

(p1987)

Location: 76 Church Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 3EB

Sunday Mass: Currently at St John's New Ferry

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Hospital: Clatterbridge Hospital page 113

Birkenhead, Wirral Holy Cross, Our Lady and St Paul (Pop 2500)	LPA 25 0151 652 1074 info@holycrossourladysaintpaul.org
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Address: Our Lady's Presbytery, Cavendish Street, Birkenhead CH41 8AQ

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Secretary: Lorraine Forshaw

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-1pm

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

(m/c 1854 p1857 c1862 con 8 May 1912) (L)

Location: Cavendish Street, Birkenhead, Cheshire CH41 8AQ

Sunday Mass: 11am ☐, 4:30pm (Syro-Malabar Rite)

Weekdays: Mon, Wed 9am, Tue 9:30am, 1st Sat 12noon

Holy Days: As announced

Holy Cross and St Paul

(Holy Cross p1928 c1930 c1959 St Paul p1978 c1980 con 25 Jan 1981) (L)

Location: Farm Field Drive, Beechwood, Prenton CH43 7ZT

Sunday Mass: 9:30am

Weekdays: Fri 9:30am

Holy Days: As announced

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Birkenhead, Wirral Holy Name of Jesus (Pop 2500)	LPA 25 0151 232 4130 office@holynamechurch.co.uk
Address:	Holy Name of Jesus Presbytery, 60 Beresford Road, Oxton, Prenton, Wirral CH43 2JD
Also Serving:	St Peter, Birkenhead
Website:	holynamestpeters.uk
Priest:	Rev John Hovington
Deacon:	Rev Leslie Arch

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Holy Name of Jesus

(m/c1882 c1899 p1909 con 13 Oct 1921) (L)

Location: 60 Beresford Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, Cheshire CH43 2JD**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5:30pm, 11:30am**Weekdays:** Mon, Wed 9:30am**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** As announced and on request

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Birkenhead, Wirral Parish of St Philip Neri (Established 2020) (Pop 4350)	LPA 25 0151 652 5767 admin@saint-philip-neri.co.uk
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Address: St Joseph's Presbytery, 10 Willowbank Road, Birkenhead, Wirral CH42 7JY**Website:** www.saint-philip-neri.co.uk**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/StMaAAandStJosephs**Instagram:** www.instagram.com/stphilipneribirkenhead**X (Twitter):** @stsjoeandmike**Priests:** Canon Niall Mullaley VF, Rev Malachy Ogbede, Rev Sijo Poulouse**Deacons:** Rev Leslie Arch, Rev John Birch, Rev Gerard Boyle, Rev Paul D'Ambrogio,

Rev Patrick Regan

Office Hours: 10.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday**St Michael and All Angels**

(p: 1952 c: 1965) (L)

Location: New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, Cheshire CH49 5LE**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 11am**Weekdays:** Mon, Thu 9:30am**Holy Days:** ☐ As announced**Confessions:** Sat 5:15pm-5:45pm**St Joseph**

(p1898 c1900) (L)

Location: North Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire CH42 7JY**Sunday Mass:** 9:30am, 5pm**Weekdays:** Tue 7pm, Wed, Fri 9:15am, Sat 10:30am**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sat 11am-12noon (with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

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Birkenhead, Wirral
St Anne
 (Pop 2500)

LPA 24

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 Parish.office@stannes-rockferry.co.uk

Address: St Anne Presbytery, Highfield Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Cheshire CH42 2BY
Also Serving: St Luke the Physician, Bebington page 70
 St John the Evangelist, New Ferry page 91
Website: www.stannes-rockferry.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/St Anne's Catholic Church Rock Ferry
Priest: Rev Mario-Benedict Ashuikaka HFFBY (*Parochial Administrator*)
Deacon: Rev John Boggan
Office Hours: 9:45am-1:45pm: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

St Anne

(p1862 c1877 con 26 July 1962) (L)

Location: Highfield Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Wirral CH42 2BY
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 11am
Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Fri 12noon, Wed 7pm (Alternated with St John's New Ferry)
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 10:30am-11:30am (At St John's, New Ferry) and on request
Adoration: Mon, Tue, Fri 11am-12noon (Holy Hour before each weekday Mass), Wed 6pm-6:50pm (Alternated with St John's, New Ferry)

Schools: St Anne's - 94 page 156
 St John Plessington Catholic College - 113 page 149
Religious: Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux page 139
Parish Centre: Tel: 0151 645 0419 parish.centre@ntlworld.com

Birkenhead, Wirral
St Peter
 (Pop 1400)

LPA 25

0151 232 4130
 office@holynamechurch.co.uk

Served from (and correspondence to) Holy Name of Jesus, Birkenhead page 71
Website: holynamestpeters.uk
Priest: Rev John Hovington (*resident at Holy Name of Jesus Presbytery, Prenton*)
Deacon: Rev Leslie Arch

St Peter

(p1967 c1976)

Location: St Peter's Way, Noctorum, Birkenhead, Cheshire CH43 9QR
Sunday Mass: 9:30am
Weekdays: Tue, Fri 9:30am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: On request

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Birkenhead, Wirral
St Werburgh and St Laurence
 (Amalgamated into one parish 2002)
 (Pop 1800)

LPA 25

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 motherchurch@btinternet.com

Address: St Werburgh and St Laurence Presbytery, St Werburgh's Square, Grange Precinct, Birkenhead, Wirral CH41 2XZ
Website: www.motherchurch.co.uk
Priest: Rev Raymund Burke
Pastoral Admin: Maria del Carmen Ferro
Office Hours: 9.30 am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

St Werburgh and St Laurence

(St Werburgh m/c1834 c1837 St Laurence p1864 c1874 c1890 con 22 Oct 1978 1995) (L)

Location: St Werburgh's Square, Birkenhead, Wirral CH41 2XZ
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm ☐, 9am ☐, 11am ☐
Weekdays: Tue-Fri 12noon ☐, 1st Sat 11am ☐ (Healing Mass of Anointing)
Holy Days: 12noon
Confessions: By appointment
Adoration: As announced

Schools: St Anselm's College - Laetare Academy Trust - 115 page 158
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Bollington, Macclesfield
St Gregory
 (Pop 950)
 (SDB - Salesians)

LPA 7

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Address: St Gregory Presbytery, 38 Wellington Road, Bollington, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5JR
Website: www.stgregorysbollington.org.uk
Priest: Rev Martin Coyle SDB (*Parochial Administrator*)

St Gregory

(m/c1830 c1834 p1841 c1957 con 1972)

Location: 38 Wellington Road, Bollington, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5JR
Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 8:30am, 10:30am
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: On request and by appointment

School: All Hallows Catholic College - 41 page 151
Religious: Salesians page 140



Bramhall, Stockport
St Vincent de Paul
 (Pop 800)

LPA 20

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Website: threeparishesofstockport.co.uk

Priest: Rev Martin Onuoha (*resident at Our Lady & The Apostles Presbytery, Stockport*)

Office Hours: Please see Our Lady and the Apostles for office hours

St Vincent de Paul

(m/c1944-1952 m/c1965-1969 c1969 p1978)

Location: 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3EX

Sunday Mass: 9:30am

Weekdays: Wed, Fri 9:30am

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: On request after Wed Mass

Adoration: Sun, Wed, Fri 8:30am-9:30am

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Bridgnorth, Shropshire
St John the Evangelist
 (Pop 580)

LPA 4

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Address: St John the Evangelist Presbytery, 13 Northgate, Bridgnorth, Shropshire
 WV16 4ER

Website: www.stjohnsbridgnorth.co.uk

Priest: Rev Iain Griffiths

St John the Evangelist

(m/c1830 m/c1848 p1855 c1896)

Location: 13 Northgate, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16 4ER

Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 9am, 11am

Weekdays: As announced

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Sat 4pm-4:30pm (and on request)

Schools: Holy Trinity Academy - 58 page 155
 St John's - 51 page 149

Hospital: Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Hospitals page 111



Bromborough, Wirral
Christ the King
 (Pop 3000)

LPA 24

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Address: Christ the King Presbytery, 890 New Chester Road, Bromborough, Cheshire CH62 6AT
Also Serving: Parish of St Saviour and St Mary of the Angels, Ellesmere Port page 81
Website: www.christthekingbromborough.co.uk
Priests: Rev Louis Maggiore, Rev Humphrey O'Connor
Deacon: Rev Tony Hunt
Secretary: Alex Gallagher
Office Hours: Mondays 9am - 2:30pm Thursdays 9am - 2:30pm

Christ the King

(m/c1928 p1932 c1933 c1964)

Location: 890 New Chester Road, Bromborough, Cheshire CH62 6AT**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 11am, 6pm**Weekdays:** Mon-Fri 9:30am**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sat 11am-11:45am (and before Vigil Mass)**General:** Please read the newsletter to see which weekday masses are being said at Christ the King and again at St Mary of the Angels

Schools: Christ the King - 99 page 157
 St John Plessington Catholic College - 113 page 149

Cheadle, Cheshire
St Ann
 (Pop 2000)

LPA 19

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 stannsheadlehulme@gmail.com

Address: St Ann Presbytery, 29 Vicarage Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7JW
Website: www.stannschurch.org.uk
Priests: Rev Louis Charuvila Pappy (*resident at Christ Church Presbytery, Heald Green*),
 Rev Samuel Vilayil Babu (*resident at St Chad Presbytery*)

St Ann

(m/c1941 c1952 con 1977)

Location: 29 Vicarage Ave, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7JW**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5pm, 11am**Weekdays:** Mon, Tue, Fri 10am**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sat 4pm-4:45pm and on request**Adoration:** Fri 10:30am-5pm ☑

Schools: Aquinas College - 73 page 155
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Cheadle, Cheshire
St Chad
 (Pop 1500)

LPA 19

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Address: St Chad Presbytery, Stockport Road, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 2AF
Website: stchadscheadle.com
Priests: Rev Louis Charuvila Pappy (*resident at Christ Church Presbytery, Heald Green, Parochial Administrator*), Rev Samuel Vilayil Babu (*Syro Malankara Chaplain*)

St Chad

(m/c1900 c1904 p1928 c1981)

Location: Stockport Road, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 2AF
Sunday Mass: 9:30am
Weekdays: Tue 6:30pm, Thu 9:30am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Tue 6pm-6:25pm and on request
Adoration: Thu 10am-5pm 



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Hospital: Alexandra Hospital page 113

Chester
Parish of St Columba and St Theresa
 (Established 2019)
 (Pop 3170)

LPA 11

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 pp@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

Address: St Columba and St Theresa Presbytery, 128 Blacon Avenue, Blacon, Chester, Cheshire CH1 5BU
Website: sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk
Priests: Rev William Damah CSSp (*Parochial Administrator*), Rev Peter Otuonkpaikhian CSSp
Deacon: Rev Lawrence Hordley

St Columba

(m/c1939 c1965 p1967)

Location: Plas Newton Lane, Plas Newton, Chester, Cheshire CH2 1PL
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 11am
Weekdays: Mon, Wed 10:30am
Confessions: Sat 6pm-6:25pm after weekday Mass and on request
Adoration: Wed 11am (Confessions after 10:30am Mass.)

**St Theresa**

(p1956 c1959)

Location: 8 Blacon Avenue, Blacon, Chester, Cheshire CH1 5BU
Tel: 01244 371660
E-mail: st.theresas@btinternet.com
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 9:30am
Weekdays: Fri 10am
Holy Days: Eve 7pm, Outside Term Time 9am, Term Time only 9:15am
Confessions: Sat 4:30pm-4:55pm after weekday Mass and on request



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Parish Centre: St Theresa's Parish Centre (Social Club), Blacon Avenue, Chester 01244 373524

Chester St Clare (Pop 1200)	LPA 11 01244 671015 contact@stclares.co.uk
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Address: St Clare Presbytery, 27 Downsfield Road, Lache, Chester, Cheshire CH4 8HH
Website: stclares.co.uk
Priest: Rev Patrick Breeze (*Parochial Administrator*)

St Clare (c1960 p1969)	
Location: 27 Downsfield Road, Lache, Chester, Cheshire CH4 8HH	
Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 9:30am	
Weekdays: Tue 7pm, Wed, Fri 9:30am, Thu 6:30pm and as announced	
Holy Days: As announced	
Confessions: Sat 5:30pm-6pm	
Adoration: Thu 5:30pm-6:30pm, Sat 4:30pm-5:30pm	
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Chester St Francis (Pop 450) (OFM Cap - Capuchin Franciscans)	LPA 11 01244 351331 stfrancis.chester@gmail.com
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Address: Franciscan Friary, 15 Cuppin Street, Chester, Cheshire CH1 2BN
Website: stfrancischester.co.uk
Priests: Bro Piotr Anusiewsez OFM Cap (*Guardian and Parish Priest*),
 Bro Jim Durkin OFM Cap, Bro Anoop Manimalatharappel OFM Cap (*Vicar*),
 Bro Francis Maple OFM Cap
Brother: Bro Loarne Ferguson OFM Cap

St Francis (p1858 c1864 c1875 con 30 May) 	 
Location: Grosvenor Street, Chester, Cheshire CH1 2BN	
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 8am (Benedictine Abbey, Curzon Park), 9:30am, 12noon (Polish), 4:30pm (Polish)	
Weekdays: Mon-Sat 12noon, Tue, Thu, Sat 8am	
Holy Days: 12noon, 7pm	
Confessions: Fri, Sat 11am-12noon, Sat 4pm-4:30pm and on request	
Adoration: Fri, Sat 11am-12noon	
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Chester St Werburgh (m/c1757 c1799 c1875 con May 1936 Reordered 4 May 2002) (Pop 3000)	LPA 11 01244 350236 admin@stwerburghchester.co.uk / parishpriest@stwerburghchester.co.uk
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Address: St Werburgh Presbytery, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester, Cheshire CH1 1QJ
Website: www.stwerburghchester.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StWerburghs
Priests: Mgr David Charters VF, Rev Neill Robb (*retired*)
Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 12 noon

St Werburgh (m/c1757 c1799 c1875 con May 1936 Reordered 4 May 2002) 	  
Location: Grosvenor Park Road, Chester, Cheshire CH1 1QJ	
Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm (Waverton Mass Centre), 9am  (sung), 10:45am  (sung, with Children's Liturgy), 6pm 	
Weekdays: Mon-Fri 12:15pm  , Mon 1:10pm (Mass in University Chapel)	
Holy Days: 7:30am, 12:15pm, 7:30pm	
Confessions: Sat 10:30am-12noon and by appointment	

Mass Centre: Rowton Methodist Church

Location: Moor Lane, Waverton CH3 7AQ
Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm

Schools: St Werburgh's & St Columba's - 7 page 152
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Religious: Spiritans page 140

Hospital: Countess of Chester, General Hospital page 111

University: Chester University page 115

Military: Dale Army Camp

Parish Centre: St Werburgh's Parish Centre- 26 Brook Street, Chester O1244 321218 Steward: Mr J Kenyon

Church Stretton, Shropshire **LPA 3**
St Milburga
 (m/c1898 p1923-1926 c1929 p1930)
 (Pop 220) 01694 658091 / 07590 196795
 stmilburga@gmail.com

Address: St Milburga Presbytery, Watling Street North, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 7AR

Website: www.stmilburgas.org

Priest: Canon Jonathan Mitchell VF

Livestream: via website

St Milburga

(m/c1898 p1923-1926 c1929 p1930)

Location: Watling Street North, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 7AR

Sunday Mass: Sat 5:30pm, 9:30am

Weekdays: Tue-Thu 9:30am, Fri 10am

Holy Days: 10am

Confessions: Sat 5pm-5:25pm (or on request)

**St Walburgh's Church**

(rm/c: c:1862: incorporated into Church Stretton 1990)

Location: Lydbury, North Plowden, Shropshire SY7 8AG

Sunday Mass: 11:15am

Holy Days: As announced in newsletter

Confessions: Before Mass and on request

Hospital: Stonehouse Hospital page 111

General: Parish Priest serves as Hospital Chaplain to the Royal Shrewsbury and Princess Royal Hospitals

Cleobury Mortimer page 86
 see Ludlow, St Peter

Congleton, Cheshire **LPA 7**
St Mary
 (Pop 1200) 01260 273314
 stmarysrc.congleton@gmail.com

Address: St Mary Presbytery, 30 West Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 4ES

Website: stmaryschapel.org.uk

Priest: Rev Francis Nnadi (*Parochial Administrator*)

St Mary

(m/c1821 c1826) (L)

Location: 30 West Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 4ES

Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 8:30am, 10:30am

Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:15am, Wed 7:30pm, Sat 11am

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Sat 11:30am-12noon (and after 6.30pm Mass);

Adoration: 1st Wed 7pm-7:30pm ☐, 1st Sat 10am-11am ☐ As announced

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Hospital: Congleton War Memorial Hospital page 111

Conf Centre: Thornycroft Hall - see Religious Orders and Congregations



Crewe Polish Catholic Centre: Our Lady of Ostra Brama	01260 256284 crewe@pcmew.org
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Address: Our Lady of Ostra Brama, 71 West Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 3HF
Website: www.parafiacrewe.uk
Priest: Rev Artur Stelmach SChr

Our Lady of Ostra Brama

Location: 71 West Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 3HF
Sunday Mass: Sat 7pm (St Mary's, Crewe), 9:30am (The Centre), 12:45pm (St Mary's, Crewe)
Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 10am (The Centre), Wed, Fri 6pm (The Centre)
Holy Days: 10am (The Centre), 6pm (St Mary's, Crewe)

Crewe, Cheshire St Mary of The Immaculate Conception (Pop 5920)	LPA 9 01270 212533 stmarys@stmaryscrewe.org.uk
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Address: St Mary Presbytery, 13 Gatefield Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2JP
Website: www.stmaryscrewe.org.uk
Priest: Rev Nicholas Kern
Deacon: Rev Peter Lafferty

St Mary of the Immaculate Conception

(m/c1828 p1844 c1852 c1891 con 14 June 1939) (L)

Location: 13 Gatefield Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2JP
Sunday Mass: Sat 5:30pm, 9am, 11am, 12:45pm (Polish), 4pm (Syro-Malabar Rite), 7pm (Polish)
Weekdays: Tue 7pm, Wed-Sat 12noon
Holy Days: 12noon, 7:30pm
Confessions: Sat 11am-11:45am (check website)



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Hospitals: Leighton Hospital - Mid Cheshire Hospital Trust page 111
 South Cheshire Hospital page 113
University: University of Manchester, Crewe Campus page 115

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Dukinfield and Hyde, Cheshire Parish of St Mary and St Paul (Established 29 March 2021) (Pop 4740)	LPA 18 0161 330 2424 stmaryandstpaulrc@gmail.com
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Address: St Mary Presbytery, 29 Zetland Street, Dukinfield, Stockport SK16 4EJ
Website: www.stmaryandstpaul.org
Priest: Rev Isidore Madueke (*Parochial Administrator*)

St Mary

(m/c1822 p1825 c1825 c1856 con 18 Mar 1952)

Location: 29 Zetland Street, Dukinfield, Stockport SK16 4EJ
Sunday Mass: 10:30am
Weekdays: Mon 7pm, Tue, Wed 9am, 1st Fri 9am (in St Mary's School during term time), Sat 10am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 9am-9:50am
Adoration: Mon 6:15pm (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament), Tue, Wed 8:30am (before Mass)
General: Mass each half term in All Saints



St Paul

(m/c pre1848 p1848 c1854 con 30 June 1954)

Location: St Paul's Street, Hyde, Stockport SK14 2JU**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 9am**Weekdays:** 2nd Tue 9am (in St Paul's School during term time), Thu, Fri 9:30am**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sun 8:30am-8:50am, Sat 5pm-5:50pm**Adoration:** Thu, Fri 9am-9:25am**General:** Mass each half term in All Saints College**Schools:** All Saints Catholic College - 79

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Ellesmere, Shropshire**St Michael**

(Pop 412)

LPA 2

01691 622283

st.michaelsellesmere@gmail.com

Address: St Michael Presbytery, 80 Scotland Street, Ellesmere, Shropshire SY12 0ED**Website:** stmichaels-ellesmere.org**Priest:** Rev Patrick English**St Michael**

(p1947 c1947 c1960)

Location: Mereside, Ellesmere, Shropshire SY12 0PA**Sunday Mass:** 11am**Weekdays:** Mon-Fri 9:15am, Sat 10:15am**Holy Days:** 9:15am**Confessions:** Daily before Mass**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church**

(m/c1896 c1962)

Location: Drawwell Lane, Wem, Shropshire SY4 5ET**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5:30pm, 9:30am**Weekdays:** Wed 10:30am**Holy Days:** 10:30am**Religious:** Poor Clare Colettines

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Ellesmere Port, Shropshire
Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Bernard of Clairvaux
 (Established 1 July 2011)
 (Pop 5520)

LPA 10

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 parishoffice@ourladystar.co.uk

Address: Our Lady Star of the Sea Presbytery, 2a Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 8BY
Website: www.ourladystar.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Our Lady Star of the Sea Ellesmere Port
Instagram: www.instagram.com/ourladystar
Priest: Rev Godlove Amungwa
Deacon: Rev Tony Nuttall
WhatsApp: WhatsApp messages can be sent to 0151 355 5877

Our Lady Star of the Sea

(1909 1931)

Location: 2a Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 8BY
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 11am
Weekdays: Mon, Fri 12:15pm ☐, Tue 9:30am ☐, Thu 7pm ☐ and as announced
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sun 10am-10:45am, Sat 11am-12noon, Sat 4pm-4:45pm . Before weekday Masses and by request at other times
Adoration: ☐ 30 minutes before Mon/Tue Mass, 1 hour before Thu/Fri Mass
Streaming: Masses are streamed and can be viewed via the parish website

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Ellesmere Port, Shropshire
Parish of St Saviour and St Mary of the Angels
 (Established 27 November 2016)
 (Pop 3050)

LPA 10

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Served from (and correspondence to) Christ the King, Bromborough page 75
Website: www.christthekingbromborough.co.uk
Priests: Rev Louis Maggiore (*resident at Christ the King Presbytery, Bromborough, Parochial Administrator*), Rev Humphrey O'Connor (*resident at Christ the King Presbytery, Bromborough*)
Deacon: Rev Tony Hunt
Secretary: Alex Gallagher
Office Hours: Mondays 9am - 2:30pm Thursdays 9am - 2:30pm at Christ the King

St Saviour
 (p1959 c1960)

Location: Tarporley Road, Great Sutton, Cheshire CH66 3JY
Sunday Mass: As announced
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: As announced
General: Site is closed until further notice but masses are being said at the Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Bernard of Clairvaux



St Mary of the Angels(m/c1866 c1879 con 10 July 1883) **Location:** Chester Road, Childer Thornton, Cheshire CH66 1QJ**Sunday Mass:** 9am**Weekdays:** As announced**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sun 8:30am-9am**General:** Please read the newsletter to see which weekday masses are being said at St Mary of the Angels and again at Christ the King

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Frodsham, Cheshire**LPA 12****St Luke**
(Pop 1750)01928 733127
stlukesfrodsham@outlook.com**Address:** St Luke Presbytery, 61 High Street, Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 7AN**Website:** stlukesparish.co.uk**Priest:** Rev James V Kenny**St Luke**

(m/c1914 c1949 p1949 c1981)

Location: 61 High Street, Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 7AN**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 11am**Weekdays:** Tue 6:15pm, Wed-Fri 9:30am**Holy Days:** As announced in newsletter**Confessions:** Sat 5pm-5:45pm and by appointment**Adoration:** 9am 1st Fri in month**General:** Morning Prayer 15 mins before Wed and Fri Mass**Mass Centre - St Cuthbert's**

(c:1955)

Location: Station Road, Mouldsworth, Cheshire CH3 8AJ**Sunday Mass:** 9am**Weekdays:** As announced**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sun 8:45am-9am (and on request)

Schools:	St Luke's - 16	page 152
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Greasby, Wirral**LPA 22****Our Lady of Pity**
(c1940 p1944 c1952)
(Pop 1500)0151 677 2585
mlologreasby@yahoo.co.uk**Address:** Our Lady of Pity Presbytery, 24 Mill Lane, Greasby, Wirral CH49 3NN**Website:** www.ologreasby.co.uk**Priest:** Rev Michael Lester**Our Lady of Pity****Location:** 24 Mill Lane, Greasby, Cheshire CH49 3NN**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 9am, 11am**Weekdays:** Mon-Wed, Fri 9:15am**Holy Days:** Eve 7:30pm, 9:30am**Confessions:** By appointment

Schools:	Our Lady of Pity - 100	page 148
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Hale Barns, Altrincham, Cheshire		LPA 15
Holy Angels (Pop 1250)		0161 980 4784 office@holyangelscatholicchurch.co.uk
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Website:	holyangelscatholicchurch.co.uk	
Priest:	Rev Mathew Thomas CMI	

Holy Angels
(m/c1946 p1958 c1964)

Location: Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Cheshire WA15 0HF

Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 8:30am, 10:30am

Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu 9:30am, Wed, Fri 7pm, Sat 10am

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: After Sat 10am Mass and by appointment

Adoration: Sun 7:30am-8:30am, Tue, Thu 7am-8am, Sat 9am-10am



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	St Ambrose College - Laetare Academy Trust - 90	page 158
	St Ambrose Prep School - 91	page 158
	St Vincent's Primary - 81	page 155

Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire		LPA 6
St Benedict (Pop 740)		01625 533268 wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com

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Website: www.wilmslowcatholic.com

Priests: Rev Anthony McGrath (*resident at Sacred Heart & St Teresa Presbytery, Wilmslow*), Rev Moses Ibeh (*resident at St Pius X Presbytery, Alderley Edge*)

Deacon: Rev Thomas Chrisp

St Benedict
(m/c1962 p1967 c1968)

Location: Hall Road, Handforth, Stockport SK9 3AD

Sunday Mass: 10am, 5:30pm

Weekdays: As announced

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: As announced



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Hattersley, Hyde, Cheshire		LPA 18
St James the Great (Pop 750)		0161 338 2575 stpetersstalybridge@btinternet.com

Served from (and correspondence to) St Peter and St Raphael, Stalybridge **page 98**

Website: www.stpetersandstaphaels.org

Priest: Rev Paul Shaw (*Parochial Administrator*)

St James
(m/c1963 p1964 c1965 c1982)

Location: Underwood Road, Hattersley, Stockport SK14 3DH

Sunday Mass: 9am

Weekdays: As announced

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Before Sun Mass



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Hazel Grove, Stockport
St Peter
 (Pop 4000)

LPA 20

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Address: St Peter Presbytery, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EA
Also Serving: St Philip, Stockport page 100
Website: www.stpeterscatholic.church
Priest: Rev Philip Atkinson VF
Deacon: Rev John McKay
Livestream: churchservices.tv/stockport

St Peter
 (c1897 p1923 p1931)

Location: 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EA
Sunday Mass: 8:30am ☐, 10am ☐, 6pm ☐
Weekdays: Mon-Sat 12noon or as announced
Holy Days: 12noon ☐, 7:30pm ☐
Confessions: Sat 11am-11:45am and by request
Adoration: 1st Fri 6pm-8pm, Sat 11am-11:45am



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 Harrytown Catholic High School - 72 page 154
 St James' Catholic High School - 71 page 154
 St Peter's - 66 page 154
 St Simon's - 67 page 154
Hospital: Stepping Hill Hospital page 112
Social Club: 0161 483 7387

Heald Green, Cheshire
Christ Church
 (Pop 1800)

LPA 19

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 christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk

Address: Christ Church Presbytery, 98 Finney Lane, Heald Green, Cheshire SK8 3DY
Website: christchurchhg.co.uk
Priests: Rev Louis Charuvila Pappy, Rev Samuel Vilayil Babu (*resident at St Chad Presbytery, Cheadle*)

Christ Church
 (m/c1947 p1959 c1963)

Location: 98 Finney Lane, Heald Green, Stockport SK8 3DY
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 9am, 11am
Weekdays: Tue 6:30pm, Wed, Fri 10am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Wed 9:15am-9:45am (At other times by request)
Adoration: Wed 9:15am-10am, Fri 10:30am-11am, 3rd Sat 10am-5:45pm



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 Cheadle Catholic Junior - 64 page 154
 St James' Catholic High School - 71 page 154
Hospital: Cheadle Royal Hospital page 111
Hospice: St Ann's Hospice page 114

Heswall, Wirral
Our Lady and St John
 (Pop 1200)

LPA 23

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Address: Our Lady & St John Presbytery, 1 Boundary Lane, Heswall, Wirral CH60 5RP
Also Serving: Holy Family, Pensby page 93
Website: rcchp.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/people/Our-Lady-St-John-Heswall/61558135247607/
Instagram: www.instagram.com/@ourladyandstjohn_heswall
Priest: Canon Stephen Coonan EV VF
Deacons: Rev Gianni Interi, Rev Paul Walker
Parish Secretary: Victoria Hanlon
Office Hours: Thursday 9am - 3pm

Our Lady & St John

(m/c1914 c1919 p1928 c1939 con 5 Nov 1958)

Location: 1 Boundary Lane, Heswall, Cheshire CH60 5RP**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 11:15am**Weekdays:** Mon, Tue 9am, Thu 7pm**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sat 5:15pm-5:45pm**Adoration:** Tue 9:30am-10:30am (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Schools: Ladymount - 106 page 157
 St Anselm's College - Laetare Academy Trust - 115 page 158
 St Mary's Catholic College - 114 page 149
 Upton Hall School FCJ - 116 page 158
Hospital: Spire Murrayfield Hospital page 114

Holmes Chapel

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Hooton

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Hoylake, Wirral**SS Catherine and Martina**
(Pop 1350)

LPA 22

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Website: www.stagnesandstcatherines.org
Priest: Canon David Roberts EV (*resident at St Agnes Presbytery, West Kirby*)
Deacons: Rev Anthony Crisp, Rev John Fegan
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-11.30am

Ss Catherine & Martina

(m/c1874 m/c1882 c1928 p1930)

Location: 41 Birkenhead Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 5AF**Sunday Mass:** 9am**Weekdays:** Tue, Thu as announced in newsletter**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** On request**Adoration:** Wed 7pm-8pm

Schools: Our Lady of Pity - 100 page 148
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 St Mary's Catholic College - 114 page 149
 Upton Hall School FCJ - 116 page 158



Knutsford, Cheshire
St Vincent de Paul
 (Pop 2500)

LPA 6

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Also Serving: St Winefride, Lymm
Website: www.stvincentsknutsford.org
Priest: Rev David Long
Secretary: Julie Matthews
Child Protection Officer: Sharon Lloyd
Pastoral Worker: Christel Casse
Health & Safety Representative: Steve Graham

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St Vincent de Paul

(m/c1851 p1861-65 c1866 p1867 c1927 c1983)

Location: Tatton Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6HR**Sunday Mass:** 9am, 11am**Weekdays:** Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am, Sat 12noon**Holy Days:** Eve 7pm, 9.30am in school during term time, 12noon**Confessions:** After weekday Mass**Adoration:** Sat 11:30am

Schools: St Nicholas Catholic High School - 39
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**Latchford, Grappenhall and Thelwall****St John Henry Newman**

(formerly Our Lady and Saint Augustine of Canterbury)
 (Pop 2300)

LPA 13

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Address: Presbytery, 1 Prescott Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 1JB
Website: www.newmanparishwarrington.com
Priest: Rev Peter C Montgomery VF

St John Henry Newman

(p1869 dedicated 5 June 2010)

Location: Knutsford Road, Warrington WA4 1JE**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5:30pm, 9am, 11am**Confessions:** Sat 4:45pm-5:15pm

Schools: Cardinal Newman Catholic High School - 40
 Our Lady's - 19
 St Augustine's - 20

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**Ludlow, Shropshire****St Peter**

(Pop 400)

LPA 3

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Address: St Peter Presbytery, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1QZ
Website: www.stpetersludlow.org
Priest: Canon Christopher Walsh

St Peter

(m/c1876-1885 1896 p1907 c1908 c1936 con 2 July 1936)

Location: Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1QZ**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 11am**Weekdays:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:30am, Wed 10:30am, Sat 10am**Holy Days:** Eve 7:30pm, 11am**Confessions:** Sat 10:30am-11am and on request**Adoration:** 1st Thu 10am-11am**Morning Prayer:** 15 mins before weekday Mass

St Elizabeth

(rm/c: c: 1776, 1962)

Location: Station Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire DY14 8AL**Website:** www.stelizabethcleoburymortimer.org**Sunday Mass:** 9am**Weekdays:** As announced**Holy Days:** 7pm**Confessions:** Before Sunday Mass**School:** Moor Park Preparatory - 59

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Hospital: Ludlow Hospital

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Lymm, Cheshire**St Winefride**

(Pop 1200)

LPA 13

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Website: www.stwinefrideslymm.org**Priest:** Rev David Long (*resident at St Vincent de Paul Presbytery, Knutsford*)**Secretary:** Julie Matthews**Child Protection Officer:** John Marciniaik**Pastoral Worker:** Christel Casse**Health & Safety Representative:** Dave Bourke**St Winefride**

(m/c1856-1868 1902 p1928 c1933)

Location: Booths Hill Road, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0DL**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5:45pm, 10:30am**Weekdays:** Tue 7pm, Thu 9:30am**Holy Days:** 7pm**Confessions:** Tue 6:30pm-6:55pm and on request**Adoration:** Tue 6:30pm-7pm**School:** Cardinal Newman Catholic High School - 40

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Religious: Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters)

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Macclesfield, Cheshire**St Alban**

(Pop 3000)

LPA 7

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Address: St Alban Presbytery, 37a Chester Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 8DJ**Website:** www.stalbanmacc.org.uk**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/stalbanmacc/**Priest:** Rev Tomasz Mamelka**Deacon:** Rev György Zörényi**Parish Secretary:** Candy Massey**Office Hours:** Mon & Fri: 9am-3pm, Tues-Thurs: 9am-1.30pm**St Alban**

(rm/c m/c1792 1810 p1821 c1841 con 22 Oct 1931) (L)

Location: 37a Chester Road, Macclesfield, Stockport SK11 8DJ**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6:30pm ☐, 9:15am ☐, 11:15am ☐, 2nd Sun 1pm ☐ (Polish Mass), 6:30pm ☐**Weekdays:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:30am ☐, Wed 7pm ☐, Sat 12noon ☐ and as announced**Holy Days:** Eve 7pm ☐, 9:15am (in Primary School)**Confessions:** Wed 6pm-6:50pm, Sat 11am-11:50am and on request**Adoration:** Wed 6pm-7pm ☐, Sat 11am-12noon ☐**Morning Prayer:** Divine Office 15 mins before weekday Mass**Schools:** All Hallows Catholic College - 41

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Religious: Pallottine Missionary Sisters

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Spire Hospital

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Hospice: East Cheshire Hospice

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Macclesfield, Cheshire
St Edward the Confessor
 (Pop 400)

LPA 7

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Website: www.st-edward-macclesfield.org.uk

Priest: Rev Peter Cryan

St Edward the Confessor

(con 26 April 1939 p1939)

Location: 145 London Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 7RL

Sunday Mass: Sat 5:45pm, 10:30am

Weekdays: As announced

Holy Days: 11:30am, 7pm

Confessions: Sat 10:30am-11am

General: Parking SK11 7RZ Lomas Square

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Malpas

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Market Drayton, Shropshire

Ss Thomas Aquinas and Stephen Harding

(m/c1856 p1884 c1886 con 17 Aug 1887)

(Pop 495)

LPA 4

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Website: www.ss-thomas-stephen.org.uk

Priest: Rev Lee Bennett (*resident at SS Peter and Paul Presbytery, Newport*)

Deacons: Rev David Hill, Rev Wilfred McSherry

Ss Thomas & Stephen

(m/c1856 p1884 c1886 con 17 Aug 1887) (L)

Location: 53 Great Hales Street, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1JL

Tel: 01952 811299

Sunday Mass: 11am

Weekdays: Wed 10am, Sat 9:30am

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Before Mass

Schools: Holy Trinity Academy - 58 page 155

SS Peter & Paul - 54 page 150

Prison: Stoke Heath HMYOI page 115

Military: Clive Barracks



Marple, Stockport
The Holy Spirit
 (p1967 c1972)
 (Pop 400)

LPA 18

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Also Serving: St Bernadette, Stockport

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Website: www.holyspiritmarple.co.uk

Priest: Rev Stephen Roberts (*Parochial Administrator*)

Holy Spirit
 (p1967 c1972)

Location: Leigh Avenue, Marple, Stockport SK6 6DF

Sunday Mass: Sat 4pm (Winter), Sat 6pm (Summer), 9am (Sunday Morning)

Weekdays: Mon, Wed-Fri 10am

Holy Days: 10am

Confessions: Available before mass

Adoration: Thu 6pm-6:45pm

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General: Nottingham Diocese school - St Mary's Primary, Marple Bridge

Middlewich, Cheshire
St Mary

LPA 8

(m/c1830 c1865 p1866 c1891 con 14 July 1972)
 (Pop 2100)

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Address: St Mary's Presbytery, 2 New King Street, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 9EB

Website: www.stmarysparishmiddlewich.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysparishmiddlewich

Priest: Rev Vijay Bhupathi (*Parochial Administrator*)

Deacons: Rev Anthony Ford, Rev Christopher Wells

Office Hours: 9.30-12.30 on Monday and Wednesday, and 1.00pm-5.00pm on Friday.

St Mary's
 (m/c1830 c1865 p1866 c1891 con 14 July 1972)

Location: King Street, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 9EB

Tel: 07836 614833

Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 9am (In St Margaret Ward's Holmes Chapel), 11am

Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am, Wed 6:30pm

Holy Days: Eve 6:30pm, 9am

Confessions: Sat 11:30am-12:15pm and on request

Adoration: Mon 6:30pm-7:30pm

Mass Centre - St Margaret's Church

(m/c: pre1945 c:1964)

Location: Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire CW4 7MQ

Sunday Mass: 9am

Holy Days: As announced

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St Nicholas Catholic High School - 39

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Mouldsworth
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Nantwich, Cheshire
St Anne's
 (Pop 2000)

LPA 9

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Website: stannesnantwich.co.uk

Priests: Rev Anthony Grace (*resident at St Gabriel Presbytery, Alsager*),
 Rev Michael Ryan OMI

Deacons: Rev Peter Mascarenhas, Rev John Penny

St Anne

(m/c1832 c1856 p1868 c1936 2002)

Location: Pillory Street, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 5SS

Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 9:30am

Weekdays: Tue, Thu 10am

Holy Days: 10am

Confessions: Sat 4:30pm and on request

Schools: St Anne's - 24

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St Thomas More Catholic High School - 37

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Hospital: Leighton Hospital - Mid Cheshire Hospital Trust

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Nursing Homes: St Catherine's, Richmond Village, Clarendon Court, Barony Lodge

Neston, Wirral
St Winefride
 (Pop 1100)

LPA 23

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 parishpriest@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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Website: www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Priest: Rev Thomas Cunnah JV

Deacon: Rev Michael Topping

Parish Secretary: Jayne Shakespeare

St Winefride

(rm/c p1843 c1843 con 2 Aug 1939 1996) (L)

Location: 5 Burton Road, Little Neston, Neston, Cheshire CH64 9RF

Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 8:45am, 10:30am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Thu 9am, Tue, Fri 7pm, Sat 12noon

Holy Days: See newsletter

Confessions: Sat 5:15pm-5:45pm and on request

Adoration: Thu 9:30am-10:30am

School: St Winefride's - 25

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New Ferry, Wirral
St John the Evangelist
 (Pop 2700)

LPA 24

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Served from (and correspondence to) **St Anne, Birkenhead**

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Website: www.stjohntheevangelistnewferry.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/St John the Evangelist New Ferry
Priest: Rev Mario-Benedict Ashuikaka HFFBY (*resident at St Anne Presbytery, Birkenhead*)
Deacon: Rev Michael Daly

St John the Evangelist

(p1902 c1904 c1934 con 4 Aug 1943)

Location: 128 Bebington Road, New Ferry, Wirral CH62 5BJ
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 9:30am
Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Fri 9:15am, Wed 7pm (Alternated with St Anne's, Rock Ferry)
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 10:30am-11:30am and on request
Adoration: Sat 10:30am-11:30am (Holy Mass at 10am on First Saturdays, Divine Mercy Prayer, Rosary, Divine Praises)



Schools: St Anselm's College - Laetare Academy Trust - 115 page 158
 St John Plessington Catholic College - 113 page 149
 St John's Infant - 102 page 157
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 Upton Hall School FCJ - 116 page 158
Hospice: St John's Hospice page 115

Newport, Shropshire

SS Peter & Paul

(Also serves Market Drayton)
 (Pop 450)

LPA 4

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Also Serving: Ss Thomas Aquinas and Stephen Harding, Market Drayton page 88
Website: www.sspeter-paul.co.uk
Priest: Rev Lee Bennett
Deacons: Rev David Hill, Rev Wilfred McSherry

Ss Peter and Paul

(rm/c c1832 con 11 July 1906) (L)

Location: Salter's Hall, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7LB
Sunday Mass: Sat 5:30pm, 9:15am
Weekdays: Tue, Wed, Fri 10am, Thu 7pm
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Before Mass
Adoration: Fri 10:30am-11am (Latin)



Schools: Holy Trinity Academy - 58 page 155
 SS Peter & Paul - 54 page 150

Northwich

Polish Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa

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Website: www.parafiacrewe.uk
Priest: Rev Artur Stelmach SChr

Our Lady of Czestochowa

Location: 107 London Road, Northwich CW9 8AT
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 10am
Weekdays: 1st Fri 7pm
Holy Days: 10am
Confessions: Before Mass and on request

Northwich, Cheshire
The Parish of St John Vianney
 (Established 31 March (Easter Sunday) 2013)
 (Pop 3520)

LPA 8

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Also Serving: St Thomas Becket, Tarporley page 101
Website: www.stjohnvianney.co.uk
Priest: Rev Paul Standish VF
Deacon: Rev David Harrison
Sister: Sr Phyllis Hughes (*resident at St Bede Presbytery, Weaverham*)

St Wilfrid

(m/c1830 c1854 p1857 c1856) (L)
Location: Witton Street, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5NP
Sunday Mass: 9:15am, 5:30pm
Weekdays: Please see newsletter on website
Holy Days: Please see newsletter on website
Confessions: Sat 11am-11:50am and on request

**Our Lady of Fatima**

(1953 cJan 1983)
Location: 1 Churchfields, Barnton, Cheshire CW8 4UR
Sunday Mass: Sat 5:30pm
Weekdays: Please see newsletter on website
Holy Days: Please see newsletter on website
Confessions: On request

**St Bede**

(p1950 c1952 con 7 June 1961 rededicated 1 June 2004)
Location: Church Lane, Weaverham, Cheshire CW8 3NP
Sunday Mass: 11:15am
Weekdays: Please see newsletter on website
Holy Days: Please see newsletter on website
Confessions: On request



Schools: St Bede's - 34 page 153
 St Nicholas Catholic High School - 39 page 153
 St Wilfrid's - 26 page 153
Religious: Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Evron page 138

Oswestry, Shropshire
Our Lady Help of Christians and St Oswald
 (Pop 600)

LPA 2

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Website: www.catholicsoswestry.org
Priest: Rev Philip Kuzhiparambil CMI
Deacon: Rev Joseph Stefanazzi

Our Lady Help of Christians & St Oswald

(m/c1839 p1865-71 1877 c1879 con 10 June 1890)
Location: Cae Nef, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2TG
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 10am
Weekdays: Tue-Thu 9:30am, Fri 12noon
Holy Days: 9:30am, 6:30pm
Confessions: Sat 6pm-6:30pm and on request



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Religious: Sisters of Charity of St Paul page 138
Hospital: Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital page 112

Partington, Manchester Our Lady of Lourdes (Pop 1350)		LPA 16 0161 962 4444 our3parishes@gmail.com
Served from (and correspondence to) All Saints, Sale		page 96
Website:	ourparishes.church	
Priest:	Rev Edward Wall	
Our Lady of Lourdes (m/c1956 p1957 c1964)		  
Location:	Chapel Lane, Partington, Cheshire M31 4EZ	
Sunday Mass:	11am	
Weekdays:	Tue 7:30pm	
Holy Days:	As announced	
Confessions:	On request	
Schools:	Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College Loreto Grammar School (a single academy) - 84 Our Lady of Lourdes - 82 St Ambrose College - Laetare Academy Trust - 90	page 156 page 157 page 147 page 158
Pensby, Wirral Holy Family (Pop 1000)		LPA 23 0151 342 6581 contact@rcchp.org
Served from (and correspondence to) Our Lady and St John, Heswall		page 85
Website:	rcchp.org	
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/holyfamily.pensby/	
Priest:	Canon Stephen Coonan EV VF (<i>resident at Our Lady & St John Presbytery, Heswall</i>)	
Deacon:	Rev Jeffrey Telford	
Secretary:	Victoria Hanlon (<i>Office at Our Lady & St John</i>)	
Office Hours:	Thursday 9 am - 3 pm	
Holy Family (p1968 c1976 c1998)		  
Location:	435 Pensby Road, Pensby, Cheshire CH61 9PQ	
Sunday Mass:	9:30am	
Weekdays:	Wed, Fri 9am, Sat 12noon	
Holy Days:	As announced	
Confessions:	Sat 11:30am-11:50am	
Schools:	Ladymount - 106 St Anselm's College - Laetare Academy Trust - 115 St Mary's Catholic College - 114 Upton Hall School FCJ - 116	page 157 page 158 page 149 page 158
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Poynton, Stockport St Paul (Pop 1100)		LPA 7 01625 872606 shwb@btinternet.com
Served from (and correspondence to) The Sacred Heart, Whaley Bridge		page 105
Website:	www.sacredheart-whaleybridge.org.uk	
Priest:	Rev Barry O'Sullivan (<i>Parochial Administrator</i>)	
St Paul (m/c late 1930s c1941 p1957)		  
Location:	33 Bulkeley Road, Poynton, Stockport SK12 1NR	
Sunday Mass:	Sat 5:30pm, 10am	
Weekdays:	Wed 9:30am	
Holy Days:	As announced	
Confessions:	By arrangement	
Schools:	All Hallows Catholic College - 41 St Paul's - 27	page 151 page 150

Romiley, Stockport
Our Lady and St Christopher
 (Pop 2201)

LPA 18

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Website: www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk
Priests: Canon Michael Gannon VG, Rev Humphrey Agbim

Our Lady & St Christopher
 (c1912 p1912 c1932)

Location: 52 Barrack Hill, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3BA
Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 9am, 11am
Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat 9:30am, Tue 7:30pm, Fri 12noon
Holy Days: 9:30am, 7:30pm
Confessions: Sun 10:30am-10:55am, Sat 6pm-6:25pm and on request



Schools: Harrytown Catholic High School - 72 page 154
 St Christopher's - 69 page 147

Runcorn, Cheshire
The Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe
 (Established 25 December 2013)
 (Pop 5000)

LPA 12

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Website: www.saint-maximilian-kolbe.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StEdandHS
Instagram: www.instagram.com/stedandhs
X (Twitter): @StEdandHS
Priest: Rev Peter Wright

Holy Spirit
 (p1968 c1971)

Location: Fernhurst, Halton Brook, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 2NJ
Sunday Mass: 9am
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: Mass in Church and Schools as announced
Confessions: By appointment and special celebrations, see Newsletter



St Edward
 (p1842 c1846/7 c1866 c1956)

Location: Ivy Street, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5NZ
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 10:30am
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: Mass in Church and Schools as announced
Confessions: By appointment and special celebrations, see Newsletter



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Runcorn, Cheshire
The Parish of The Divine Saviour
 (Established 8 December 2013)
 (Pop 3000)

LPA 12

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Website: divinesaviour.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Divine_Saviour-Runcorn
Instagram: www.instagram.com/Divine_Saviour_Runcorn
Priests: Rev Chukwuemeka Nwachukwu (*Parochial Administrator*), Rev Charles Agwuocha
Office Hours: 10.30am -12.30pm Tuesday - Thursday

Our Lady, Mother of the Saviour

(p1974)

Location: Lapwing Grove, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 2TP
Sunday Mass: 11am
Weekdays: Tue 6:30pm, Thu 10am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: 30 minutes before all Masses
Adoration: 30 minutes before weekday Masses



St Augustine

(p1969 c1977)

Location: Castlefields Avenue North, Castlefields, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 2HT
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm
Weekdays: Fri 10am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: 30 minutes before all Masses
Adoration: 30 minutes before weekday Masses



St Martin de Porres

(p1975 c1978)

Location: St Martin's Lane, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 6HZ
Sunday Mass: 9am
Weekdays: Wed 10am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: 30 minutes before all Masses
Adoration: 30 minutes before weekday Masses



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 St Martin's - 33 page 153
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Hospice: Halton Haven Hospice page 114

Sale, Cheshire **LPA 16**
All Saints
 (m/c1959 p1965 c1966)
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Address: All Saints Presbytery, 164 Carrington Road, Ashton-on-Mersey, Sale, Cheshire M33 5WL

Also Serving: Our Lady of Lourdes, Partington page 93

Website: ourparishes.church

Priest: Rev Edward Wall

All Saints 
 (m/c1959 p1965 c1966)

Location: 164 Carrington Lane, Ashton on Mersey, Sale, Cheshire M33 5WL

Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 9:30am, 5pm

Weekdays: Wed 7:30pm, Fri 12noon

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Sat 11am-11:30am and by appointment

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Loreto Grammar School (a single academy) - 84 page 157

St Ambrose College - Laetare Academy Trust - 90 page 158

Sale, Cheshire **LPA 16**
St Joseph
 (Pop 4500) 0161 973 1615
 info@sjhf.co.uk

Address: St Joseph Presbytery, Hope Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 3BF

Also Serving: Holy Family, Sale Moor page 97

Website: www.sjhf.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/St. Joseph's & Holy Family Catholic Churches

Priest: Rev Stephen Woolley VF

Deacon: Rev John Hamilton

St Joseph 
 (m/c1860 c1866 p1870 c1885 con 10 July 1930)

Location: Hope Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 3BF

Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm

Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat 12noon, Wed, Fri 9:30am

Holy Days: 9:30am, 12noon, 7pm

Confessions: Sat 11am-11:50am

Schools: Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College page 156

Loreto Grammar School (a single academy) - 84 page 157

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Religious: Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters) page 137



Sale Moor, Cheshire
Holy Family
 (Pop 2000)

LPA 16

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Website: www.sjhf.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/St. Joseph's & Holy Family Catholic Churches
Priest: Rev Stephen Woolley VF (*resident at St Joseph Presbytery, Sale*)
Deacon: Rev John Hamilton

Holy Family
 (m/c1969 p1975 c1977)

Location: 65 Old Hall Road, Sale Moor, Sale, Cheshire M33 2HT

Sunday Mass: 10am

Weekdays: As announced

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Sat 11am-11.50am (at St Joseph's, Sale)



Schools: Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College page 156
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Sandbach, Cheshire
St Winefride
 (Pop 1200)

LPA 9

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Priest: Rev Michael Morton

Deacon: Rev Michael Birchall

St Winefride
 (m/c1852 c1865 c1914 p1933)

Location: Middlewich Road, Sandbach, Cheshire CW11 1HU

Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 9am, 10:30am

Weekdays: Mon-Fri 12noon

Holy Days: 7:30pm

Confessions: Sat 5:45pm-6:15pm



Schools: St Gabriel's - 1 page 152
 St Thomas More Catholic High School - 37 page 152

Shawbury

see Whitchurch, St George Protector of England

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Shifnal, Shropshire
St Mary
 (Pop 700)

LPA 4

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Address: St Mary Presbytery, 24 Victoria Road, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8AE

Website: stmarystjoseph.co.uk

Priest: Rev John Paul Raj Masilamani MSSCC (*Parochial Administrator*)

St Mary
 (rm/c 1860)

Location: 24 Victoria Road, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8AE

Sunday Mass: 9:30am As announced

Weekdays: Wed, Fri, Sat 9:30am

Holy Days: 7:30pm

Confessions: Sun 9am-9:25am As announced

Adoration: As announced

St Joseph Church

(rm/c: about 1850, again from 1959, c1974)

Location: St Joseph's, Bushfield Road, Albrighton WV7 3PE**Sunday Mass:** 11am**Weekdays:** Tue, Thu 9:30am**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Before Mass**Schools:** Holy Trinity Academy - 58 page 155
SS Peter & Paul - 54 page 150**Stalybridge****LPA 18****St Peter and St Raphael**

(Established 2012)

(Pop 2700)

0161 338 2575

stpetersstalybridge@btinternet.com

Address: St Peter Presbytery, Off Castle Hall Close, Stalybridge SK15 2ED
Also Serving: St James the Great, Hattersley page 83
Website: www.stpetersandstraphaels.org
Priest: Rev Paul Shaw (*Parochial Administrator*)
Deacon: Rev Antony Zidan**St Peter**

(p1838 c1839 con 25 Sept 1946)

Location: Off Castle Hall Close, Stalybridge, Stockport SK15 2ED**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6:30pm, 11am**Weekdays:** Mon-Wed, Fri 9:15am**Holy Days:** 9:15am, 7:30pm**Confessions:** Sat 11:30am-12noon**Schools:** All Saints Catholic College - 79 page 148
St Peter's - 78 page 147
St Raphael's - 77 page 155**Stockport****LPA 20****Our Lady and The Apostles**

(Pop 4500)

0161 480 2489

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Address: Our Lady & The Apostles Presbytery, 39 Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ
Also Serving: St Vincent de Paul, Bramhall page 74
St Ambrose, Stockport page 99
Website: threeparishesofstockport.co.uk
Priest: Rev Martin Onuoha (*Parochial Administrator*)
Office Hours: Mon and Tues 9am - 2pm, Thurs 10.30am - 1pm, Fri 9am - 3pm**Our Lady & The Apostles**

(m/c1798 p1799 c1803 1905 con 12 Oct 1949) (L)

Location: Shaw Heath, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 8BQ**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6:30pm, 11am, 1st Sun 2pm (Igbo)**Weekdays:** Tue, Sat 9:30am, Thu 7pm**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sat after 9.30am Mass**Adoration:** Tue, Sat 8:30am-9:30am, Sat 10am-10:45am**Schools:** Aquinas College - 73 page 155
Harrytown Catholic High School - 72 page 154
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St James' Catholic High School - 71 page 154

Stockport
St Ambrose
 (Pop 900)

LPA 20

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Website: threeparishesofstockport.co.uk
Priest: Rev Martin Onuoha (*resident at Our Lady & The Apostles Presbytery*)
Office Hours: See Our Lady and the Apostles

St Ambrose
 (c&p1939)

Location: Adswood Road, Adswood, Stockport SK3 8QA
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm
Weekdays: Mon, Thu 9:30am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: On request after Thu Mass
Adoration: Mon, Thu 8:30am-9:30am



Schools: Aquinas College - 73 page 155
 St Ambrose - 61 page 154
 St James' Catholic High School - 71 page 154

Stockport
St Bernadette
 (Pop 300)

LPA 20

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Served from (and correspondence to) **The Holy Spirit, Marple** page 89

Priest: Rev Stephen Roberts (*resident at Holy Spirit Presbytery, Marple, Parochial Administrator*)

St Bernadette
 (p1957 c1961)

Location: Foliage Road, Brinnington, Stockport SK5 8AH
Sunday Mass: 10:30am
Weekdays: Wed 11:15am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: On request



Schools: Aquinas College - 73 page 155
 Harrytown Catholic High School - 72 page 154
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 Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Evron page 138

Religious:

General: Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team: See section on Diocesan Organisation

Stockport
St Joseph
(Pop 700)

LPA 20

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Website: www.stjosephsrcchurchstockport.org.uk / www.eucharisticshrine.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjosephsrcchurchstockport
Priest: Rev Sean Davidson

St Joseph

(m/c1845 c1862 con 10 April 1940) (L)

Location: Tatton Street, St Petersgate, Stockport SK1 1EG**Sunday Mass:** Sat 5pm ☐, 9:30am ☐ (with children's liturgy), 11:30am ☐ (with Gregorian Chant), 3rd Sun 1:30pm (Ukrainian, Rev Ewhen Nebesniak 07879 592902)**Weekdays:** Mon-Fri 12noon ☐**Holy Days:** As announced**Confessions:** Sun-by request, Mon-Fri 11am-11:45am, Sat 4pm-4:45pm**Adoration:** Mon-Fri 7am-9pm**Benediction:****Rosary:** For Vocations Mon-Fri 11.20am, Sun 11am

Schools: Aquinas College - 73 page 155
Harrytown Catholic High School - 72 page 154
St Joseph's - 70 page 147

General: The Wellspring Kitchen for the Needy and Homeless 0161 477 6344

Stockport
St Philip
(Pop 1200)

LPA 20

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Served from (and correspondence to) St Peter, Hazel Grove

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Website: www.stpeterscatholic.church**Priest:** Rev Philip Atkinson VF**Deacon:** Rev John McKay

St Philip
(c1967)

Location: Half Moon Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5LB**Sunday Mass:** Sat 6pm, 11am (Syro-Malabar Rite)**Weekdays:** Wed 9:15am**Holy Days:** Eve 7pm**Confessions:** Sat 11-11.45am at St Peter's and on request

Schools: Aquinas College - 73 page 155
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Tarporley, Cheshire
St Thomas Becket
 (Pop 750)

LPA 11

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Served from (and correspondence to) **The Parish of St John Vianney, Northwich** page 92

Website: www.stjohnvianney.co.uk

Priests: Rev Paul Standish VF (*resident at St John Vianney Presbytery, Northwich*),
 Rev Joseph Carney (*retired, resident at St Thomas Becket Presbytery*)

St Thomas Becket

(m/c1884-86 1892 p1938 c1941)

Location: 3 Nantwich Road, Tarporley, Cheshire CW6 9UN

Sunday Mass: 11am

Weekdays: As announced

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: By appointment

Adoration: As announced



Schools: St Nicholas Catholic High School - 39

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Hospital: Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

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Telford, Shropshire

Our Lady and St Patrick

(Parishes amalgamated 2024)

(Pop 3000)

LPA 4

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Address: St Patrick Presbytery, King Street, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire TF1 3AP

Website: www.stpatrickstelford.com

Priests: Rev Ravi Bosco, Rev Michal Latuszynski SChR

Office Hours: 9.30 -1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

St Patrick

(m/c pre1834 p1834 c1838 c1906 con 13 June 1950)

Location: King Street, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire TF1 3AP

Sunday Mass: Sat 5:30pm, 8:45am (Polish), 11am

Weekdays: As announced

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: 30 minutes before every Mass

Adoration: 30 minutes before weekday Masses



Our Lady of the Rosary and St Luke

(m/c1939 c&p1949 c1967 c2012)

Location: Church Road, Trench, Telford TF2 7HG

Sunday Mass: Last Sat 3pm (Syro-Malabar Rite), 9am

Weekdays: As Announced

Holy Days: As Announced

Confessions: 30 minutes before every Mass

Adoration: 30 minutes before weekday Masses



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Hospital: Princess Royal Hospital

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Military: Donnington Camp

Telford, Shropshire
The Good Shepherd
 (Parishes amalgamated 2002)
 (Pop 1500)

LPA 4

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 pp@goodshepherd.org.uk

Address: Presbytery, 70 High Street, Madeley, Telford, Shropshire TF7 5AH
Website: www.goodshepherd.org.uk
Priest: Rev Michael Hartley

St Mary

(c pre1770 c1770 c1853)

Location: 70 High Street, Madeley, Telford, Shropshire TF7 5AH
E-mail: ppgoodshepherd.org.uk
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 11am
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: On request

**St Paul**

(m/c1958 c1970 p1978 c1983)

Location: Station Road, Dawley South Junction TF4 2NW
Sunday Mass: 9am
Confessions: On request



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Upton, Wirral
St Joseph
 (Pop 1800)

LPA 25

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 stjosephs.upton@gmail.com

Address: St Joseph Presbytery and Church, 6 Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 6LJ
Website: www.stjosephsupton.org.uk
Priest: Rev Robert Dykes

St Joseph

(m/c1863 c1954 con 18 Oct 1979) (L)

Location: 6 Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 6LJ
Sunday Mass: 9am ☐, 11am ☐
Weekdays: Mon-Fri 9:30am ☐, Term Time only Fri 9am ☐ (School Masses), 1st Fri 12noon ☐, Sat 10am ☐
Holy Days: 9:30am, 7pm
Confessions: Sat 10:30am-11:30am
Adoration: Sat 10:30am-11:30am
General: Morning Prayer Monday to Saturday 15 minutes before Mass



Schools: St Joseph's - 107
 Upton Hall School FCJ - 116
Hospital: Arrowe Park Hospital

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Wallasey, Wirral
Holy Apostles and Martyrs
 (Established 10 January 2011)
 (Pop 3600)

LPA 21

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Address: The Trees, 8 Gorsehill Road, Wallasey, Cheshire CH45 9JB
Website: www.holyapostlesandmartyrs.org
Priests: Canon Philip Moor, Rev Samuel Thotamala
Deacon: Rev James Kay

Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church

(m/c1902 p1906 c1907 c1953) (L)

Location: St George's Road, Wallasey Village, Wallasey, Cheshire CH45 6TU
Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 9:30am, 11am
Weekdays: Mon, Wed-Fri 9:30am, Tue 6:45pm
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 5:30pm-5:50pm and on request



Schools: Ss Peter & Paul - 111 page 149
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Shrine Church: Shrine Church of Ss Peter and Paul and St Philomena
 Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest
 St George's House, 7 Atherton Street, New Brighton, Wallasey, CH45 9LT
 Canon Amaury Montjean 07972 128097, Canon Ryan Post 07856 720900
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 www.facebook.com/domeofhome
 Sunday Mass: 8.30am Low Mass, 10.30am Sung Mass
 Weekdays: Mon-Fri 6.30pm, Sat 10am

Wallasey, Wirral
Our Lady of Lourdes
 (Pop 1200)

LPA 22

0151 638 3066
 parish@thecrossmoreton.com

Address: Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 1 Gardenside, Leasowe, Wallasey, Wirral
 CH46 2RR
Website: thecrossmoreton.com
Priest: Rev Paschal Ihesiaba

Our Lady of Lourdes

(p1957 c1962 Church dedicated 12 June 1987)

Location: 1 Gardenside, Leasowe, Wallasey, Cheshire CH46 2RR
Sunday Mass: 9:30am
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: On request

Schools: Holy Spirit Catholic & C of E - 110 page 157
 St Mary's Catholic College - 114 page 149

General: Holy Spirit Joint Church Centre 0151 638 5180

Wallasey, Wirral
Sacred Heart
 (Pop 3500)

LPA 22

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Address: Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 1 Gardenside, Leasowe, Wallasey, Wirral
 CH46 2RR

Website: www.thecrossmoreton.com

Priest: Rev Paschal Ihesiaba

Sacred Heart
 (m/c1921 c1923 c1957)

Location: The Cross, Moreton, Wallasey, Cheshire CH46 9QB

Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 10:45am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed-Fri 10:30am

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Sat 5:30pm-5:45pm

Adoration: Sat 5:30pm-5:45pm



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St Mary's Catholic College - 114 page 149

General: Holy Spirit Joint Church Centre 0151 638 5180

Wallasey, Wirral
St Joseph and St Alban
 (Established 6 April 2012)
 (Pop 6500)

LPA 21

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Website: www.stjosephandstalban.com

Priests: Rev Joseph Thambi Nagaraju Pillim SSS, Rev Antony Vareethu SSS

Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Joseph

(m/c1860 p1862 c1889 con 8 Sept 1910) (L)

Location: Wheatland Lane, Seacombe, Wallasey, Merseyside CH44 7ED

Sunday Mass: 11am, 5:30pm

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Sat 12noon

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Before Sat Mass



St Alban

(m/c1839 p1841 c1853) (L)

Location: 30 Mill Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside CH44 5UD

Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm, 9:30am

Weekdays: Tue 9:30am (with Rosary), Thu 12noon, Fri 12noon (Divine Mercy)

Holy Days: As announced

Confessions: Before Fri Mass



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Wem

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West Kirby, Wirral		LPA 22
St Agnes (Pop 1900)		0151 625 6367 stagneswestkirby@gmail.com
Address:	St Agnes Presbytery, 16 Darmond's Green, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DU	
Also Serving:	SS Catherine and Martina, Hoylake	page 85
Website:	www.stagnesandstcatherines.org	
Priest:	Canon David Roberts EV	
Sister:	Sr Monica Howes SND (<i>resident at Flat 22, Hoylebank</i>)	

St Agnes (m/c1894 c&p1897 con 8 June 1922)		
Location:	16 Darmond's Green, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DU	
Sunday Mass:	Sat 5:30pm, 10:30am	
Weekdays:	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:15am	
Holy Days:	As announced	
Confessions:	After Sat Mass and on request	
Schools:	Our Lady of Pity - 100	page 148
	St Anselm's College - Laetare Academy Trust - 115	page 158
	St Mary's Catholic College - 114	page 149
	Upton Hall School FCJ - 116	page 158
Religious:	Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur	page 139

Whaley Bridge, High Peak		LPA 7
The Sacred Heart (Pop 539)		01663 635210 shwb@btinternet.com
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Also Serving:	St Paul, Poynton	page 93
Website:	www.sacredheart-whaleybridge.org.uk	
Priest:	Rev Barry O'Sullivan (<i>Parochial Administrator</i>)	

Sacred Heart (m/c1898 c1900 p1906-1912 1920)		
Location:	31 Whaley Lane, Whaley Bridge, Stockport SK23 7AG	
Sunday Mass:	10am	
Weekdays:	Tue, Fri 10am	
Holy Days:	10am	
Confessions:	Sun 9.30am and on request	
Adoration:	Tue, Fri 9:30am-10am	
Schools:	All Hallows Catholic College - 41	page 151
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General:	Nottingham Diocese schools - Primary: St Anne's Buxton, St Mary's New Mills. Secondary: St Thomas More Buxton	

Whitchurch, Shropshire		LPA 2
St George Protector of England (Pop 450)		01948 662935 parishpriest@saintgeorgeswhitchurch.org.uk
Address:	St George Presbytery, 17 Claypit Street, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 1LE	
Website:	saintgeorgeswhitchurch.org.uk	
Priest:	Rev Francis George SSP	

St George Protector of England (m/c1853 p1855-57 c1878 p1892)		
Location:	17 Claypit Street, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 1LE	
Sunday Mass:	Sat 6:30pm (Rosary: 6pm), 9:30am, 11am	
Weekdays:	Mon-Fri 10am (Rosary after 10am Mass)	
Holy Days:	10am, 6:30pm	
Confessions:	Sun 8:45am-9:20am, Sat 5:45pm-6:20pm, weekdays after Mass on request	
Adoration:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mon-Fri at 9.30am	
Hospital:	Whitchurch Deermoss Hospital	page 113

Wilmslow, Cheshire **LPA 6**
Sacred Heart and St Teresa
 (Pop 1200) 01625 533268
 wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com

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Also Serving: St Pius X, Alderley Edge page 67
 St Benedict, Handforth page 83
Website: www.wilmslowcatholic.com
Priests: Rev Anthony McGrath (*resident at Sacred Heart & St Teresa Presbytery*),
 Rev Moses Ibeh (*resident at St Pius X Presbytery, Alderley Edge*)

Sacred Heart & St Teresa

(m/c1865 p1871 c1914)

Location: Green Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1LD
Sunday Mass: Sat 6:30pm, 11am
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 10:15am-10:45am, Sat 6pm-6:20pm
Adoration: Sat 10am-11am and as announced

Schools: All Hallows Catholic College - 41 page 151
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Winsford, Cheshire **LPA 8**
St Joseph
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Website: www.stjosephs-winsford.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/St Josephs Parish Centre Winsford
Priest: Rev Simon O'Connor

St Joseph

(p1870-71 c1871 p1948 c1951 c1977)

Location: Woodford Lane, Winsford CW7 2JS
Sunday Mass: Sat 5:15pm, 10am
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 4:45pm-5:15pm

Schools: St Joseph's - 34 page 150
 St Nicholas Catholic High School - 39 page 153
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Wythenshawe, Manchester **LPA 14**
Our Lady Queen of Peace and St Carlo Acutis
 (Established 1 September 2010)
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 admin@wythenshawerc.com

Address: St Anthony Presbytery, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 0WR
Website: www.wythenshawecatholicchurches.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stbonaventuresmissionaryarea
Instagram: www.instagram.com/wythenshawe.catholic
X (Twitter): @WythenshaweCC
Priest: Rev Edmund Montgomery
Parish Office: All enquiries to the Parish Office at Sacred Heart and St Peter's Church
Office Hours: 9am to 3pm

St Anthony's RC Church

(m/c1951 p1953 c1960)

Location: Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 0WR
Sunday Mass: Sat 5pm ☐, 11am ☐, 1st Sun 3pm (Syro-Malabar Rite)
Weekdays: Mon, Tue 9:15am ☐, Mon-Fri 5:30pm (Syro-Malabar Rite)
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Sat 4pm-4:55pm



St Elizabeth's RC Church

(p1965 c1974)

Location: Holliney Road, Peel Hall, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 5JF
Sunday Mass: 9:30am, 3pm (Syro-Malabar (Knanaya) Rite, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month)
Weekdays: As announced
Holy Days: As announced



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 St John Fisher & St Thomas More - 48 page 148
 St Paul's Catholic High School - 50 page 148
Religious: Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition page 139
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Wythenshawe, Manchester
Sacred Heart & St Peter
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Holy Days: As announced
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School: St Paul's Catholic High School - 50 page 148
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Sunday Mass: Sat 6pm, 9:30am (Syro-Malabar (Knanaya) Rite)
Holy Days: As announced
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**St Aidan**

Location: 230 Wythenshawe Road, Northern Moor, Cheshire M23 0PH
Sunday Mass: 10am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: As requested



Schools: St Aidan's - 45 page 148
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MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES AND RITES

Igbo

Stockport, Our Lady & The Apostles, Edgeley page 98
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Polish

Cheshire, St Francis, Chester page 77
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Cheshire, St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Crewe page 79
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Syro-Malabar (Knanaya) Rite

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Telford, Our Lady of the Rosary and St Luke page 101
 Sunday Mass: Last Sat 3:00pm

Ukrainian

Stockport, St Joseph, St Petersgate page 100
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ARCHITECTS OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS

(Based on research by Fr. Peter Phillips, Diocesan Archivist)

Listed below are the architects, where definitely known, of our churches. Some parishes are excluded because their architect's name is not known. If you can fill any gaps please contact the Diocesan Archivist (Details on page 18). Churches which have been granted Listed Status by English Heritage for their architectural quality are indicated by a cross. The list contains only churches in current liturgical use.

Curial Offices, Birkenhead:	Grade II Listed	Origins 1840-50's	
Shrewsbury:	The Cathedral +	E. W. Pugin; additions by Edmund Kirby	1856
		Reordered; R. O'Mahoney	1984
	St. Winefride +	F.X. Velarde	1956
Albrighton:	St. Joseph	Abbey Hanson Rowe of Shrewsbury	1974
Alderley Edge:	St. Pius X	Reynolds and Scott	1968
Alsager:	St. Gabriel	F.X. Velarde	1953
Altrincham:	St. Vincent de Paul +	Edmund Kirby	1905
	St. Hugh & St. John	I. Dixon & Co	1931
		A. Bean of Brown Smith & Baker. Leeds	1981
Birkenhead:	Holy Cross +	F.X. Velarde	1930
	Holy Name +	Edmund Kirby	1899
	Our Lady +	E.W. Pugin. Completed by Pugin & Pugin	1862
	St. Anne +	E. W Pugin. Completed by Pugin & Pugin	1877
	St. Joseph +	Edmund Kirby	1900
	St. Michael	R. O'Mahoney & Partners	1965
	& All Angels +		
	St. Peter	Reynolds & Scott	1976
	St. Werburgh +	Attributed to M.E. Hadfield	1837
		Renovated Edmund Kirby	1971-2
Bollington:	St. Gregory	Reynolds & Scott	1957
Bramhall:	St. Vincent de Paul	J. Mather of Mather & Nutter	1969
Bridgnorth:	St. John	Mr. Griffiths	1856
		W. Lunn of Great Malvern	1896
Bromborough:	Christ the King	H.E. Flynn	1933
		Reynolds & Scott	1964
Cheadle:	St. Chad	W.B. Edwards	1931
	Sacred Heart	Reynolds & Scott	1963
Chester:	St. Columba	L.A.G Pritchard, Son & Partners	1965
	St. Francis +	J. O'Byrtie	1875
	St. Theresa	Reynolds & Scott	1959
	St. Werburgh +	Edmund Kirby	1875
Cleobury Mortimer:	St. Elizabeth	Roman Lewandowski	1962
Congleton:	St. Mary +	Rev. J. Hall	1826
Crewe:	St. Mary +	Pugin & Pugin	1891
Dukinfield:	St. Mary	Palmer	1825
		Weightman, Hadfield & Goldie	1856
Ellesmere Port:	St. Saviour	Reynolds & Scott	1960
	St. Mary of the Angels+	E.J. Tarver; minor additions Edmund Kirby	1879
	Our Lady	Edmund Kirby	1909
		Edmund Kirby & Sons	1931
	St. Luke	Douglas Wall	1981
Greasby:	Our Lady of Pity	F.X. Velarde	1952
		Extension: R. O'Mahoney & Partners	1972-5
Hale Barns:	Holy Angels	A Farebrother & Partners	1964
Handforth:	St. Benedict	Reynolds & Scott	1968
Hattersley:	St. James the Great	Reynolds & Scott	1965
		A. Bean of Brown, Smith & Baker, Leeds	1982
Hazel Grove:	St. Peter	Edmund Kirby & Sons	1931
Heald Green:	Christ Church	Reynolds & Scott	1963
Heswall:	Our Lady & St. John	E. Bower Norris & F.M. Reynolds	1939
Hoylake:	Ss, Catherine & Martina	Edmund Kirby & Sons	1928
Hyde:	St. Paul +	Weightman, Hadfield & Goldie	1854
Knutsford:	St. Vincent	Rev. H. Alcock	1866
		G.D Holt	1927
		Edmondson of Ellis/Williams Manchester	1983

Latchford:	St John Henry Newman	D. Home, Hulme Upright	2010
Ludlow:	St. Peter	Giuseppe Rinvoluceri	1936
Lymm:	St. Winefride	F. M Reynolds	1933
		Extension; Reynolds & Scott	1968
Macclesfield:	St. Alban *	A.W. Pugin	1841
	St. Edward	E. Bowyer Norris & F.M. Reynolds	1939
Market Drayton:	St. Thomas Aquinas	Edmund Kirby	1886
Marple:	Holy Spirit	Northern Plan Group Manchester	1967
Middlewich:	St. Mary	Edmund Kirby	1891
Mouldsworth:	St. Cuthbert	F.X. Velarde	1955
New Ferry	St. John	C. Mangan	1934
Newport:	Ss. Peter & Paul +	J. Potter	1832
Northwich:	St. Wilfrid +	Edmund Kirby	1866
Oswestry:	Our Lady Help of Christians & St Oswald	William Henry Spaul	1890
Partington:	Our Lady of Lourdes	Reynolds & Scott	1964
Pensby:	Holy Family	D. Ireland of Hulme Upright	1998
Romiley:	Our Lady & St. Christopher	Edmund Kirby & Sons	1932
Runcorn:	Holy Spirit	D. Williams & Associates	1971
	St. Edward	Edmund Kirby & Sons	1956
Sale:	All Saints	A. Farebrother & Partners	1966
	St. Joseph	W.H. Raule	1885
Sandbach:	St. Winefride	J. Stringer of Sandbach	1914
Shifnal:	St. Mary	J.C. Buckler	1860
Stalybridge:	St. Peter +	Weightman & Hadfield	1839
	St. Raphael	E.J Massey of Massey & Massey	1963
Stockport:	Our Lady & The Apostles +	Edmund Kirby	1905
	St. Ambrose	E. Bower Norris & F.M. Reynolds	1939
	St. Bernadette	Reynolds & Scott	1961
	St. Joseph +	M.E. Hadfield	1862
	St. Philip	Reynolds & Scott	1967
Telford:	St. Mary	J.A. Hansom	1853
	Our Lady of the Rosary	R. O'Mahoney & Partners	1967
	St. Patrick	M. Morley of Leeds	1906
		Reordered R. O'Mahoney	1993
Upton:	St. Joseph +	A.G. Scott	1954
Wallasey:	Sacred Heart	Reynolds & Scott	1957
	Our Lady of Lourdes	A. Farebrother & Partners	1962
	Our Lady & St. Joseph +	Edmund Kirby	1889
	St. Alban +	S.R. Eyre & J. A Hansom	1853
	Holy Apostles & Martyrs +	F.X. Velarde	1953
	Shrine Church of Ss Peter & Paul & St Philomena +	E Bower Norris	1935
Weaverham:	St. Bede	Reynolds & Scott	1952
West Kirby:	St. Agnes	Edmund Kirby	1897
Whitchurch:	St. George	J. O'Byrne	1878
Wilmslow:	Sacred Heart & St Teresa	William Gillow	1914
Wythenshawe:	Sacred Heart & St. Peter	T.E. Wilson, Leicester	1973
	St. Anthony +	A.G. Scott	1960
	St. Elizabeth	Greenhalgh & Williams, Bolton	1974
	St. Hilda	Lanner Ltd Wakefield	1970 or 71

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Chester - Countess of Chester, General Hospital

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Chaplain: Rev Anthony Ford, Rev David Harrison

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1972		Nicholas Kern	21/07/1990
Oliver O'Doherty	10/06/1972	1991	
1973		David Roberts	06/07/1991
John Gordon (rtd)	07/07/1973	Stephen Woolley	20/07/1991
1974		Raymund Burke	28/09/1991
Martin Riley (rtd)	08/06/1974	1992	
Peter Phillips (rtd)	09/06/1974	Paul Shaw	14/06/1992
John Joyce (rtd)	13/07/1974	1993	
1975		Philip Atkinson	26/06/1993
Michael Morton	22/03/1975	1995	
John Hovington	19/04/1975	Philip McGovern (rtd)	03/06/1995
Donal Dwyer (rtd)	07/06/1975	1998	
Patrick Munroe	07/06/1975	Keith Butterworth (rtd)	20/03/1998
Peter Sharrocks (rtd)	19/07/1975	Colin Wilson (rtd)	21/03/1998
John Feeney (rtd)	26/07/1975	John Pascoe (rtd)	22/03/1998
1976		Philip Moor	04/07/1998
Peter Cryan	17/07/1976		

1999		2014	
Iain Griffiths	11/07/1999	Anthony McGrath	19/07/2014
2001		2019	
Jonathan Mitchell	21/12/2001	Neill Robb (rtd)	31/05/2019
		Owen Gallagher	13/07/2019
2003		2020	
Louis Maggiore	11/06/2003	Robert Dykes	04/08/2020
2005		2021	
Jonathan Brandon	11/06/2005	Patrick Breeze	16/07/2021
2007		Humphrey O'Connor	16/07/2021
Christopher Matthews	26/05/2007	Stephen Roberts	16/07/2021
2008		2023	
David Charters	06/09/2008	David Irwin	25/03/2023
2011		Moses Ibeh	28/06/2023
Sean Davidson	26/06/2011	Sean Henry	07/07/2023
		Godlove Amungwa	21/07/2023
2013		2025	
Edmund Montgomery	22/06/2013	Adam Bamber	05/07/2025
Michael Coughlan	19/07/2013	Joseph Fawcett-Wood	12/07/2025

JUBILEES

Diocesan Priests

60 Years (1966-2026)

Rev Anthony Myers 4 June 1966

50 Years (1976-2026)

Rev Peter Cryan 17 July 1976

40 Years (1986-2026)

Canon Niall Mullaley 25 January 1986

Rev Paul Standish 13 July 1986

Rev Bernard Forshaw 19 July 1986

25 Years (2001-2026)

Canon Jonathan Mitchell 21 December 2001

*We thank you, Lord,
for every priest who has faithfully
given his life
“for the salvation of his brothers and
sisters.”*

*We give thanks for those priests who
have brought us
your Word of truth, the grace
of your Sacraments
and, above all, the supreme gift
of the Holy Eucharist.*

*Lord Jesus, who called the Apostles
to follow you, we ask you to raise up new
and generous vocations
to the Priesthood in our time.*

*Open the hearts of a new
generation to your call.
Enable them not to be afraid
but to recognise the joy of giving the
whole of their lives in love
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen*



Deacons

1996

John Clowes (rtd) 05/07/1996

1997

Stephen McKeivitt (rtd) 05/07/1997

1999

Paul Sutton (rtd) 23/07/1999

2000

Michael Cafferata 15/07/2000

Peter Jackson (rtd) 15/07/2000

Basil Stephens (rtd) 15/07/2000

2001

John Penny 21/07/2001

Deryck Sankey (rtd) 21/07/2001

2002

Gerard Boyle 06/07/2002

Anthony Crisp 06/07/2002

Lawrence Hordley 06/07/2002

2003

Peter Mascarenhas 05/07/2003

Jeffrey Telford 05/07/2003

Gerard Turnbull (rtd) 05/07/2003

2004

Anthony Ford 03/07/2004

Peter Lafferty 03/07/2004

Terence Simms (rtd) 03/07/2004

2005

Bernard McConnell 02/07/2005

Bernard Tomnay (rtd) 02/07/2005

2006

Ron Ball 01/07/2006

Tony Hunt 01/07/2006

David Harrison (rtd) 02/07/2006

2007

Leslie Arch 07/07/2007

Thomas Chrisp 07/07/2007

Michael Denny (rtd) 07/07/2007

Patrick Regan 07/07/2007

Joseph Stefanazzi 07/07/2007

2008

John Boggan 05/07/2008

Edward Miller 05/07/2008

2009

Michael Birchall 01/01/2009

Paul D'Ambrogio 20/06/2009

Paul Walker 20/06/2009

2011

Michael Daly 09/07/2011

David Hill 09/07/2011

2012

John Hamilton 23/06/2012

2013

David Cotterell 06/07/2013

Michael Topping 06/07/2013

2015

Christopher Wells 18/07/2015

2016

György Zörényi 09/07/2016

2017

John Fegan 01/07/2017

Andrew Summers (rtd) 01/07/2017

2018

John Birch 07/07/2018

Antony Zidan 07/07/2018

2019

James Kay 06/07/2019

2021

John McKay 24/07/2021

Wilfred McSherry 24/07/2021

2022

Tony Nuttall 16/07/2022

2024

Gianni Interi 06/07/2024

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DIOCESAN SECULAR CLERGY

For the last 50 years

JANUARY

1 Davids Smith	1989
2 Francis McGowan (Canon)	2000
5 Stephen McKenna (Deacon).....	2018
6 Harry Stratton (Canon).....	2018
7 Anthony Leonard (Snr)	2002
8 John McDonald.	1990
8 Maurice Stone (Canon)	1984
9 Raphael Velarde	1979
12 David Morris (Deacon).....	2019
16 Thomas Fee.....	1990
19 John Stanislaus Wilkinson	1977
19 Henry M Leay.....	1977
20 John Marmion (Canon)	2023
21 Terence Hillhouse	1996
23 John A Quinn.....	1983
24 Francis McGuinness (Mgr)	1980
25 Hugh McHugh (Canon).....	1987
26 Donnan Baron (Deacon).....	2011
27 James Matthews	1995
27 Percival Rees (Mgr)	1989
30 John Thompson.....	1995

FEBRUARY

3 John F McHugh (Canon)	2006
6 James Harding.....	1982
7 Henry Kelly (Canon)	1988
8 John A Lyons	1980
9 William Briscoe (Canon)	2001
10 Edward Coonan (Canon)	1987
11 David Craig	2022
11 Michael Wagstaffe	2000
13 Edward Carroll	1983
14 Ivan Burke	2000
14 Ernest Daly.....	1976
20 Patrick Egan	1978
21 Breandán McDonald.	2001
22 Stephen Dwyer	2018
23 Christopher Dwyer (Canon)	2020

MARCH

1 Bernard Lyons.	1980
1 Henry E G Rope.....	1978
26 George Barrett	1994
28 Frederick Beddow (Deacon).....	2020
29 Joseph Cahill (Canon)	2011
29 Brendan Hoban (Canon).....	2021
30 Charles Woods (Deacon).....	2016
30 Peter Bravey (Deacon)	2020
31 Philip White (Deacon)	2021

APRIL

1 Michael Lloyd.....	1984
1 George Crespin (Deacon)	1995
4 Keith Brigham.	2014

8 Kevin Daley.....	1995
8 Alfred McNally (Canon)	1981
10 Wilfrid Kelly.	1989
10 Paul F Sidoli	2006
11 David Peters	2022
12 John T Daley.	2002
22 John Flood	2009
23 John Gannon	1988
24 Patrick Egan.....	2003
24 Robin Sutton	2022
26 Denis O'Sullivan.	2015

MAY

3 Eugene Pinnington	2005
7 Rt Rev Joseph Gray 9th Bishop of Shrewsbury	1999
10 Thomas Morton	1985
15 Fred Robinson	2015
16 John V Murphy	2011
18 Christopher Lightbound (Mgr Canon)	2022
19 John Brady (Deacon)	2008
19 Jim Farrell.....	2018
19 Gerald T Courell	2012
20 Francis Yates	1988
22 Benedict Fenlon	2004
22 Brian McCarthy (Deacon)	2020
22 John Wright.....	2020
24 John McLeish.....	2016
25 George Evans	1986
29 Robert Abbott	2003

JUNE

6 John Bramley.....	1984
9 Joseph Quinn (Canon)	1977
10 Rt Rev John Brewer	2000
11 Paul Hughes	2022
11 John Williams (Mgr)	2014
15 Kevin Moorhouse	2005
17 Hugh Birdwhistle.....	2008
18 William Doyle.....	1997
18 Francis Pullen (Canon).....	2005
20 Francis McLeod	1977
22 Michael Murray.....	2019
27 Desmond Friel.....	2014
30 Russell Cooke	2023

JULY

8 Maurice Abbott (Canon)	2004
8 Anthony Coglioli.....	2024
9 Gerard McGuinness	2025
10 Robert Fallon (Canon)	1991
14 Albert Knight	2012
20 Michael Wentworth	2008
25 John Burgon (Provost).....	2002
27 Gerard Corcoran.....	2003

28 Tom Coyle (Deacon)..... 2023

AUGUST

2 Richard Dunphy..... 1997
 10 Peter Robertson 2014
 12 Gregory Downing 2022
 13 Denis Marmion 2014
 14 Michael Raiswell 1998
 16 Lawrence Pozzuoli..... 2014
 17 John Blanc 1997
 18 Francis Rice 2019
 19 Vincent Turnbull (Mgr Canon)..... 2000
 22 Patrick O'Brien 1993
 23 Chris Jenkins..... 2011
 28 Brendan Huggard..... 1976
 30 Denis Gaul..... 1998
 31 David McNamara 2003
 31 John O'Reilly (Canon) 2013

SEPTEMBER

1 John Nolan 1985
 2 Cormac McGonagle (Canon) 1996
 3 Kevin Byrne (Canon)..... 2005
 4 Martin Kehoe (Canon)..... 1992
 4 Terence Thompson 2005
 5 Timothy Harrington (Canon) 2023
 6 Terence Boylan 2015
 7 Michael A. English 1996
 8 Edward McCann..... 1992
 8 Alban Greenwood 2024
 9 Ivor Kind..... 1993
 10 Denis Bowskill 1990
 10 James Fox..... 1985
 11 Joseph Russell 1992
 11 Gerard Doherty (Deacon)..... 2022
 12 Francis Gordon 1986
 14 Rt Rev Gerard Tickle,
 Former Bishop of the Forces. 1994
 16 Bernard Houghton. 1981
 19 Francis McManus 2010
 20 John Corcoran 1976
 20 Gerald McDonald 1992
 22 Clement Turner (Canon) 1976
 23 Francis Murphy (Canon)..... 1990
 23 William Mellor 1997
 24 Patrick Healey (Canon)..... 2011
 25 John Lennon 1997
 27 John P Lynch 1990
 27 Michael Dyson 2020
 28 Christopher Hickey..... 1981
 30 Michael Cupit..... 2022

OCTOBER

2 James Savage..... 1977
 4 Patrick Brizzell..... 1998
 9 Vincent J Davenport..... 2004
 11 James Murphy..... 1987
 13 Leo Holleron..... 1999
 15 John Roper (Canon)..... 1993

17 Denis Maher 2024
 19 Joseph Briscoe (Canon) 1978
 21 Percival Bailey 1996
 21 Rt Rev Brian Noble 2019
 10th Bishop of Shrewsbury
 21 Peter Walton (Mgr Canon) 2024
 22 Bernard Barron (Deacon) 2023
 24 Louis I St John (Canon) 2004
 28 Michael McCormack 2007
 30 Charles McKinney..... 1981

NOVEMBER

2 Edward O'Dwyer 1977
 2 Joseph Norbury (Deacon)..... 2019
 3 George Higgins (Canon)..... 1980
 3 Francis Connolly 2015
 4 James Fraser (Canon) 1993
 6 James Fitzgerald 1977
 6 Denis John Smith..... 1979
 8 Joseph Prendiville 1998
 9 Joseph C Doyle 1998
 10 Joseph Taggart 1995
 11 Michael Ullman (Deacon)..... 2012
 14 Patrick Shiven 2003
 18 Most Rev John A Murphy,
 7th Bishop of Shrewsbury
 19 Peter O'Neill (Mgr Canon) 2022
 23 John Lomas (Deacon) 2019
 26 James McGinley 1980
 27 John Conway (Deacon)..... 2023
 28 Peter O'Neill 1993
 30 John Woods..... 2015

DECEMBER

2 John O'Sullivan 2005
 2 John Warnock 2012
 3 Terence Welch (Mgr) 1989
 3 Patrick O'Brien 2013
 12 Andrew V Campbell Canon) 1986
 14 Bernard Hewitt..... 1985
 16 Rudolph Luczka (Canon)..... 1994
 17 Daniel Canning 2011
 19 John Hoskinson. 1996
 19 John Mooney (Canon) 1988
 20 Denis Herlihy 2012
 20 Thomas Hurley (Canon)..... 1982
 21 Kevin Molloy 2004
 22 Paul Lomas 2023
 25 Norman Carew (Deacon)..... 2017
 27 Lawrence Watson..... 2009
 28 Rt Rev William Eric Grasar,
 8th Bishop of Shrewsbury. 1982
 29 Paul Glendinning 1994

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Caritas Christi is an international secular institute for women in which members make a commitment for life to be totally given to God. Out of love they choose to live a celibate life in order to dedicate their love in its completeness to God, the Church and all people. Their service is given in the circumstances of their everyday lives. They remain lay people. If you are single or widowed and would like more information, write to: Caritas Christi, c/o Mrs Janet Horsfield, 11 Lightbourne Road, Sale M33 5FG Website: ccinfo.org

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MISSIO - Sr Regina with a family at a camp for internally displaced people in Myanmar

OBITUARIES

Fr Denis Maher (1940-2024)

Father Denis Maher died on 17th October 2024 at Tameside Hospital, Ashton-Under-Lyne. He was in his 84th year, and in the 60th year of his Sacred Priesthood.

Denis was Born in Thurles, Co Tipperary on 12 April 1940, where he was educated and trained for the Priesthood at St Patrick's College. He was Ordained at Thurles Cathedral on 14 June 1964.

He was one of the dedicated Irish Priests who served on the English Mission. Denis was a Priest with many pastoral gifts, a great communicator and a wonderful Parish visitor.

I remember an occasion when I concelebrated at a funeral Mass with him and then observed him speaking to the family and others after the funeral. I soon realised that he had actually gone out and visited many of these people in the weeks prior to the funeral, a sign of his pastoral commitment.

Alongside these pastoral and social gifts, Denis was also a man of prayer, a dedicated Priest and someone who strived to live the Gospel each day. In the days following his death, kind wishes and expressions of sadness were received from the many Parishes in which he had served as Parish Priest, including St Vincent's, Bramhall, Our Lady of Fatima, Barnton and St Hugh's, West Timperley.

Fr Denis began his ministry as an Assistant Priest at St Saviour's, Great Sutton (1964-70), then served at St Peter's, Hazel Grove, St Lawrence, Birkenhead and St Joseph's, Stockport, but perhaps he will be best remembered for his work and ministry at the Parish of St Paul's, Hyde from 1996 to 2015.

During this long placement Denis became involved in the investigation, trial and subsequent imprisonment of the serial killer, Dr Harold Shipman. Denis was initially sceptical about the allegations against Harold Shipman but soon came to realise the depth of the enquiries that were being made. However, even as attitudes to Shipman started to change, Denis was always conscious of the need to avoid divisions in the Parish as Shipman was the Doctor of a large number of Parishioners and some didn't want to believe what was being said about him. Denis gained a higher profile in the media due to his night-time visits to Hyde Cemetery for exhumations and later he bravely gave evidence against Shipman at the trial.

His pastoral work and spiritual life told him to make an offer to visit Harold Shipman in prison, but this was not possible and Shipman eventually took his own life. In the years that followed I noted the great respect given to Denis from local Politicians, local people and the medical community for his hard work at this difficult time.

Following these tragic events, Denis' ministry in Hyde returned to that of the dedicated Parish Priest serving his community. He continued his work in building up the Parish and was always very persuasive in appointing new readers and ministers of Holy Communion and other parishioners to new positions in the Parish. Denis had a knack of reassuring people who didn't realise that they had the ability to do this work and gave them all the encouragement that they needed.

Denis eventually reached retirement age in 2015 and enjoyed his retirement with a fair amount of travelling, particularly to the USA where he had sometimes worked on placement, particularly at the Holy Family Parish in South Pasadena in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from 2016 until 2022. In the Shrewsbury Diocese he remained resident at St Paul's Presbytery, Hyde and when he was home he was always available to offer supply to those Priests who asked him.

Fr Denis passed away on 17th October 2024 surrounded by his loving family who had travelled from England and Ireland. Denis, having received the final Sacraments from Father Isidore Madueke and myself, passed away gently at around 9 o'clock in the evening at Tameside Hospital. Denis will be remembered by so many people as a dedicated and talented Priest, a great visitor and communicator.

May he rest in peace.
Father Philip Atkinson

Fr Gerard Ignatius McGuiness (1938-2025)

It is apposite that this obituary is written on the Feast of St Ignatius Loyola, the 31st July and what would have been Fr Gerard Ingatius McGuiness' 88th birthday. Fr Gerard was often known by many as 'Fr Ged' although he personally preferred to be addressed as Fr McGuiness or Fr Gerard. I also know among friends and close colleagues he used 'Ignatius' or 'Iggy'. It is because of his preferences that I will refer to him as Gerard and not some form of formal affectation.

Gerard McGuiness was born and raised in Sale in the borough of Trafford, alongside his three brothers and four sisters (the eldest, Frank, and youngest brothers both becoming priests). Gerard attended his local parochial Catholic school, St Joseph's Sale, where his father was the headmaster, before spending a brief time at St Bede's Grammar School in Manchester. At the tender age of fourteen in 1952 he was accepted as a student by Ushaw College where he was to spend the next eleven years.

He made several lifelong friends among whom he would number Fr Joseph Donlan and Fr Tom Keyworth. Gerard became Fr Gerard when he was ordained priest in his home parish church of St Joseph's, Sale on Sunday 16th June 1963 by the Right Reverend Eric Grasar, the 8th Bishop of Shrewsbury.

Education and seminary formation prepares a man to be ordained a priest, however sacred ordination is only the beginning. Then follows the work of growing into priesthood, and learning the skills necessary to becoming a good pastor. Gerard began his priestly life as an assistant priest in St Joseph's Upton (1963-1967) and then at St Theresa's, Blacon. It was during his years as a newly ordained priest that Gerard became a golfer, meeting those fellow curates who were expected to leave the presbytery on their day off and found fraternity in playing golf and shelter the clubhouse.

Fr Gerard attended Cambridge University, studying Modern History within the University's department of education. This prepared Gerard to take up a teaching role in the newly established Diocesan Grammar School of St Augustine's in Sharston Mount (Wythenshawe) from 1969 until 1974. There he joined his brother Mgr Frank McGuiness (headmaster) and fellow diocesan priests on the teaching staff: Frs Bob Abbot, Harry Stratton, Austin Smith, and Peter Phillips. Fr Gerard served during the heyday of St Augustine's, arriving two years after the foundation and leaving two before its closed (it was amalgamated into a new Catholic Comprehensive, which later became St Paul's). Fr Gerard returned to full time parish ministry in 1974 at St Werburgh's Chester, and then on to St Mary's Crewe.

Fr Gerard's very first appointment as a Parish Priest was in Shropshire. He was appointed Parish Priest in 1976 of Saint Mary's, Shifnal, which then also included RAF Cosford. This appointment lasted six years before Fr Gerard moved 'up north' to St Monica's, Appleton in 1982 where he served for the next nine years. Fr Gerard, whose love of study remained with him, was then granted a sabbatical year where he read for an MA at Bangor University in 1991. After gaining his Masters degree, between 1992-1993 he took up appointments on the Wirral at Our Lady's, Birkenhead and then at Saint Paul's, Beechwood.

Fr Gerard returned to Shropshire with his appointment as Parish Priest of St Winefride's, Monkmoor in 1993 and it was here where he was to remain until his retirement in 2007 and the amalgamation of the three parishes in Shrewsbury which followed.

'Retirement' is a figurative description for many of our 'retired' priests and Fr Gerard was very much part of the working parochial clergy in Shrewsbury. Fr Gerard undertook the weekly celebration of Mass in Extraordinary Form in Shrewsbury as well as covering other Masses in the parish schedule. He also had a personal ministry as a priest and as a personal friend to former parishioners offering care, the sacrament of confession and spiritual direction to a number of people. In a certain sense he was the presbyteral 'grandfather figure' of Catholic Shrewsbury. Gerard would often phone me, to advise me that 'N' was in hospital or would visit them himself.

I would often visit him for a chat (as did other priests) and take him a Christmas gift of a bottle of Hennessy (not any other cognac!) for which he was always appreciative. As time progressed, sadly age started to take its toll and he spent a number of periods in hospital before then finally moving into Montgomery House Nursing Home where he was visited by friends both lay and clerical up until his death.

Fr Gerard was a man who bore his academic and intellectual abilities lightly. A man who knew his own mind, with a particular sense of humour and fun. A priest of that generation which spanned the period before, during, and after the Second Vatican Council. He was one of those priests who are now fast disappearing, characters from a period of our diocesan life and collective memory. As a young priest I would listen to the folklore, stories and memories concerning the previous generation of presbyteral and episcopal characters from our diocesan history.

It is a testament to Fr Gerard that many former parishioners were solicitous about his welfare and visited him (the priest that had visited them so often) right up until the end. This speaks to the symbiotic relationship between priest and his parishioners in which both have a duty of care and mutual support for one another. To conclude let us ponder the gift of Fr Gerard's life (and our own particular vocation), in the words of St Ignatius Loyola:

"Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen."

May he rest in peace.

Canon Jonathan Mitchell

Monsignor Canon Peter Walton (1933-2024)

Monsignor Peter Walton was born in Liscard on 16th February 1933. He died on 21st October 2024 in his 91st year and in the 63rd year of his Priesthood.

Peter attended Saint Alban's Primary School, Liscard and was awarded a scholarship to Saint Anselm's College, Birkenhead for his secondary education. Peter passed the Bishop's Exam and was accepted to train for the Priesthood at St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw as a Junior Seminararian in 1947 and entered the Senior Seminary in 1952. From 1954 to 1957 he studied at the University of Durham.

Father Peter Walton was ordained to the Priesthood at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport on 4th June 1961. I remember being present in the congregation with my Mum and Dad as a seven year old. Following his ordination Father Peter Walton engaged in further studies at Cambridge University (1961-1962) before teaching at Ushaw College, Durham (1962 – 1973). I got to talk to Fr Peter on my first visit to Ushaw as an eleven-year-old. Serra, the organisation for fostering vocations to the priesthood, had arranged a Sunday coach trip for prospective seminararians and their fathers. We attended High Mass in St Cuthbert's chapel and then had a tour of the college and the grounds.

There were two Shrewsbury priests: Fr Vin Turnbull and Fr Peter Walton who made a point of talking to us that day and making us feel welcome. Fr Peter O'Neill came later. I got to know all three of them very well as they taught me Greek and Latin which, along with Mathematics taught by Fr Alec Barrass, were my favourite subjects at school and they all taught me for the seven years that I spent within those hallowed walls. I also became the student sacristan. This meant that Fr Peter Walton was my boss and I lived next door to him on President's Gallery in my final year in the house before I left to go to the English college in Rome.

Fr Peter taught at Ushaw for eleven years before returning to the Shrewsbury. Peter was happy to be back in the diocese. He asked to spend some time as a curate, as he felt unprepared after all those years at Ushaw to take on the full responsibilities of a parish priest. He was sent to Fr Ted Harrington at Our Lady's Stockport. He really enjoyed working with Ted for the two years he was there, 1973-75. It was, he said, a very rewarding experience to work with such a dedicated and warm-hearted pastor. Later Peter was sent to St Martin's Murdishaw as the first Parish Priest, where he was as happy as the day is long from 1975– 1981. In 1981 he was appointed Chairman of the School's Commission, 1981 – 1984, resident at Our Lady of Pity, Greasby and was appointed a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter.

Canon Peter Walton subsequently served as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Moreton for six months in 1984.

Then, to his considerable surprise, Peter was asked to return to Ushaw as president. He had to steer the college through very challenging times. He was not afraid to take decisive action where necessary. Having completed his term of office in 1991, Peter was anxious to return to pastoral work in the diocese and Bishop Gray named him as the new Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Sale in succession to Canon John Marmion. However, Peter was shortly summoned to see Cardinal Hume. The Cardinal wanted him to take on the leadership of the Beda College in Rome, a seminary for men of more mature years, the previous Rector having had to stand down due to ill health. Peter reluctantly agreed but would only be there for a little over a year.

He was now even more keen to take up his appointment at Parish Priest at St Joseph's, Sale and there he served until his retirement. Peter enjoyed his retirement on the Wirral near his family. He was a valued member at the local priests' Sunday lunch and continued to help and support the clergy and people of the local parishes. He loved living in his bungalow on Lymington Road in Wallasey, but fortunately, when the time came that he needed additional support, he made a good transition to Lighthouse Lodge where he was very well cared for until his death.

May he rest in peace.

Canon Stephen Coonan



The Bishop gives Benediction to the Diocese from the doors of St Joseph's, Stockport

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 Dane Bank Avenue, Crewe, Ellesmere Port CW2 8AD
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Maintained RC Primary Schools

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Head: Mrs L Ward

01244 445266

Chester - St Theresa's - 5
 Kipling Road, Blacon, Chester CH1 5UU
 admin@st-theresas.cheshire.sch.uk
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01244 470860

Chester - St Werburgh's & St Columba's - 7
 Lightfoot Street, Hoole, Chester CH2 3AD
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Head: Mrs N Jevons

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Frodsham - St Luke's - 16
 The Willows, Off Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 7QP
 admin@stlukes.cheshire.sch.uk
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01244 259999

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 Mellock Lane, Neston, Shropshire CH64 9RW
 admin@stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk
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Northwich - St Wilfrid's - 26

Greenbank Lane, Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 1JW
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 office@stjamescheadle.co.uk

0161 482 6900

Head: Mr A Pontifex**Romiley - Harrytown Catholic High School - 72**

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0161 430 5277

Head: Mrs C Pickles

Stockport - Aquinas College - 73

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Principal: Ms J Dommett

0161 483 3237

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Head: Mrs L Lakner

0161 338 4095

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01952 386100

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0161 911 8040

Sale - All Saints - 84

Cedar Road, Ashton-on-Mersey, Sale M33 5NW
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Head: Mrs A Fagan

0161 962 1288

Sale - Holy Family - 85

Old Hall Road, Sale, Sale Moor, Cheshire M33 2JA
admin@holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk

Head: Mrs C Sharvin

0161 962 5397

Sale - St Margaret Ward - 86

Cherry Lane, Sale, Cheshire M33 4GY
office@smwprimary.net

Head: Mr J Hughes

0161 969 9852

Timperley - St Hugh's - 87

Park Road, Timperley, Wythenshawe WA15 6TQ
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Head: Mrs L Kelly

0161 962 1852

Maintained RC Secondary School and Sixth Form College**Altrincham - Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College**

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 blessedthomas.admin@trafford.gov.uk

0161 768 6030

Head: Mrs C Hogg**Warrington Local Authority****01925 443322****Maintained RC Primary Schools****Appleton - St Monica's - 2**

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 stmonicas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

01925 267609

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Henshall Avenue, Latchford, Wythenshawe WA4 1PY
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01925 633317

Interim Executive Head: Mr S Hatton**Interim Head of School:** Mr D Bentley**Maintained RC Secondary School and Sixth Form College****Latchford - Cardinal Newman Catholic High School - 40**

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01925 635556

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Head: Mrs C Fenna**Birkenhead - Holy Cross Primary - 92**

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0151 652 8454

Acting Head: Mrs P Bras**Birkenhead - Our Lady & St Edward - 93**

Price Street, Birkenhead, Runcorn CH41 8DU
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Head: Mrs S Murphy**Birkenhead - St Anne's - 94**

Highfield South, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead CH42 4NE
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0151 645 3682

Head: Mrs L Prescott**Birkenhead - St Michael & All Angels - 97**

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0151 647 8404

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Head: Mrs J Procter

0151 334 4345

Moreton - Sacred Heart - 101

Danger Lane, Moreton, Runcorn CH46 8UG
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0151 677 1091

New Ferry - St John's Infant - 102

Old Chester Road, New Ferry, Shropshire CH63 7LH
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Old Chester Road, New Ferry, Shropshire CH63 7LH
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0151 645 9615

Noctorum - St Peter's - 104

St Peter's Way, Noctorum, Prenton CH43 9QR
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Head: Mrs S Parry

0151 677 8438

Pensby - Ladymount - 106

Portal Road, Pensby, Runcorn CH61 5YD
 schooloffice@ladymount.wirral.sch.uk

Head: Miss N Turner

0151 648 4326

Upton - St Joseph's - 107

Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 6LL
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Head: Mrs C Marrin

0151 677 3970

Wallasey - Holy Spirit Catholic & C of E - 110

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Head: Mrs J Cartmell

0151 638 5180

Wallasey - St Joseph's - 109

Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 7ED
 schooloffice@stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk

Head: Mrs M Hollis

0151 638 3919

Religious Order Schools**Altrincham - Loreto Grammar School (a single academy) - 84**

Dunham Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4AH
 info@loretogrammar.co.uk

Head: Mrs J Beever

0161 928 3703

- Altrincham - St Ambrose College - Laetare Academy Trust - 90**
Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Cheshire WA15 0HE
office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk
Head: Mr D Rainey 0161 980 2711
- Prenton - St Anselm's College - Laetare Academy Trust - 115**
Manor Hill, Prenton, Wirral CH43 1UQ
info@st-anselms.com
Head: Mrs S Cubbin 0151 652 1408
- Upton - Upton Hall School FCJ - 116**
Upton Village, Upton, Merseyside CH49 6LJ
uhs@uptonhall.org
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- Alderley Edge - Alderley Edge School for Girls - 43**
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Head: Mrs C Wood 01625 583028
- Ludlow - Moor Park Preparatory - 59**
Richard's Castle, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 4DZ
head@moorpark.org.uk
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- Altrincham - St Ambrose Prep School - 91**
Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Cheshire WA15 0HE
secretary@stambroseprep.co.uk
Head: Ms S Heron 0161 903 9193
- Shrewsbury - St Winefride's - 60**
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Fund-Raising Football Tournament at Cheadle Catholic Primary and Infant School for St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine 30th August 2025

DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need (A registered Catholic charity in England and Wales (1097984) and Scotland (SC040748)) 12-14 Benhill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4DA Tel: 020-8642 8668. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is an international Catholic charity working to support the Church wherever it suffers from persecution, isolation or extreme poverty. In 2020, ACN undertook over 4,700 projects in 138 countries around the world. Through information, prayer and action, ACN builds churches, trains seminarians, and provides financial support for priests, nuns and catechists. We also print and distribute catechetical materials including the Child's Bible which is now available in 191 languages. ACN works with parishes, schools and special interest groups throughout England and Wales. Please get in touch if you would like to schedule an ACN Appeal in your parish, book a speaker, host a prayer vigil or discuss other ACN events.

National Director. Dr Caroline Hull
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APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA/STELLA MARIS

The Apostleship of the Sea (Liverpool) works in ecumenical partnership with The Mersey Mission to Seafarers through the Liverpool Seafarers Centre. Liverpool Seafarers Centre through its Ship Visitors and Honorary Chaplains welcome seafarers to the Mersey ports and provides for their practical, social and spiritual needs, regardless of creed or nationality. Catholic seafarers are also given the opportunity to receive the sacraments. Liverpool Seafarers Centre relies on valued parish contacts and volunteers to sustain its development.

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 Tel: 0300 800 8085
 Email: john.wilson@liverpoolseafarerscentre.org
 Website: www.liverpoolseafarerscentre.org

ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST STEPHEN FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Diocesan Director: Canon Christopher Matthews, Diocesan Department for Worship
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 Email: frchris.matthews@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Diocesan Director: Rev Anthony Grace
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ASSOCIATION OF INTER-CHURCH FAMILIES

The Association exists to support families where husband & wife are practising members of different denominations. It encourages them to strengthen their family unity whilst remaining loyal to their own Christian traditions. Local groups.

Diocesan Contact: Mr & Mrs P. Mayles
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 Tel: 0151 327 7196
 Email: maylesph@gmail.com
 Website: www.interchurchfamilies.org.uk

BEING ALONGSIDE/THE ASSOCIATION FOR PASTORAL CARE IN MENTAL HEALTH

A national, ecumenical community-based charity which seeks to promote good spiritual and pastoral care for those living with mental health challenges and their families/carers, through the encouragement to set up networks of volunteer befrienders and drop-in sessions. For further information:

Contact: Being Alongside, 17 Conifer Close, Fleet, Hampshire GU52 6LR
 Website: www.beingalongside.org.uk

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)

We are an international development charity, the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales and part of Caritas International. At CAFOD, our mission is to work alongside the world's poorest people. We work without prejudice, we don't preach, and we pride ourselves on our diversity. We believe our Catholic values are best shown through our love for others, and by working for justice and an end to poverty.

CAFOD's vision, mission and values draw directly from Catholic Social Teaching, Scripture, Liturgy, the Gospel and the tradition of the Church. Catholic Social Teaching is at the heart of what we do and who we are. We are part of a Church network with a local presence in 165 countries and territories. As one of the largest aid networks in the world, by mobilising the power of the Catholic community in England & Wales we can help people in remote areas, in war zones and who are discriminated against. The Church often reaches the poorest people, in areas where social care and government structures aren't so strong.

To find out how you can make a difference, contact us in Shrewsbury Diocese:

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Caritas is the social action and social justice agency of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, working to build stronger, supportive communities wherever there is current disadvantage. Services include:

- Schools Family Support Service
- Parenting Support Groups/ Family Groups (school and community based)
- Counselling for young people and adults
- Listening service
- Bereavement support
- Support for children and adults affected by Domestic Violence, substance misuse, parental mental health
- Working to help refugees and people seeking asylum
- Advice and information and appropriate links to services such as Housing/Benefits
- Practical support (furniture /clothing)
- Community groups and projects

Refugee and Asylum - The Well Project: Providing services to women and children experiencing isolation; and conversation and basic English classes are delivered by volunteers to those men and women seeking asylum and refuge (Wythenshawe).

Mental Health Projects

Community Sponsorship Project: in which we take the role of Lead Sponsor for the parishes who have committed to welcoming refugee families into their community. Caritas provides them with support in planning, advice, safeguarding and training.

Stronger Together Groups: community groups in Wirral and Shrewsbury, set up to help combat isolation and create safe spaces to support communities with loss, emotional wellbeing and the challenges of everyday life.

Counselling Service: Caritas offers a free counselling service in Wirral and Shrewsbury. They offer therapeutic integrative one to one counselling provided by therapists in a calm and relaxed environment

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action. We animate and coordinate our network of over forty Catholic dioceses and independent charities. Our members provide help for families and children, the elderly, homeless people, refugees, the disabled, and prisoners. The national team strives to develop the network, to advance the education, training, practice and formation of those active in Catholic social action, and to offer a coherent Catholic voice on social justice in the public arena.

CSAN is a member of Caritas Internationalis, within the Caritas Europa group

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CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

'I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.' Cardinal St John Henry Newman

Founded in Manchester in 1908 the Catenians are an international network of Catholics who meet regularly to enjoy each other's company, and to help and support each other and their communities. Catenians often have a role helping in the life of their parish and enjoy the friendship of their clergy and actively support vocations.

There are over 5,600 members within the UK, and across the Diocese there are a large number of Circles. Each Circle provides a varied social programme. Regular, relaxed events – sports activities, quiz nights, family fun days, charity fundraisers, and other social events – providing friendship, advice, opportunities, a listening ear and, when necessary, financial support via the Association's Benevolent Fund.

The Association was founded with a focus on the provision of development, training and opportunity for Catholic youth throughout the world. Today members continue that support led by its special-purpose charity the *Catenian Bursary* Fund (www.cateniansbursary.com) which offers financial support for young people to do something wonderful for others.

But since Christian charity is fundamental to our members, Circles also raise thousands of pounds for other good causes, both Christian and secular.

For more information about joining your local circle please contact:

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Contact: Dave Prescott Tel: 07702 605611

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Wirral

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CATHOLIC ARCHIVES SOCIETY

The Catholic Archive Society promotes and advises on listing, management and preservation of records of dioceses, religious foundations and institutions of the Catholic Church. It does not collect or store archives.

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Website: www.catholicarchivesociety.org

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CARJ)

CARJ is an independent charity, and a membership organisation. CARJ works with people of diverse backgrounds, in Church and society, to create a more just, more equal, more cooperative community. It does this through education, advocacy and facilitating mutual support among:

- schools, families and young people in marginalised communities
- Gypsies, Roma and Traveller communities
- those working in poor urban communities
- those suffering discrimination based on race, caste, religion and social class

Wherever possible, CARJ works in formal or informal partnership with members, friends and fellow citizens who share its basic values.

Chairperson: Mrs Yogi Sutton
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 Website: www.caj.org.uk

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SHREWSBURY DIOCESE

CHARIS - a new and unique service of communion. To assist all charismatic groups that the Spirit has raised up in the world. Emphasis is on service, not governance, communion with hearts as one, turned to the Father and testifying to unity in diversity to share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church, to serve the body of Christ, the community of believers in Jesus Christ. Our Mission Statement: 'To promote full union with God through a loving and personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit'. Our Vision Statement: 'To serve all members of the community within Shrewsbury Diocese using the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bring love and healing'. To encourage and enable.

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CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP

Shrewsbury Diocesan Committee:
 Honorary Secretary: Jane Christley
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The Fellowship exists to give practical and spiritual support to all Handicapped Persons and their families. Membership is also open to all who are willing to help by prayers and active work. Annual Diocesan Mass in Chester in Summer. Annual Diocesan Carol Service in St Catherine's Hoylake when it is safe to do so. Contact Secretary as above for any further information.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (Formerly Guild of Catholic Doctors)

Membership is open to all Catholic health-care workers. It provides a forum to meet and discuss moral and ethical matters relating to health. The Manchester branch holds regular meetings throughout the year with invited speakers. For further details please contact Dr Mark Coley:

Email: cmamanchester@gmail.com or visit www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Catholic Union of Great Britain (CUGB) founded in 1870 is the voice of the Catholic laity which works to represent Catholic interests in Parliament and public life by working with the Bishops' Conferences and members of both Houses of Parliament. This is to ensure that our values and interests are presented to key decision makers who determine legislation and social policy. We liaise with the wider Christian community on issues of common interest. The funding of CUGB is by annual or life individual membership subscription or donation.

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CATHOLIC UNION CHARITABLE TRUST

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust (CUCT) was launched in 2015. The CUCT's principal aim is to advance Catholic moral, social and spiritual teaching by means of conferences, lectures, training and seminars. The funding of the CUCT is by donations which are eligible for gift aid. The Catholic Union Charitable Trust Ltd is a Registered Office Charity No 1137317 (CUCT) (England and Wales). Registered in England 07333172.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League is a national and international organisation of women who take an active role within the Church. This is done through practical support, friendship and fund-raising for various charities. Members are kept aware of social and current issues and support refugees, families of service personnel and some are involved in catechetical work both in parishes and prisons. The Catholic Women's League welcomes women of all ages who wish to use their talents and skills within the parish, diocese and wider community. Groups meet together socially, for prayer and to discuss current issues. For more information on how to become a member or to start a Parish Group visit our website at www.catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk or follow us on www.facebook.com/CWLEngWales

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 Website: www.catholicwomensleaguecio.org

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY IN ENGLAND & WALES

Christian Life Community (CLC) is not so much an organisation, but a way of life, inspired by the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola, for people who want to understand more deeply how God is at work in their everyday lives. Members embrace this way of life as a means of enabling them to bring together their faith and their lives; becoming aware of how God is working in them. Some come to CLC without any prior experience of Ignatian spirituality and others come after discovering Ignatian spirituality in various ways, such as weeks of guided prayer or retreats. We meet regularly in small groups to share and listen to how God is working in our lives. We aim to grow spiritually through daily prayer; support each other in community, through the ups and downs of ordinary life; and discover how God is calling us to serve him. Christian Life Community is made up of sixty national communities worldwide. We do not have a rule book, but a set of flexible General Principles which help to give shape to our lives.

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 Address: 10 Manor Hill Road, Marple, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 6LP
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 Website: www.clcew.org.uk

CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

Very often, because we lead such busy lives, we do not have the time to pause and ask ourselves the questions:

- Who is Jesus to me?
- Why is my faith so important to me?
- What am I doing about my prayer life?
- How am I sharing my faith with others?

Pope Benedict reminded us that the Gospel must become life in the person - the person is to BE and BECOME the good news. Cursillo enriches and deepens our relationship with Christ. It gives us

confidence to live as a Christian in our everyday life, loving one another as Christ loves us. Cursillos is a Church Movement approved by Pope Paul VI in 1966 who made St Paul its Patron Saint. The word Cursillo means 'Short Course'.

The experience enables-

- An encounter with God,
- An encounter with yourself,
- An encounter with others.
- An opportunity to experience, develop and share your 'gifts' in friendship with others.
- To enable people to discover and fulfil their personal vocations.

Spiritual Director: Rev James Robinson

Secretary: Clare Ashton

Email: shrewsbury@cursillouk.org For further information/application form:

Contact: Joan Murdoch (Lay Director) Tel: 07708 295459

Website: shrewsbury@cursillo.org

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

The Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship helps the local Church to make the joy of the Gospel a reality in England and Wales. It does this by promoting the work of mission in line with the themes presented in Evangelii Gaudium, The directory for Catechesis, The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Mission of the Church.

The work of the Department is chaired by Bishop David Oakley (Bishop of Northampton). The Departmental Secretary is Rev Jan Nowotnik.

Mission Directorate

Rev Jan Nowotnik is the Director and is supported in his work by Elliot Vanstone, Mission Adviser, James Ryan, Discipleship Promoter and Kinga Kosterska, Administrator and Committees Secretary. The Mission Directorate carries out the work as dictated by the Bishops in assisting the local Church to achieve the priorities stated above. This is done by communicating the Bishops' vision and working with the Diocesan evangelisation personnel, leaders of New Movements, CYMFed and Catholic resource providers who support evangelisation and catechesis in a parish context.

Tel: 020 7901 4882 E-mail: kinga.kosterska@cbcew.org.uk Website: www.cbcew.org.uk

National Office for Vocation

The National Office for Vocation, known as NOV, is part of the Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship. NOV works to help people hear God's Call. This is done by:

- Building a culture of vocation within the Church of England & Wales
- Working with youth and youth organisations to nurture young people into leadership and responsibility in the Church
- Working with the department of Evangelisation and other ecclesial bodies to help people grow in their baptismal calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sr Elaine Penrice is the Director of NOV and is assisted by James Ryan, the Discipleship Promoter and Fr Joseph Raju-Katthula, the Religious Life Promoter.

Email: enquiries@ukvocation.org Website: www.ukvocation.org

ENGLISH CATHOLIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Association encourages interest in the Catholic history of England and Wales. We organise visits to places associated with the Catholic faith and arrange lectures on subjects relating to our Catholic history. We also support research into subjects of Catholic interest and the preservation of Catholic archives. Lectures are made available online, via our various social media outlets. We publish a newsletter three times per year.

Website - ECHA.org.uk email- englishcatholichistoryassociation@gmail.com

Find us on: YouTube, Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) search English Catholic History Association

ECHA Regional Co-ordinator for Shrewsbury.' 16 Brandall Court, Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, West Midlands B68 8DE Tel: 0121 422 1573

EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM LIEUTENANCY OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre was first established under papal patronage in the twelfth century as a body of knights to defend the Church in the Holy land. In the nineteenth century Blessed Pius IX reconstituted the Order to support through prayer, pilgrimage and charitable giving the Latin

Patriarchate of Jerusalem. In our times, the need for solidarity with the 'living stones' who maintain the catholic faith in the Holy Land does not diminish. The Lieutenancy of England and Wales is part of a worldwide organization of 30,000 knights and dames, priests and bishops, aiming to keep the faith alive and well where it first began.

Registered charity no. 262033. Website: www.eohsj.org.uk Lieutenant of England and Wales: HE

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FAMILY HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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Tel: 0151 647 5000

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Chairman: Mr Stephen Morris Secretary/Chief Executive: Mr Neil Moffatt

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND (FHL)

The Friends of the Holy Land (Registered Charity Number: 1130054) was established as a National Charity in 2009 and operates with the full backing and blessing of Catholic and Anglican Bishops in England and Wales.

The Charity aids the Christians in the Holy Land as it seeks to raise awareness of the challenges they experience, encourages prayers to be offered for their intentions, generates and channels financial resources to provide for a sustainable future and encourages pilgrim visits to the Holy Land including meeting with the local communities.

Support in the Holy Land includes organising repairs to deteriorating homes; financing the development and operation of a Day Care Centre for the elderly in Bethlehem; providing 'seed corn' funding for new businesses to bring employment in particular to the youth; offering help with medical bills and school fees, **providing regular support to those families in most desperate need**. The FHL is organised through Groups within Parishes in Anglican and Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. A National Management Committee meets regularly and reports to the Trustees. It ensures there is accountability for all funds raised and distributed in the Holy Land by the DHL and its Holy Land partners.

Contact: Canon Philip Moor *Diocesan Facilitator and Co-ordinator of FHL Projects*

Patrons: The Archbishops of Westminster, Birmingham and the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury

National Chair: Jim Quinn

National Vice-Chair: Peter Rand

Diocesan Facilitator: Canon Philip Moor

Contact Details: Holy Apostles and Martyrs, 'The Trees', 8 Gorsehill Road Wallasey, Wirral CH45 9JB

Email: ham.parish@gmail.com

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Appeal Presenter: Mrs Pat Higgins

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Tel: 01926 512980

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Website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

FRIENDS OF THE VENERABLE (The English College in Rome)

The *Friends* (Registered Charity No 1075141) was founded in 1985 and supports the students of the College with prayers, encouragement and financial help. From these students come our future priests.

Website: www.friendsofenglishcollegerome.org.uk

To find out more or to join the Friends, contact:

Chairman: Mike Lang Tel: 01364 644811

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KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) is Britain's largest men's society serving the Church and community. Catholic action undertaken includes: Defending and Promoting Catholic Schools; Promoting Christ in Christmas and in Holy Week; Pilgrimages. Membership is open to any Catholic man aged over 18. Within the Diocese there is 1 council based in the Wirral
West Cheshire & Wirral Rep: Mr Tony Connolly, 46 West Knowe, Bidston Road, Oxtou CH43 2NU
Tel: 0151 306 3543

LATIN MASS SOCIETY

The Latin Mass Society is a lay-led organisation (although we also have many clergy members) that promotes the wider provision within the Church of the Traditional Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal. In addition we also promote the use of traditional Church music, particularly Gregorian Chant, and the use of the Latin language in Church affairs. We have an online shop selling traditional Catholic books. We are involved in organising and supporting the celebration of weekly, monthly and seasonal Traditional Masses at dozens of locations across England and Wales and are affiliated to the International Una Voce movement which promotes Mass in the Extraordinary Form through its member societies in around 40 countries. The LMS organises training for priests and servers wishing to learn the Traditional Mass, supports the training of singers in Gregorian Chant through the Gregorian Chant Network, and makes financial help available for youth and family events that draw their spirituality from the Extraordinary.

For further information, please contact The Latin Mass Society, 9 Matlow Street, London EC1Y 8RG

Tel: 020 7404 7284

Email: info@lms.org.uk

Website: www.lms.org.uk

Local The Wirral: Neil Addison wirral@lms.org.uk

Representatives: Shrewsbury (Cathedral and St Winefride's): Victoria E Keens Tel: 01743 891592
Email: shrewsbury@lms.org.uk

LEGION OF MARY

A worldwide apostolic organisation for men and women, normally parish-based. The primary work of the Legion of Mary is that of the Church — to evangelise. Active members meet weekly to pray together, learn more about the Faith and organise work visits in the parish under the direction of the parish priest, all in union with Our Lady. Coming together in this way helps members to discover and deepen the joy of the Gospel message. It builds a sense of community and inspires greater confidence and enthusiasm for living and sharing the Gospel message with others. In their work, members invite others to become active in parish life, gently encourage those who have lapsed to return to the practise of their faith and invite those outside the Church to discover the treasures of the Catholic Faith. They also visit and support sick and isolated members of the parish community. Auxiliary members do not undertake active work but support the work of the Legion of Mary by a commitment to prayer.

Contact

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LIFE LIGHT HOME STUDY COURSES

To promote Catholic Adult Religious Education, a team of laity provide courses by distance learning in the different areas of the theology of Vatican II. Courses leading to the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (formerly Catholic Teachers Certificate) are also provided. For further information, visit www.studylifelight.com

Email: info@studylifelight.com

LOVING FOR LIFE

Loving 4 Life Catholic Marriage Enrichment Retreats

Coordinator: Jane Deegan Email: jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Mobile: 07595 724300

Website : www.loving4life.co.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in 1951 at the initiative of Bishop Murphy. Its purpose is to organise the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which usually takes place at the end of July, and, through this, to promote devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. The pilgrimage has grown in popularity in recent years with a particular emphasis on young people from all over the Diocese coming to offer their services to assist in the care of the sick and handicapped pilgrims. In 2025 the pilgrimage will be from 25 to 31 July. This will be the 74th pilgrimage that the Diocese has organised. Booking forms will be available in the new year.

Pilgrimage Director: Canon Christopher Matthews
 Deputy Director: Rev Owen Gallagher
 Pilgrimage Office: Diocesan Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton,
 Wirral CH43 4UX
 Tel: 07773 324264
 Website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk
 Email: lourdes@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

All enquiries for booking forms should be directed to the Pilgrimage Office at the above address. You can also download a booking form from the website. The pilgrimage office is staffed by volunteers and enquiries will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Lourdes Sick Pilgrims Fund is a fund to defray expenses for sick pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to make the pilgrimage. Applications for funding should be made to the Pilgrimage Director with a supporting letter from the pilgrim's parish priest.

Any donations may be sent to the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office at the above address.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Hospitality of Lourdes (affiliated to the Archconfraternity of the Hospitalité at Lourdes)

The aims of the association are to foster a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes, to help the sick both spiritually and materially before, during and after the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Active members are those who, being 18 years of age and having served on two previous Diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes, undertake to make the pilgrimage as often as circumstances permit.

Associate Members are those who have an interest in the pilgrimage and promise to help spiritually and materially according to their means.

President: Miss Siobhan Cartwright
 Email: hospitality@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
 Vice President: John Roper
 Hon Secretary: Ms Clare Marchmont

MARRIAGE CARE

Catholic Marriage Care was established as the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (CMAC) in 1946 to support marriage and family life. Trained marriage preparation course facilitators offer one-day courses for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Diocese. We also offer a personalised form of marriage preparation for individual couples (FOCCUS). Both the course and FOCCUS are also available over Zoom. Details may be found on the Marriage Care website. Marriage Care also provides a confidential relationship counselling service for adults, where professionally-trained counsellors offer counselling for those experiencing marital and relationship difficulties. For a counselling appointment, to book marriage preparation, or for general queries, see the contact details below.

Details of our marriage preparation courses may be found on the Marriage Care website.

Stockport Centre

Centre coordinator John Worth Email john.worth@marriagecare.org
 Tel: 0800 389 3801
 Counselling
 Marriage Preparation
 Bookings Go to www.marriagecare.org.uk/marriage-preparation
 National Office: Marriage Care, Huntingdon House, 278-290 Huntingdon Street,
 Nottingham, NG1 3LY. Tel: 0800 389 3801.
 Website: www.marriagecare.org.uk

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A chance for married couples to deepen their love for one another and for them and their priests to grow closer to parish family and God.

Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience for couples who have a good relationship, to enrich and improve their awareness of each other and their marriage. The weekend is spent together, away from all the distractions of the modern world, so that the couple have the fullest opportunity to focus on their marriage in total privacy. The weekend gives them the chance to realise how important their unique relationship is to each other, their families, their parish, and the world, and how this fits in to God's plan. Priests also have an opportunity to renew their relationships with their parish or community and to gain a deeper appreciation of their vocation. Weekends are held at various centres throughout the country with residential, non-residential and online experiences. We also hold **Engaged Encounter** weekends which are an excellent and worthwhile preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Please contact: Charles and Krysta Golabek
Tel: 07584 484820
Email: csgolabek1971@gmail.com Website: www.wwme.org.uk

MISSIO

Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and has 120 offices worldwide under the coordination of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome. We are the Holy Father's chosen instrument for sharing the Gospel and building the Church throughout the world.

Together, the Missio offices globally support 1,069 dioceses in 157 countries. Missio is the only Catholic charity which supports the 40% of the Universal Church that is too new, young or poor to support itself. We aim to follow Christ's example by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief.

Missio continues the work of: *The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF)*, *The Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA)*, *Mission Together (MT)* and *The Pontifical Missionary Society (PMU)*.

National Director: Rev Anthony Chantry
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Website: www.missio.org.uk Reg Charity No 1056651

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF)

Part of the Missio Network, the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) builds much needed infrastructure in predominantly impoverished, remote areas — from chapels and schools, to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. Requested by the local community, our support transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow; spreading the Good News of the Gospel, ministering to the faithful and delivering essential services in health and education through the Red Mission boxes and the World Mission Sunday annual collection.

Diocesan Director: Rev Anthony Grace, St Gabriel's, 140 Lawton Road, Alsager ST7 2DE Tel: 01270 877736 Email: tonygrace30@yahoo.com
Mill Hill Appealer Rev Dermot Byrne MHM Tel: 0161 737 9742 / 07477 078070
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for Missio: Fax: 020 7630 8466 Email: apf@missio.org.uk
Website: www.missio.org.uk Reg Charity No 1056651

The Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA)

Part of the Missio Network, The Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA) trains the Church leaders of tomorrow, bringing the love of Christ to vulnerable communities, and passing on the gift of faith to future generations in over 157 countries around the world.

Every year Missio's SPA supports the training of 30,000 future priests and 11,000 religious sisters in the mission dioceses. Only the SPA, as the Pope's own charity, has this unique role throughout the world.

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Mission Together (MT)

Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio. For over 170 years Mission Together has helped children follow Jesus' example: by praying, fundraising and becoming mini-missionaries. Children and young people in England and Wales are encouraged to help disadvantaged and vulnerable children globally through their prayers and by sharing what they can. As well as supporting children's projects overseas, Mission Together also creates free educational resources to support the mission and ethos of Catholic education in England and Wales.

Find out more by visiting missiontogether.org.uk

Diocesan Director: Mary Dearden Tel: 0151-645 7979

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Website: www.missio.org.uk Reg Charity No1056651

The Pontifical Missionary Union (PMU)

Part of the Missio network, The Pontifical Mission Union (PMU) is responsible for encouraging all of the faithful to have passion for mission and evangelisation. As Catholics we are encouraged to share the love of God through our words and actions with our global family.

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NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

A national organisation for lay people and clergy, to foster a deeper understanding of the faith in the context of the contemporary world through talks, discussions and workshops at a local level and through national conferences. Named after Cardinal Newman, who supported the need for an educated laity, the Association is the British member of the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs, "Pax Romana". It is organised through local circles around the country.

Manchester and North Cheshire Circle

Hon Secretary: Dr Chris Quirke, 29 Spring Rd, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire

WA14 2UQ

Tel: 0161 941 1707

Email: dcq@mac.com

Website: www.newrnan.org.uk/circles/engwales/manch/html

NORTH WEST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

To promote interest in the Catholic history of the region by issuing a journal and occasional publications. Conferences are also organised. Subscriptions are £15 p.a.

Chairman: Mr Adam Cree

Treasurer: Mr B T Farrimond, 11 Tower Hill, Ormskirk L39 2EE

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Email: brianfarrimond@mailbolt.com

Website: www.nwcatholichistory.org.uk

Secretary: To be confirmed

OUT THERE - Supporting Families of Prisoners

Out There offers practical and emotional support to families impacted by the imprisonment of a loved one, across Greater Manchester

Address: 2a Powell Street, Old Trafford, Manchester M16 7QQ Tel: 0161-232 8986

Email: info@outtherecharity.org

Website: www.outtherecharity.org

PACT — PRISON ADVICE and CARE TRUST (Formerly known as The Bourne Trust)

Pact, Prison Advice and Care Trust, is the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families. Our staff and volunteers provide caring, life-changing services in court, in more than 60 prisons, on release, and in the community. We help people to make a fresh start and we work for the common good of society.

Pact Chief Executive: Andy Keen-Downs, Pact, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

Tel: 020 7735 9535
 Email: parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk
 Web: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Pact runs the national Prisoners' Families Helpline. We provide sound advice and support for families and friends affected by imprisonment.

Call the free, confidential Helpline: **0808 808 3444** or email info@prisonersfamilies.org.

PONTIFICAL WORK OF VOCATIONS

In 1960, the Bishop affiliated our work for the vocations in the Diocese to the Pontifical Society for Priestly Vocations. This is the central society for preserving, encouraging and fomenting vocations in the Priesthood. It was established by Pope Pius XII in 1941. It aims at spreading an accurate and clear idea of what the priesthood is. It encourages the offering of Masses, Holy Communion, prayers, works of penance and charity so that God may grant many excellent vocations to the priesthood.

Vocations Director: Rev Anthony McGrath
 Address: Sacred Heart and St Teresa, Green Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 1LD
 Tel: 01625 533268
 Email: vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
 Website: www.shrewsburyvocations.org

PROJECT 2030

The Thirtysomethings group enables Catholics in their 30s to get together at a social and spiritual level. Events include masses, retreats, walks, meals, museum visits and other opportunities to meet up together.

National Office: St John's, 266 Wellington Road North, Heaton Chapel, SK4 2QR
 For details, contact: Rev Hugh Hanley SCJ
 Email: project2030@btintemet.com
 Website: www.nwcatholic30s.weebly.com

SHREWSBURY SECULAR CLERGY FUND

The Shrewsbury Secular Clergy Fund was founded in 1861. It is a registered charity which has as its purpose the relief of sick and retired members who are priests of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The fund asks for the support of the people of the Diocese through donations and legacies. The priest members regularly offer Mass for the benefactors of the Fund. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, the Treasurer, or any priest of the Diocese.

Secretary: Rev Canon Jonathan Mitchell
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 Tel: 01694 658091
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SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Founded in 1966 to oppose the Abortion Act and since then it has been the driving force behind attempts to change the law, working in branches throughout the country to secure the election of Members of Parliament who will support pro-life legislation. SPUC works to defend each human life from its beginning to its natural end, campaigning against abortion, embryo experimentation, abortifacient methods of birth control and euthanasia. Special divisions: *ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline)* supports and counsels women traumatised by abortion. No Less Human campaigns for the right to life of disabled unborn children and against euthanasia of disabled, elderly and terminally ill people. Patient Care Helpline supports people who fear family members are being threatened by euthanasia. Special educational outreach to schools and to Faith Communities - Muslims, Roman Catholics and Evangelicals. For more information, literature or speakers on abortion or other pro-life issues, contact:

Shrewsbury Diocesan Contact:

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 Tel: 01625 617216

SPUC Northern Office:

Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston PR2 2YS
 Tel: 01772 258580

SPUC Head Office:

3 Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London, SE11 4AB Tel: 020 7091 7091

Email: information@spuc.org.uk
 Website: www.spuc.org.uk

SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY

A national Society which works to assist priests and people to celebrate the liturgy worthily. It encourages study and active participation by organising study days, conferences and an annual Summer School for all concerned with music and worship. A journal 'Music and Liturgy' is published regularly, meetings are arranged for composers.

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 Email: frchris.matthews@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
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SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (England & Wales)

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is an international organisation operating in 150 countries, and has over 700,000 members. The Society's aim is to enable members to turn their Christian concern for others into practical action by helping people in need in their neighbourhood. Our Society also helps overseas by transferring aid to Vincentians in poor countries.

In England and Wales the SVP gives support to the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers, sick and lonely people, and indeed anyone who needs to feel the love of Christ in their lives. We also run special works including support centres, children's summer camps, caravan holiday homes for families, furniture and clothing stores, and charity shops.

In the Diocese we have conferences in many parishes, as well as Mini Vinnies in most primary schools and Youth SVP in most high schools and 6th form colleges.

We run two children's holiday camps each year and we have a static holiday caravan in north Wales which we use to provide free holiday accommodation for families in need. For further information about these contact the Central Council President.

We are a Catholic society, but we also have a strong ecumenical ethos. As such, we welcome members from all denominations that share our commitment to Christian values. We also co-operate actively with organisations such as Local Authority Social Services Departments, Citizens Advice Bureaux, prison chaplaincies, and other bodies working in the same field as ourselves.

If you can spare some time to help us in this important work for God and His friends in need, please contact your parish priest for further details.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Central Council

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Central Council President:

Vice-President (Fundraising):

Treasurer Designate:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Spiritual Adviser:

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For the assistance of clergy and religious from other denominations who come into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

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ST LUKE'S CENTRE (A Ministry of Wellness and Healing)

The St Luke's Centre is a psychological and educational support centre for priests, religious women and men and candidates for ministry or religious life. We offer psychological assessments, candidate assessments, workshops, outpatients therapy, continuing care post residential treatment, consultation services and conference facilities for leadership teams and diocesan bodies. The Centre works in collaboration with the Saint Luke Institute Maryland and has the full backing of COR and the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

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STELLA MARIS (Apostleship of the Sea)

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is the official maritime agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. Stella Maris (AoS) is a registered charity (No 1069833) reliant on the annual Sea Sunday appeal and donations to sustain its ministry. Ninety percent of world trade is carried by ship; however, seafarers often work in dangerous conditions suffering loneliness, deprivation and even exploitation. Stella Maris (AoS) deploys chaplains and ship visitors who welcome merchant seafarers to our shores and provides for their pastoral and practical needs - regardless of creed or nationality. Catholic seafarers are also given the opportunity to receive the sacraments. In addition, Stella Maris (AoS) provides chaplains on board cruise ships, works to maintain seafarers' centres inside ports, and collaborates with industry bodies to speak up for seafarers' rights. Stella Maris (AoS) relies on a network of valued contacts and volunteers to sustain its development.

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SURVIVE-MIVA (Missionary Vehicle Association)

SURVIVE-MIVA is a Catholic organisation which makes grants to fund essential transport for the Church's health and pastoral outreach work overseas.

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UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The objects of the UCM are:

To help Catholic married women to appreciate the Sacramental character, responsibilities and permanence of marriage and to live in unselfish love, observing the laws of God and His Church. To assist them to bring up their children as practising Catholics and public-spirited citizens. To teach and defend Christian values in family life and to ensure for their children Catholic education. To offer love, sympathy and practical help to the family in difficulty. To foster vocations in life, especially in Christian marriage and family life and in the priesthood and religious life.

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THE WALSINGHAM ASSOCIATION

The Walsingham Association exists primarily to spread devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham and encourage pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady. Founded in 1933, the Association now has branches throughout the country, which new members are most welcome to join, or become one of the many individual members of the Association. Membership is open to all who are seeking to deepen their devotion to Our Lady by joining in daily prayer with members throughout the country and to support prayerfully the growth and development of the Shrine.

Address: Walsingham Association, Pilgrim Bureau, Friday Market Place, Walsingham,
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WARRINGTON ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE

St Joseph's Family Centre offers a wide range of services to support family life, which include varied Counselling Services for adults, children and young people; accredited child contact services, family mediation and an emergency welfare provision. Supporting families and family life is the theme that runs through the Centre's history and remains its principal aim.

Child Contact Centre - As an Enhanced Accredited Member of The National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC), we offer a safe and comfortable environment where non-residing parents or family members can meet with their children, when there is no other viable alternative available.

Child and Adolescent Counselling - Working in partnership with CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), we provide person-centred counselling for children and young people who are experiencing mental health difficulties.

Adult Counselling - Working in partnership with mhM (mental health matters) we provide counselling services for adults which includes Counselling for Depression (CfD), and counselling for anger management.

Welfare Service - Providing emergency food parcels and material help.

Chair of Trustees: Richard Broadbent
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YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS & IMPACT

The Young Christian Workers (YCW) is an international movement for young people run by young people. It aims to train and form young people (11-30) to make sense of their faith in their everyday lives and responsibilities so that they can act more fully in their own unique daily mission towards a more just and Christian society. Impact is a programme developed by the YCW for younger members. It places strong emphasis on action led by young people themselves and personal development. It aims to help them explore the link between faith and life in a way which is fun, innovative and empowers them to action. The programme is ideal for post confirmation groups, school groups and general youth work.

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YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 seeks to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, lived at the heart of the Catholic Church. It does this primarily through weekend retreats, an annual summer festival and through both online and in-person formation programmes. The young people are introduced to the essentials of the Catholic faith in lively and vibrant way: Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Scripture, Devotion to Our Lady. These retreats are opportunities for young people to experience the love of God, to receive the grace of conversion, to witness their peers actively living their faith and to begin living anew the Christian life for themselves.

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DATES OF PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS 2026 IN THE DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

Advent/Christmas

2025

Sunday 30 November	First Sunday of Advent
Monday 8 December	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 28 December	The Holy Family of Jesus

2026

Thursday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday 6 January	Epiphany
Sunday 11 January	Baptism of the Lord

Ordinary Time – Winter

Monday 2 February	Presentation of the Lord
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Lent

Wednesday 18 February	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 22 February	1st Sunday of Lent
Thursday 19 March	St Joseph
Wednesday 25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord

Easter

Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday
Thursday 23 April	St George
Thursday 14 May	The Ascension of the Lord (Holiday of Obligation)
<i>Thursday 21 May</i>	Dedication of the Cathedral
Sunday 24 May	Pentecost

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 25 May	Mary, Mother of the Church
<i>Tuesday 26 May</i>	Our Lady Help of Christians – Principal Patron of the Diocese
Thursday 28 May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Sunday 31 May	Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 7 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 12 June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 13 June	Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 24 June	Nativity of St John the Baptist
Sunday 28 June	Ss Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thursday 6 August	Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday 16 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ordinary Time – Autumn

Monday 14 September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday 1 November	All Saints
Monday 2 November	All Souls
<i>Tuesday 3 November</i>	St Winefride – Secondary Patron of the Diocese
Monday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 22 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Advent/Christmas – 2026

Sunday 29 November	First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 8 December	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 27 December	The Holy Family of Jesus

DATES OF PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS

Dates in italics denote Principal Diocesan Celebrations.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2025 – 2026

Sunday Cycle Year A
Weekday Cycle Year II

ABBREVIATIONS

Liturgical Colours

G Green
P Purple
R Red

Ro Rose
W White
Bk Black

Saints' Abbreviations

Ap Apostle/s
Ab Abbot/Abbess
B Bishop
D Doctor
Dc Deacon
Ev Evangelist
K King

M(m) Martyr(s)
Mk Monk
P Priest
Pp Pope
Q Queen
R Religious
V Virgin

SOLEMNITY

Feast

Memorial

Ferial/Optional Memorial



Opening of the Jubilee Year at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport - 5th January 2025

LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Year A, Weekday Cycle II

Date	Day	Celebration	Colour
NOVEMBER 2025			
30	Sun	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	P
		Psalter Week I	
DECEMBER 2025			
1	Mon	Ferial	P
2	Tue	Ferial	P
3	Wed	St Francis Xavier, P, R	W
4	Thu	Ferial/ St John Damascus, P, D	P/W
5	Fri	Ferial	P
6	Sat	Ferial/St Nicholas, B	P/W
7	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	P
		Psalter Week II	
8	Mon	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	W
9	Tue	Ferial/St John Diego Cuahltloatzin, H	P/W
10	Wed	Ferial/Our Lady of Loreto	P/W
11	Thu	Ferial/ St Damascus I, Pp	P/W
12	Fri	Ferial/Our Lady of Guadalupe	P/W
13	Sat	St Lucy, V, M	R
14	Sun	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	P/Ro
		Psalter Week III	
15	Mon	Ferial	P
16	Tue	Ferial	P
17	Wed	Ferial	P
18	Thu	Ferial	P
19	Fri	Ferial	P
20	Sat	Ferial	P
21	Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	P
		Psalter Week IV	
22	Mon	Ferial/St John of Kanty, P	P/W
23	Tue	Ferial	P
24	Wed	Ferial	P
25	Thu	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD* Holyday of Obligation	Gld/W
26	Fri	St Stephen, M	R
27	Sat	St John, Ap, Ev	W
28	Sun	THE HOLY FAMILY	W
		Psalter Week I	
29	Mon	St Thomas Becket, B, M	R
30	Tue	Sixth Day Of the Christmas Octave	W
31	Wed	Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave/St Sylvester I, Pp	W/W
JANUARY 2026			
1	Thu	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	W
2	Fri	St Basil the Great B, D & St Gregory Nazianzen, B, D	W/W
3	Sat	Saturday of the Christmas Season/The Most Holy Name of Jesus	W/W
4	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	W
		Psalter Week II	
5	Mon	Monday of the Christmas Season	W
6	Tue	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	W
7	Wed	Wednesday after Epiphany/ St Raymond of Penyafort, P	W/W
8	Thu	Thursday after Epiphany	W
9	Fri	Friday after Epiphany	W
10	Sat	Saturday after Epiphany	W

11	Sun	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Psalter Week I	W
12	Mon	Ferial/St Aelred of Rievaulx		G/W
13	Tue	Ferial/St Hilary, B, D		G/W
14	Wed	Ferial		G
15	Thu	Ferial		G
16	Fri	Ferial		G
17	Sat	St Anthony, Ab		W
18	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week II	G
19	Mon	Ferial/St Wulstan, B		G/W
20	Tue	Ferial/St Fabian Pp, M/St Sebastian, M		G/R/R
21	Wed	Ferial/St Agnes, V, M		R
22	Thu	Ferial/St Vincent, Dc, M		G/R
23	Fri	Ferial		G
24	Sat	St Francis de Sales, B, D		W
25	Sun	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week III	G
26	Mon	Ss Timothy & Titus		W
27	Tue	Ferial/St Angela Merici, V		G/W
28	Wed	St Thomas Aquinas, P, D		W
29	Thu	Ferial		G
30	Fri	Ferial		G
31	Sat	St John Bosco, P, R		W
FEBRUARY 2026				
1	Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week IV	G
2	Mon	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD		W
3	Tue	St Werburgh, V		W
4	Wed	Ferial		G
5	Thu	St Agatha, V, M		R
6	Fri	Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Mm		R
7	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G/W
8	Sun	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week I	G
9	Mon	Ferial		G
10	Tue	St Scholastica, V		W
11	Wed	Ferial/Our Lady of Lourdes		G/W
12	Thu	Ferial		G
13	Fri	Ferial		G
14	Sat	Ss Cyril and Methodius, B		W
15	Sun	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week II	G
16	Mon	Ferial		G
17	Tue	Ferial/The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites		G/W
18	Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY		P
19	Thu	Thursday after Ash Wednesday		P
20	Fri	Friday after Ash Wednesday		
21	Sat	Saturday after Ash Wednesday/St Peter Damian, B, D		P/W
22	Sun	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Psalter Week I	P
23	Mon	St Polycarp, B, M		P
24	Tue	Ferial		P
25	Wed	Ferial		P
26	Thu	Ferial		P
27	Fri	Ferial		P
28	Sat	Ferial		P

MARCH 2026

1	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Psalter Week II	P
2	Mon	Ferial		P
3	Tue	Ferial		P
4	Wed	Ferial/St Casimir		P/P
5	Thu	Ferial		P
6	Fri	Ferial		P
7	Sat	Ferial/Ss Perpetua & Felicity		P/P

8	Sun	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Psalter Week III	P
9	Mon	Ferial/St Frances of Rome, R		P/P
10	Tue	Ferial		P
11	Wed	Ferial		P
12	Thu	Ferial		P
13	Fri	Ferial		P
14	Sat	Ferial		P

15	Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Psalter Week IV	R/ P
16	Mon	Ferial		P
17	Tue	St Patrick, B		W
18	Wed	Ferial/St Cyril of Jerusalem, B, D		P/P
19	Thu	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		W
20	Fri	Ferial		P
21	Sat	Ferial		P

22	Sun	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Psalter Week I	P
23	Mon	Ferial/St Toribo of Mogrovejo, B		P/P
24	Tue	Ferial		P
25	Wed	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		W
26	Thu	Ferial		P
27	Fri	Ferial		P
28	Sat	Ferial		P

29	Sun	PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)	Psalter Week II	R
30	Mon	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK		P
31	Tue	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK		P

APRIL 2026

1	Wed	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK		P
2	Thu	HOLY THURSDAY		W
3	Fri	GOOD FRIDAY		R
4	Sat	HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL		Gld/W

5	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY	Psalter Week I	Gld/W
6	Mon	MONDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE		W
7	Tue	TUESDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE		W
8	Wed	WEDNESDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE		W
9	Thu	THURSDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE		W
10	Fri	FRIDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE		W
11	Sat	SATURDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE		W

12	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	Psalter Week II	W
13	Mon	Ferial/St Martin I, P, M		W/R
14	Tue	Ferial		W
15	Wed	Ferial		W
16	Thu	Ferial		W
17	Fri	Ferial		W
18	Sat	Ferial		W

19	Sun	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalter Week III	
20	Mon	Ferial		W
21	Tue	Ferial/St Anselm of Canterbury, B, D		W/W
22	Wed	Ferial		W
23	Thu	ST GEORGE, M		R
24	Fri	Ferial/St Adalbert, B, M/St Fidelis, P, M		W/R/R
25	Sat	St Mark, Ev		R
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26	Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalter Week IV	W
27	Mon	Ferial		W
28	Tue	Ferial/St Peter Chanel, P, M/St Louis Marie de Montfort		W/R/W
29	Wed	St Catherine of Siena, V, D		W
30	Thu	Ferial/St Pius V, Pp, R		W/W
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MAY 2026				
1	Fri	Ferial/St Joseph the Worker		W/W
2	Sat	St Athanasius, B, D		W
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3	Sun	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalter Week I	W
4	Mon	The English Martyrs		R
5	Tue	Ferial		W
6	Wed	Ferial		W
7	Thu	Ferial		W
8	Fri	Ferial		W
9	Sat	Ferial		W
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10	Sun	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalter Week II	W
11	Mon	Ferial		W
12	Tue	Ferial/St Nereus & St Achilleus, M/St Pancras, M		W/R/R
13	Wed	Ferial/Our Lady of Fatima		W/W
14	Thu	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		W
15	Fri	Ferial		W
16	Sat	Ferial		W
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17	Sun	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalter Week III	W
18	Mon	Ferial/St John I, Pp, M		W/R
19	Tue	St Millburga, Ab, V		W
20	Wed	Ferial/St Bernadine of Siena, P		W/W
21	Thu	The Dedication of the Cathedral		W
22	Fri	Ferial/St Rita of Cascia		W/W
23	Sat	Ferial		W
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24	Sun	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Psalter Week IV	R
25	Mon	Mary, Mother of the Church		W
26	Tue	Our Lady Help of Christians		W
27	Wed	St Augustine of Canterbury, B		W
28	Thu	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest		W
29	Fri	Ferial/St Pope Paul VI, Pp		G/W
30	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G/W
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31	Sun	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Psalter Week I	W
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JUNE 2026				
1	Mon	St Justin, M		R
2	Tue	Ferial/Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Mm		G/R
3	Wed	Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Mm		R

4	Thu	Ferial		G
5	Fri	St Boniface, B, M		R
6	Sat	Ferial/St Norbert, B		G/W
7	Sun	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	Psalter Week II	W
8	Mon	Ferial/St William of York, B		G/W
9	Tue	Ferial/St Ephrem of Syria, Dc, D/St Columba, Ab		G/W/W
10	Wed	Ferial		G
11	Thu	St Barnabus, Ap, M		R
12	Fri	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS		W
13	Sat	The Immaculate Heart of Mary		W
14	Sun	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week III	G
15	Mon	Ferial		G
16	Tue	Ferial/St Richard of Chichester, B		G/W
17	Wed	Ferial		G
18	Thu	Ferial		G
19	Fri	Ferial/St Romuald, Ab		G/W
20	Sat	Ferial/St Alban, M		G/R
21	Sun	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week IV	G
22	Mon	Ss John Fisher & St Thomas More, Mm		R
23	Tue	Ferial/St Etheldreda, Ab		G/W
24	Wed	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		W
25	Thu	Ferial		G
26	Fri	Ferial/St Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, P		G/W
27	Sat	Ferial/St Cyril of Alexandria, B, D/BVM on Saturday		G/W/W
28	Sun	Ss PETER & PAUL, Ap	Psalter Week I	R
29	Mon	Ferial		G
30	Tue	Ferial/First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church		G/R
JULY 2026				
1	Wed	Ferial/St Oliver Plunkett, B, M		G/R
2	Thu	Ferial		G
3	Fri	St Thomas, Ap		R
4	Sat	Ferial/St Elizabeth of Portugal, Q/BVM on Saturday		G/W/W
5	Sun	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week II	G
6	Mon	Ferial/St Maria Goretti, V, M		G/R
7	Tue	Ferial		G
8	Wed	Ferial		G
9	Thu	Ferial/St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions		G/R
10	Fri	Ferial		G
11	Sat	St Benedict, Ab		W
12	Sun	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week III	G
13	Mon	Ferial/St Henry, K		G/W
14	Tue	Ferial/St Camillus de Lellis, P		G/W
15	Wed	St Bonaventure, B, D		W
16	Thu	Ferial/Our Lady of Mount Carmel		G/W
17	Fri	Ferial		G
18	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G/W
19	Sun	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week IV	G
20	Mon	Ferial/St Apollinaris, B, M		G/R
21	Tue	Ferial/St Lawrence of Brindisi, P, D		G/W
22	Wed	St Mary Magdalene		W

23	Thu	St Bridget, R		W
24	Fri	Ferial/St Sharbel Makhluf, P		G/W
25	Sat	St James, Ap		R

26	Sun	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week I	G
27	Mon	Ferial		G
28	Tue	Ferial		G
29	Wed	Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus		W
30	Thu	St Ignatius of Loyola, P		W
31	Fri	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, B, D		W

AUGUST 2026

1	Sat	St Alphonsus Liguori, B, D		W
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2	Sun	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week II	G
3	Mon	St Oswald, K, M		R
4	Tue	St John Vianney, P		W
5	Wed	Ferial/Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major		G/W
6	Thu	The Transfiguration of the Lord		W
7	Fri	Ferial/Ss Sixtus II Pp & Companions, Mm/St Cajetan, P		G/R/W
8	Sat	St Dominic, P		W

9	Sat	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week III	G
10	Mon	St Lawrence, Dc, M		R
11	Tue	St Clare, V		W
12	Wed	Ferial/St Jane Frances Chantel, R		G/W
13	Thu	Ferial/Ss Pontian Pp, M & Hippolytus, P, M		G/R/R
14	Fri	St Maximilian Kolbe, P, M		R
15	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G/W

16	Sun	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Psalter Week IV	W
17	Mon	Ferial		G
18	Tue	Ferial		G
19	Wed	Ferial/St John Eudes, P		G/W
20	Thu	St Bernard, Ab, D		W
21	Fri	St Pius X, Pp		W
22	Sat	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		W

23	Sun	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week I	G
24	Mon	Ferial		G
25	Tue	St Thomas of Hereford, B		W
26	Wed	Ferial/Bl Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi, P		G/W
27	Thu	St Monica		W
28	Fri	St Augustine, B, D		W
29	Sat	The Passion of St John the Baptist		R

30	Sun	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week II	G
31	Mon	St Aidan, B and the Saints of Lindisfarne		G/W

SEPTEMBER 2026

1	Tue	Ferial		G
2	Wed	Ferial		G
3	Thu	St Gregory the Great, Pp, D		W
4	Fri	Ferial/St Cuthbert, B		G/W
5	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G

6	Sun	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week III	G
7	Mon	Ferial		G

8	Tue	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		W
9	Wed	Ferial/St Peter Claver, P		G/W
10	Thu	Ferial/ St Ambrose Barlow, P, M		G/R
11	Fri	Ferial		G
12	Sat	Ferial/Most Holy Name of Mary		G/W
13	Sun	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week IV	G
14	Mon	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		R
15	Tue	Our Lady of Sorrows		W
16	Wed	Ss Cornelius, Pp, M and Cyprian, B, M		R
17	Thu	Ferial/St Robert Bellarmine, B, D		G/W
18	Fri	Ferial		G
19	Sat	Ferial/ St Theodore of Canterbury, B/St Janarius, B, M/ BVM on Saturday		G/W/R/W
20	Sun	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week I	G
21	Mon	St Mathew, Ap, Ev		R
22	Tue	Ferial		G
23	Wed	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), P		W
24	Thu	Our Lady of Walsingham		W
25	Fri	Ferial		G
26	Sat	Ferial/ Ss Cosmas & Damian, Mm/BVM on Saturday		G/R/W
27	Sun	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week II	G
28	Mon	Ferial/ St Wenceslaus, M/St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions		G/R/R
29	Tue	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels		W
30	Wed	St Jerome, P, D		W
OCTOBER 2026				
1	Thu	St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V, R		W
2	Fri	Guardian Angels		W
3	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G/W
4	Sun	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week III	G
5	Mon	St Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska, V		W
6	Tue	Ferial/St Bruno, P,H,R		G/W
7	Wed	Our Lady of the Rosary		W
8	Thu	Ferial		G
9	Fri	St John Henry Newman, P		W
10	Sat	Ferial/St Paulinus of York, B/BVM on Saturday		G/W/W
11	Sun	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week IV	G
12	Mon	Ferial/St Wilfrid, B		G/W
13	Tue	Ferial/St Edward The Confessor, K		G/W
14	Wed	Ferial/ St Callistus I, Pp, M		G/R
15	Thu	St Theresa of Avila, V, D		W
16	Fri	Ferial/St Hedwig, R/St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V, R		G/W/W
17	Sat	St Ignatius of Antioch, B, M		R
18	Sun	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week I	G
19	Mon	St Peter of Alcantara, P		W
20	Tue	Ferial		G
21	Wed	Ferial		G
22	Thu	Ferial/St John Paul II, Pp		G/W
23	Fri	Ferial/St John of Capistrano, P		G/W
24	Sat	Ferial/St Anthony Mary Claret, B/BVM on Saturday		G/W/W

25	Sun	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week II	G
26	Mon	Ss Chad & Cedd		W
27	Tue	Ferial		G
28	Wed	Ss Simon and Jude, Ap		R
29	Thu	Ferial/ The Douai Martyrs		G/R
30	Fri	Ferial		G
31	Sat	Ferial		G

NOVEMBER 2026

1	Sun	ALL SAINTS	Psalter Week III	W
2	Mon	All Souls		P/Bk
3	Tue	St Winefride, V		W
4	Wed	St Charles Borromeo, B		W
5	Thu	Ferial		G
6	Fri	Ferial		G
7	Sat	Ferial/St Willibrord, B/BVM on Saturday		G/W

8	Sun	THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		G
9	Mon	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER	Psalter Week IV	W
10	Tue	St Leo The Great, Pp, D		W
11	Wed	St Martin of Tours, B		W
12	Thu	St Josaphat, B, M		R
13	Fri	Ferial		G
14	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G/W

15	Sun	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalter Week I	G
16	Mon	Ferial/St Edmund of Abingdon, B /St Margaret of Scotland, Q/St Gertrude, V		G/W/W/W/W
17	Tue	Ferial/St Hilda, Ab/St Hugh of Lincoln, B/ St Elizabeth of Hungary, R		G/W/W/W
18	Wed	Ferial/Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Ap		G/W
19	Thu	Ferial		G
20	Fri	Ferial		G
21	Sat	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		W

22	Sun	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Psalter Week II	W
23	Mon	Ferial/ St Clement I, Pp, M/St Columban, Ab		G/R/W
24	Tue	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions		R
25	Wed	Ferial/ St Catherine of Alexandria, V, M		G/R
26	Thu	Ferial		G
27	Fri	Ferial		G
28	Sat	Ferial/BVM on Saturday		G

29	Sun	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B, Weekday Cycle I)	Psalter Week I	P
30	Mon	St Andrew, Ap		R

DECEMBER 2026

1	Tue	Ferial		P
2	Wed	Ferial		P
3	Thu	St Francis Xavier, P, R		W
4	Fri	Ferial/St John Damascus, P, D		P/W
5	Sat	Ferial		P

6	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Psalter Week II	P
7	Mon	St Ambrose, B, D		W
8	Tue	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		W
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10	Thu	Ferial/Our Lady of Loreto		P/W
11	Fri	Ferial/St Damasus I, Pp		P/W
12	Sat	Ferial/Our Lady of Guadalupe		P/W
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15	Tue	Ferial		P
16	Wed	Ferial		P
17	Thu	Ferial		P
18	Fri	Ferial		P
19	Sat	Ferial		P
20	Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Psalter Week IV	P
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22	Tue	Ferial		P
23	Wed	Ferial/St John of Kanty, P		P/P
24	Thu	Ferial		P
25	Fri	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD* Holyday of Obligation		Gld/W
26	Sat	St Stephen, M		R
27	Sun	THE HOLY FAMILY	Psalter Week I	W
28	Mon	The Holy Innocents, Mm		R
29	Tue	St Thomas Becket, B, M		R
30	Wed	Sixth Day within The Octave of Christmas		W
31	Thu	Seventh Day within The Octave of Christmas/St Sylvester I, Pp		W/W

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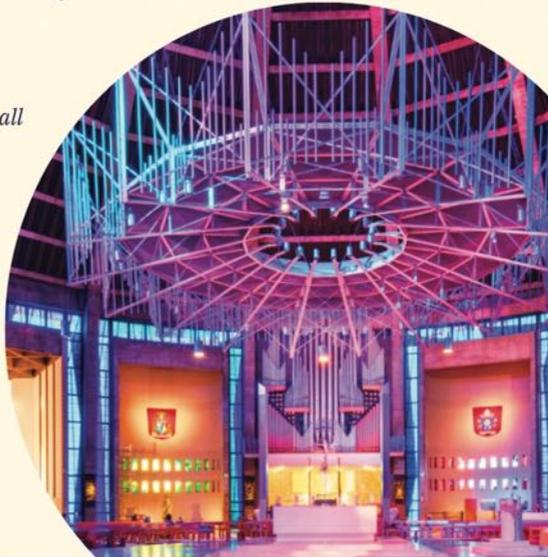
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