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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday 21st December – Sunday 28th December 2025
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekdays Year II

Sun 14th Dec	6.30pm 9.30am 11.00am	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i> Family Mass	Parish Family Special Intention Sylvia and Kenneth Shore (RIP)
Monday	10.00am	Ferial	For World Peace
Tuesday	10.00am	Ferial	Holy Souls
Wednesday	10.00am 4.00pm 8.00pm	Ferial CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Christmas Mass (Carols 3.45pm) Christmas Vigil Mass (Carols 7.30pm)	Sick and housebound The Miles and Stokes Family Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am 11.00am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Family Mass	Patricia Cummins Parish Family
Friday	10.00am	St Stephen	For Persecuted Christians
Saturday	6.30pm	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	Special Intention (health)
Sun 28th Dec	9.30am 11.00am	HOLY FAMILY	Parish Family Thanksgiving - 30 th Ordination Anni
Weekend Masses	6.30pm	9.30am	11.00am
Readers	Roland Young	Roseline Ngenyi	Peculiar Chinagorom
Welcomers	Roland Young	Justine Jobe	Ann Carr

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Friday at 9.30am; Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am.
Rosary: Saturdays 6pm and Weekdays after 10am Mass.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.45pm; Sundays 8.45am and Weekdays after Mass on request
Baptism: Please contact parish priest and collect the Baptism application form after Mass.
Marriage: 6 months' notice to be given.

Christmas Mass Times: Wednesday 24th December – Children's Christmas Mass 4pm and Christmas Vigil Mass 8pm. Thursday 25th December – Christmas Dawn Mass 9.30am and Christmas Family Mass 11am. **Carols from 3.45pm and 7.30pm on Christmas Eve.**

Sick and housebound: Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including: Patricia Reynolds, Margaret Allman, Margaret Waugh, Patricia Cummins, Kay Casbolt, Patrick Spencer, Prue Morrison, Fosca Gorman. Sr Suzan Geoge SMMI. Please inform parish priest or email parish office to add or remove from this sick list for prayers.

Parish Census: A new parish census being compiled to update our records. It would be a great help if all could participate in this exercise so that we have up to date parish records. Census record form is in the porch, please fill out the form and post through the presbytery door or email parish office.

Newsletter: if you have anything for inclusion in the newsletter, please email it by evening on Wednesday.

Christmas Mass: There is a sign-up sheet in the porch for readers, welcomers to add your name if you are here at Mass over Christmas. It is great to have two readers and welcomers for each Mass. If you can help, please sign up or email parish office. There will be a separate sign-up sheet for children's Christmas Mass for children who wish to be involved in reading, bidding prayers, offertory and they are invited for a rehearsal on Tuesday 23rd December at 5pm.

Church Heating: Due to safety reasons we had to disconnect the gas connection to the church boiler. The modern safety standards now required to install the new boiler has further delayed the work. We are waiting for further update from the Diocesan Property Director who has promised to get the work done at the earliest. Please wrap yourself as it is cold inside the church. Thank you

Young People's Choir: For children and young people from Key Stage 2 upwards. We will be rehearsing music for Christmas in church between the two Sunday morning Masses. As St Augustine reputedly said, "Those who sing pray twice." The Psalms also encourage us to "Sing to the Lord a new song". There is a great deal of talent in our parish and now is a good time to use it to the glory of God! (Helen Clarke)

Whitchurch Foodbank - Christmas Appeal: This Christmas the Foodbank will be supporting 75 local families with Christmas food items. Any donations of Christmas goods would be welcomed but there is also a shortage of everyday items including coffee, teabags, long life milk and fruit juice, tinned fruit and custard, jam and biscuits. Donations can be left in church or purchases made in Tesco's or Sainsbury's, at their collection points. Thank you for your support.

Book of Remembrance: This is a beautiful way of honouring the memory of those who have gone before us. Please write the names of your loved ones in the form available in the porch if you wish to remember any loved ones in this way to prepare the Book of Remembrance.

Church Cleaning: On Tuesday 23rd December at 11am to prepare our church for Christmastide. Even if you are only available for 30 minutes or so, please come along. Many hands make light works!

Diocesan Vacancies: Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further information regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan web: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 14th December £304.17 Weekly Standing Orders - £88.00. Thank you.

Act of Spiritual Communion: *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH,
YOUR LOVED ONES AND OUR VISITORS