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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
 Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekdays Year II

<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6.30pm 9.30am 11.00am	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b> <b>Family Mass</b>	Parish Family Margaret Waugh (health) Thanksgiving - 30 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anni
Monday	10.00am	St Thomas Becket	Margaret, Peter & Ben Allman (health)
Tuesday	10.00am	Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave	Barbara (RIP) & Roland Young (Wedding Anniversary)
Wednesday	10.00am	Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave	Michael O'Keeffe (Death Anni)
Thursday	10.00am	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>	Pat Cummins (health)
Friday	10.00am	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>	Kathleen O'Rawe (RIP)
Saturday	6.30pm	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Parents of Robert Williams & Family
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9.30am 11.00am	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b> <b>Family Mass</b>	Margaret Mary Cronin (RIP)
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Joe William	Guy Churton	Anne Carr
<b>Welcomers</b>	Roland Young	Silpa M Sunny	Anne 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.

**Fr Francis:** Thank you so much for your generous and touching cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers. I am truly blessed to serve this warm and welcoming community. I wish you and your families every blessing in the New Year 2026.

**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.

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Mary Cronin** who peacefully died at home on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please keep her husband Tim Cronin, daughter Mrs Sharon English and their dear ones in your 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.

**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

**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.

**Christmas Cards:** There are a number of Christmas cards that have been left by parishioners, they are now in the porch in a basket. Please do have a look and collect if for you.

**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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

**Offertory Collections:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December £465.46 Weekly Standing Orders - £88.00. Thank you.

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**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** It is the heartfelt desire to receive the Lord in every Eucharistic celebration, even when one is unable to physically receive the Eucharist because of distance, sickness, or any reason. Spiritual communion, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received him”.

**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.*

#### **Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, fill me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Do not allow me to be separated from you.  
From the wicked foe, defend me  
At the hour of my death, call me  
and bid me come to you,  
that with your Saints I may praise you  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**A VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR 2026**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH,  
YOUR LOVED ONES AND OUR VISITORS**