

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.

General Guidance & Rules in the Parish Whilst it is no longer required to stay two metres apart from people you do not live with and there is no limit to the numbers you may meet, the guidance goes on to say "in order to minimise the risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the contact you have with those you do not usually live with and increase close contact gradually. This includes limiting the number, proximity and duration of social events." This is a note of caution for us in returning to parish activities. There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. This allows a return to pre-Covid-19 safety capacities whilst taking into account the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales.

Food Link, Colshaw Thank you for your recent generous donations of food. Sadly, the need is increasing—could you help to donate food to those struggling? 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 any donations in the box at the back of church.

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies "As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Lord hear us."

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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28th November, 2021 – The First Sunday of Advent **Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 27th	6.30 pm	Special Intention
Sunday 28th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Leo Fay
Monday 29th	10.00 am	John & Agnes Ainsworth
Tuesday 30th	10.00 am	Private Intention D.J. (RIP)
Wednesday 1st	10.00 am	Alphonsus & Heather O'Boyle
Thursday 2nd	10.00 am	Noel & Anne McCullen
Friday 3rd	10.00 am	Wyn & Wilf Mullen
Saturday 4th	6.30 pm	Father Kevin Moorhouse
Sunday 5th	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Dermot Cullen

Please Note

Church open daily for private prayer after Mass until late afternoon.

The Sunday Obligation

Bishop Mark writes, *“The bishops do not possess the authority to suspend the Sunday obligation. However, since March 2020 the bishops have sought to give guidance to the faithful on the changing conditions in which it is possible to fulfil this obligation. Conditions have clearly moved on since the state of national lockdown last year. Yet, the bishops recognise the uncertainties of the Winter ahead of us and write ‘At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in a position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.’ However, the bishops ask every Catholic to honestly review their situation motivated by real love which must be our personal response to Christ’s total self-offering in the Holy Eucharist.”*

Safeguarding Holy Hour

Bishop Mark will be leading us in prayer at the Cathedral for Holy Hour on Wednesday 1st December at 5pm. Once again this year, we will be praying for all those across society that have been affected by abuse. In our busy lives running up until Christmas, this Holy Hour provides us all with an opportunity to reflect and pray for the strength of God to aid those around us within our parishes and communities who may be facing challenges. We are evidently not clear of the pandemic yet and the journey has presented challenges for many in their daily lives. For those impacted by abuse that present themselves for help and those that still remain unseen, please remember them in your prayers. The Holy Hour will be live streamed via the Shrewsbury Cathedral Church Services link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral> and of course the Cathedral doors will be open for those wishing to attend.

CARITAS at Christmas – Retiring Collection

Thank you for your generosity towards the CARITAS collection last weekend.

Confirmation 2021/2022

The Bishop has been asked to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation early next summer, almost certainly at Saint Vincent’s, Knutsford. There will be more details later, but any young person wishing to be confirmed is asked to advise Father Anthony or Deacon Michael.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Bishop Mark writes, *“I began the week with a diocesan meeting of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. It was wonderful to hear of the quiet apostolate of practical care and friendship founded on prayer which continued on a remarkable scale throughout the pandemic.”*

Shrewsbury Lourdes Mass

On Sunday 12th December Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at Saint Vincent’s Knutsford at 3.00 pm to give thanks to God for 70 years of the Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Mill Hill Missionaries – Welcome & Red Box Support

This weekend, we look forward to welcoming Fr. Dermot Byrne of the Mill Hill Missionary priests. He will supply our Masses for us whilst thanking the parish community for their support of the red box missionary appeal. Father Anthony will briefly be away but will return on Sunday afternoon when he will say Mass privately for the parishioners.

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 confession between 10.30 am & Midday.

Annual Return of Red Mission Boxes

Anyone with a red mission box that needs emptying should please pass it on to Father Anthony, Deacon Michael or Patrick Murphy so that any funds can be banked. Thank you.

Christmas Cards for Sale

Christmas Cards for the benefit of Aid to the Church in Need will be on sale as from next Sunday. Packs of 10 will cost £5.00, and calendars will be available for £5.25.

Advent Pastoral Letter on Reawakening of Eucharistic Faith

Copies of the Advent Pastoral letter from Bishop Mark are available at the back of church. Owing to the talk from the Mill Hill Missionaries this weekend, the Advent Pastoral letter will be read out next weekend.

Mary’s Meals

Bishop Mark writes, *“Mary’s Meals is a charity providing school dinners for more than two million children around the world, including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. From November 2021 to January 2022, every gift given to Mary’s Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk”*

Visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette

Bishop Mark writes, *“As we hopefully emerge from the pandemic, the Bishops of England and Wales will welcome a pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place in September and October next year. I hope, like the visit of the relics of Saint Therese of Lisieux and of Saint John Mary Vianney, this will be a time marked by many graces for us. Precise dates for the Shrewsbury stage of pilgrimage are yet to be confirmed.”*