

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK Sunday 7th November – Sunday 14th December 2025 Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekdays Year II

Sun 7 th Dec	6.30pm 9.30am 11.00am	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Victor Thomson (RIP) Kay Casbolt (health) Parish Family	
Monday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity	Fosca Gorman (health)	
Tuesday	10.00am	St John Diego Cuahtlatoatzin Special Intention		
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady of Loreto	Sick and Housebound	
Thursday	10.00am	St Damasus	Holy Souls	
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe For the unborn		
Saturday	6:30pm	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	Prue Morrison (health)	
Sun 14 th Dec	9.30am 11.00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Parish Family Pauline Clarke (RIP)	

Readers	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Jo Williams	Richard Shrimplin	Paschaline Chiamaka

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.

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. Please inform parish priest or email parish office to add or remove from this sick list for prayers.

Christmas Mass Times: Wednesday **24**th **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.

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.

Advent Service: Whitchurch Churches Together are holding a joint Advent Service at St John's Methodist Church on Monday 8th December at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshment will be served following the service. Posters are on notice board.

Mater Populi Fidelis ("Mother of the Faithful People"): To read the new "Doctrinal Note on Some Marian Titles Regarding Mary's Cooperation in the Work of Salvation" by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of faith, please, visit: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_ddf_doc_20251104_m ater-populi-fidelis en.html

Caritas Christmas Appeal: "Your kindness brought hope when I had none." There will be a collection here this weekend, 6th /7th December, in support of the Caritas at Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. Every penny you give goes directly to help those most in need within our Diocese, providing crisis food vouchers, practical support, and the reassurance of care and compassion when it matters most. You can also donate online at www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. If you know someone in need of assistance, please contact Trish Spencer, Deputy CEO of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury.

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, **there is a signup sheet in the porch**. If you can just add your name to a Mass that you are coming to and will be able to welcome. Thank you.

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.

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 and we are in discussion with the Diocesan Property Director to get the work done at the earliest. Please wrap yourself as it is cold inside the church. Thank you

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.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: 8th December, midday Mass at St Mary's, Crewe to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Refreshment will be available after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 23rd November £315.11, Sunday 30th November £277.33. 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.

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.

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