

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Father Anthony & Deacon Michael are most grateful for all your good wishes & presents for Christmas & wish you all a very Happy, Peaceful & Holy Christmas!

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

19th December - "We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be provided by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us."

26th December - "As we celebrate this Christmas season, we pray especially for all expectant parents who are worried about the practical means of supporting their child, that they would find hope and consolation in the story of the Holy Family and, by the power of God, be able to overcome all obstacles."

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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19th & 26th December, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Advent & The Holy Family)

Saturday 18th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 19th – The 4 th Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Paul Hatchman & Family
Monday 20th	8.00 am	Constance Emery
Tuesday 21st	10.00 am	Deceased members of the Ellison & Williamson Families
Wednesday 22nd	10.00 am	Mary Perry
Thursday 23rd	10.00 am	John & Catherine Coyne
Friday 24th – Christmas Vigil Mass	8.00 pm	The Parishioners
Saturday 25th – The Nativity of the Lord	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
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Sunday 26th – The Holy Family	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Mary Moss
Monday 27th	10.00 am	Jeannette O'Neill
Tuesday 28th	10.00 am	Elizabeth & John Riordan
Wednesday 29th	10.00 am	Rosemary & Joe Emery
Thursday 30th	8.00 am	Deceased members of the Couban Family
Friday 31st	10.00 am	Mary Perry
Saturday 1st – Mary, the Holy Mother of God	12.00 pm	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 1st – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	Deceased members of the Van Steene Family
Sunday 2nd – The 2 nd Sunday after Christmas	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Rebeka Hill

Coronavirus Restrictions & Guidance Update – Mandatory Face Coverings

In response to the risks of the Omicron variant, please note that the government has recently announced that there is now a mandatory requirement to wear face coverings in places of worship. You are therefore now required to wear a face covering in church unless you have an exemption. Further information at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

In addition, our Diocese stresses the following points are followed in our churches with respect to the current situation with the omicron variant:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is used for those attending the Church.

The church will maintain good ventilation and air throughout the building.

Church Heaters Unfortunately, several of our heaters in church are currently down and we do not yet have a date when they can be repaired. In light of the current requirement for good ventilation and air throughout the church; and owing to the current winter conditions, it would be wise if parishioners wrap up well in church! We apologise for this inconvenience.

Confirmation 2022

Bishop Mark will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Vincent's Church, Knutsford on Thursday 12th May 2022. There will be more details later, but any young person wishing to be confirmed is asked to advise Father Anthony or Deacon Michael as soon as possible.

Synod 2021-2023

Pope Francis has begun a worldwide Synod of journeying together in communion, participation and mission. We are currently at the Diocesan phase of the Synod where we are invited to give our own prayerful reflections and listen to what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do. Bishop Mark will give his discernment on 3rd April 2022. The deadline for our feedback is 1st March 2022. If you would like to be involved with this process, then please see the information on our Diocesan website at: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/news/local-news/synod>

There will a parish meeting as early as possible in the New Year.

Food Link, Colshaw - Food & Christmas Selection Boxes Appeal

The need to contribute food continues. Could you help to donate food to struggling families? We are very grateful to receive the following food donations: dried pasta, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, and tinned foods (pies, soups, beans, fruit, veg, meat, fish, etc.). Please leave donations in the box at the back of church. We are also grateful to receive Christmas children's chocolate selection boxes at this time.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Day this year falls on a Saturday. On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 9.00 am & 10.30 am. There will not be a Vigil Mass for the following day at 6.30 pm. On Sunday 26th December there will be Mass at 9.00 am & 10.30 am. On Christmas Eve there will not be a Mass at midnight in the light of current health problems, but there will be a Vigil Mass at 8.00 pm. During the morning of Christmas Eve there will be confessions between 10.30 am & Midday.

Offertory Collections over the Christmas Masses

Just a reminder that all offertory cash donations over the Christmas masses are offerings for Father Anthony. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND – COLLECTION OVER WKND 18TH/19TH DEC

Apologies last week where the collection was not taken at some Masses – there will be an opportunity to donate to the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund over the week-end of 18th/19th December. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends, and I would ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese.

New Year's Day Mass

Please note there will be a Mass for the parishioners at Midday on Saturday 1st January for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

CAFOD DEC Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: www.cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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