



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday 2nd November – Sunday 9th November 2025
Mass Readings: Sunday Year C, Weekdays Year 1

Sun 2nd Nov	6.30pm 9.30 am 11.00am	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday ALL SAINTS	Tony Podesta (Birthday anni) RIP Parish Family Deceased Members of Cummins and Noone Family (RIP)
Monday	10.00am 6.30pm	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED <i>Evening Mass</i>	Sylvia and Kenneth Shore (Birthday anni) RIP Holy Souls
Tuesday	10.00am	ST WINEFRIDE	Mary George (Death anni) RIP
Wednesday	10.00am	Ferial	Holy Souls
Thursday	10:00am	Ferial	Holy Souls
Friday	10.00am	St Willibrord	Holy Souls
Saturday	6:30pm	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	All Victims of War
Sun 9th Nov	9:30 am 11.00am	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER <i>Day of prayer for all Victims of War</i>	Kay Kasbolt (health) Victoria Sweeny (RIP)

Readers	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Hazel Spencer	Jewel Boby	Anne Carr

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

Pastoral Letter: A pastoral letter from Bishop Mark on Saint John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church will be read at all Masses on the Solemnity of All Saints this weekend 1st/2nd November. Copies are available in the porch.

Month of Holy Souls: The month of November is a special time when we remember all our loved ones. If there are any loved ones who have died that you would like prayers for, you may use the special envelopes in the porch, or your own envelopes, to give the list of deceased members of your family and any offering. A box containing the names of departed loved ones to be prayed for will be placed at the altar during all Masses in November. If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, please use the Mass Offering envelop and follow the usual procedure.

Monday 3rd November – All Souls Day: There will be Masses at 10am and 6.30pm to remember and pray for all the faithful departed. The blessing of the graves of our loved ones at Whitchurch cemetery will take place after 10am Mass.

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 Accounts: We thank Richard Shrimplin & Tony Livesey who keep a record of our parish receipts and payments. They have given us an update of the total receipts and payments in the last 6 months, up to 30th September 2025: total receipts £14,479.75 and total payments £18,862.32. (Our annual receipts 2024-2025 amounted to £32,400 and annual payments £40,627.) Currently our average running costs each month are £2735, and our average monthly income is £1946; an average shortfall of £789 each month. One of the ways which makes a difference is to gift aid your current contribution if you don't already. For every £1 given 25p is received back from HMRC. If you would like to know more about how to gift aid or perhaps start a monthly standing order, rather than donate in the collection bag, then please contact Richard or Tony or email the parish office.

Livestream/Webcam: It was installed during the Covid lockdown and it has been a great help for us when we could not be physically present for the Eucharistic Celebration and perhaps it continues to serve those who are housebound. Currently £257.12 are deducted from our account each month (£184.50 for Church TV services and £72.62 for Broadband service only to support the livestream. We would greatly appreciate your opinion on this service, especially from those of our parishioners who still use and rely on it. You can give your feedback to Tony or Gordon or email the parish office. Your views on this service are important as we review the viability of continuing with the livestream.

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 we hope to be able to install them at the earliest. It is also our priority to upgrade the lighting inside the church. We will keep you updated about any progress in this regard.

Parish Christmas Meal at ETZIO: Friday 5th December at 5.30pm. The sign-up form for the parish meal is in the porch. Please add your name to the form so we can gauge numbers wanting to attend. 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 17th November. Everyone is invited. What gives us life and energy as a Parish is when we come together spiritually and socially.

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.

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

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.

Parish Keyholders: If you hold any parish keys please can you email the parish office with details or let Fr Francis know so we can draw up an inventory. Thank you.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 26th October - £328.02 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00 Thank you for your generous support.

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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Our safeguarding representative: Helen Clarke

Livestream/webcam is used in this church: see privacy notice on porch notice board.