

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK Sunday 16th November – Sunday 23rd November 2025 Mass Readings: Sunday Year C, Weekdays Year 1

Sun 16 th Nov	6.30pm 9.30 am 11.00am	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 33 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Day of Prayer for the Poor & National Safeguarding Sunday	Holy Souls Hugh O'Hare (RIP) Susan Rich (health)	
Monday	10.00am	St Elizabeth of Hungary	Holy Souls	
Tuesday	10.00am	Ferial	Holy Souls	
Wednesday	10.00am	Ferial	Holy Souls	
Thursday	10:00am	Ferial	Holy Souls	
Friday	10.00am	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Souls	
Saturday	6:30pm	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	Tony (RIP) & Pauline Podesta (Wed. anni)	
Sun 23 rd Nov	9:30 am 11.00am	JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Day of special prayer for young people	Holy Souls Special Intention (health)	

Readers	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Reduers	Jo Williams	Eileen Livesey	Tim O'Keeffe

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Friday at 9.30am

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.

Sick and housebound: Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including: Patricia Reynolds, Margaret Allman, Margaret Ward, Patricia Cummins, Kay Casbolt, Susan Rich. Please inform parish priest or email parish office to add or remove from this sick list for prayers.

First Holy Communion: May we ask all parents who wish their child to make the First Reconciliation and the First Holy communion this school year, and is in Year 3 and above, to collect the enrolment form by 17th November from Fr Francis or email parish office. The **Enrolment Mass and introductory meeting will be on Sunday 23rd November at 11.am.** We would like to form a team of catechists for the sacramental preparations in our parish, especially for the First Holy Communion. If you are available to help, please speak to Fr Francis or email parish office.

Parish Christmas Meal at ETZIO: Friday 5th December at 5.30pm. The sign-up form for the parish meal is in the porch. The cost is £19.00 for a starter and main course. Please take a menu and return the menus with your name, contact number and correct money to the presbytery **by 17**th **November.** Everyone is invited. *What gives us life and energy as a Parish is when we come together spiritually and socially.*

Month of Holy Souls: Envelopes for the remembrance of your Loved Ones and offerings are available in the porch.

Readers Rota: Later this month a new readers rota will be compiled. If you would like to be included on the new rota, then please contact Gordon Greaves on the parish office email

Safeguarding Sunday: 16th November is National Safeguarding Sunday. It is important that we as a parish church continue to be place of welcome, where each person is respected and loved and where we support each other. Each and every person in our church has a responsibility to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of those who join us for worship or any service or activity in our church facilitated by our community members.

World Day of the Poor: 16th November marks the 9th World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis in 2016 in his apostolic Letter 'Misericordia et Misera' (Mercy with Misery). The theme chosen for this year is 'You, O Lord, are my hope' (Ps 71:5). To read the message of Pope Leo on the World Day of the Poor visit: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html

Offertory Envelopes: We need to place our order for envelopes for the new tax year, 2026/27. If you would like to have a box of envelopes to gift aid your weekly contributions, or alternatively would like to start a monthly standing order, then please contact Richard Shrimplin or email parish office **by the 17**th **of November.** Please remember by gift aiding your donations an extra 25% of your donation will be claimed back from HMCR. If you would like to continue with your boxes then you do not need to do anything. Thank you.

Young People's Choir: We hope to start a Young People's Choir to enhance our worship, for children and young people from Key Stage 2 upwards. **We will begin on Sunday 16th November**, by rehearsing music for Advent and Christmas, practising 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)

Church Heating: Due to safety reasons we had to disconnect the gas connection to the church boiler. We have received a few quotes for the replacement of existing boiler and radiators and forwarded them to the diocesan office. We are waiting for the visit of the diocesan consultant and an engineer to approve the quote and carry out the work. It is also our priority to upgrade the lighting inside the church. We will keep you updated about any progress in this regard.

Welcoming Ministry: How we welcome each other, visitors and new parishioners to our church is one of the elements of creating a vibrant, inclusive and an amazing parish community. We are looking forward to developing our welcoming ministry in our parish, especially for our celebrations on Sundays and important occasions. It is also important in view of regulatory requirement that falls on the health and safety, the risk assessment for services at our church for the safety of all. If you are interested in joining in this ministry or sharing your ideas and experiences which are key to building a vibrant and inclusive parish, please contact Fr Francis or email parish office.

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.

Coming Soon to Beacon: An event for families, friends & Colleagues. Saltmine presents Jack & the Beanstalk. To buy tickets please contact Joanna White 07772 168237 or email gedandjoanna@gmail.com For more information see the poster on the notice board.

Advent Music Workshop: Led by Alessandra Pompili on Tuesday 25th November at Wistaston Hall. For more information see the flyers in the porch.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The pilgrimage management team will be launching the 2026, 75th anniversary, pilgrimage on Saturday 29th November with Mass at 12 noon in Saint Hugh & Saint John Parish in Timperley followed by refreshments and pilgrimage information in the parish hall. All are invited.

Reimagine Baptism: Saturday 29th November at St Joseph's Stockport, SK1 1EJ. Please see the poster in the porch. To book contact: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Clergy Education & Training Fund: A retiring collection for Clergy Education & Training will be taken at all Masses this weekend. At a time of shortage of Priests, it is a blessing that we have men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate. The future of the diocese depends so much on the training and formation of Priests. To gift aid your donation online use the link: dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 9th November - £298.38 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00 Thank you for your generous support.

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

Shrewsbury diocese is a registered Charity 234025 Our safeguarding representative: Helen Clarke Livestream/webcam is used in this church: see privacy notice on porch notice board.