

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK Sunday 23rd November – Sunday 30th November 2025 Mass Readings: Sunday Year C, Weekdays Year 1

Sun 23 rd Nov	6.30pm 9.30am 10.30am	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Day of special prayer for young people Tony (RIP) & Pauline Podesta (Wed. ann Kay Casbolt (health) Holy Souls		
Monday	10.00am	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Mike Davidson (recently deceased)		
Tuesday	10.00am	St Catherine of Alexandra	Susan Rich (health)	
Wednesday	9.30am	Ferial	Holy Souls	
Thursday	10:00am	Ferial	Holy Souls	
Friday	10.00am	Ferial Holy Souls		
Saturday	6:30pm	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	Deceased members of the family of Joan Thomason (RIP)	
Sun 30 th Nov	9:30 am 11.00am	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Special Intention Parish Family Wendy Heneghan (RIP)		

Readers	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Reduers	Hazel Spencer	Frankline Somtochi	Roma Ajit

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: The Enrolment and introductory meeting will be on Sunday 23rd November after 11am Mass. 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 join for Mass at 11am on Sunday.

Parish Christmas Meal at ETZIO: Friday 5th December at 5.30pm. Thank you to all those who have returned payment/menu choice. If there are any other parishioners who would like to join us for the meal or any who are still to hand in their menus/money, please do so by this **Tuesday, 25th November.**

Church Heating: Due to safety reasons we had to disconnect the gas connection to the church boiler. Director of diocesan property and the mechanical engineer was here to review the church with a view to preparing a scope for the heating system works. Work is scheduled to start on Monday, 1st December and complete it by Friday, 5th December. Please wrap yourself as it's cold inside the church. 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 this Sunday 23rd 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)

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.

Clergy Recollection Day for Advent: This Wednesday 26th November, Clergy will be at Oblate Retreat Centre, Crewe and so Mass will be at **9.30am**.

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

Caritas Christmas Appeal: There will be a collection here in the weekend of 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.

Clergy Education & Training Fund: Thank you for your generosity last weekend, £52.50 was raised.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 16th November - £346.07 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00 Thank you for your generous support.

Foodbank: Please continue to support the foodbank. Items are collected from the church every week.

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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