

Front Page Update

To help make access easier for people to see we have simplified the Website Front Page and put some of the links into this Bulletin.

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January 2021 Lockdown

As we move into 2021 we do so in Lockdown with a new variant of COVID-19 spreading across the country and beyond. It is a time when, more than ever, we need to be extra vigilant in caring for, and supporting one another. In all this concern we have the consolation that, for those who feel well enough and able to come, we are still able to open for Mass with the strict implementation of COVID-19 Protections measures.

This is a great gift, but as Bishop Mark reminds us, also a great responsibility in ensuring that we remain careful and vigilant. Notes for each of our parishes are found below.

Let's continue to pray for each other in these challenging days.

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General Information

For the Prayers for making a Spiritual Communion Please Click:

[When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly](#)

Pope Francis has prepared two prayers to add to the end of the Rosary for use during this time of pandemic. Please Click:

[Prayers of Pope Francis to follow the Rosary](#)

Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter for the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord: Bishop Mark has issued a Pastoral Letter for this weekend of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and this can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

[Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter for the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord \(Public Worship and Responsibility\)](#)

Prayer Resource for the Month of January: The Prayer Resource for this month of January can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

[Prayer Resource for January 2021](#)

Year of St Joseph: Bishop Mark dedicated the recovery of our Diocese, after the COVID-19 Measures, to the intercession of St Joseph, and Pope Francis has also entrusted the whole Universal Church to the Prayer of St Joseph. There are now Prayer Cards available for us to ask the intercession of St Joseph, and these should be available in our Churches. A Prayer Resource for this 'Year of St Joseph' can also be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

[Prayers for the 'Year of St Joseph'](#)

Request for volunteers to help at Vaccination Centres: Our Catholic Church of England & Wales has been asked to advertise for Volunteers to help at Vaccination Centres. The Government's information of this can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951284/UK_COVID-19_vaccines_delivery_plan.pdf

Updated Guidance for the Safe Use of Places of Worship: Bishop Mark has asked that we share the Government's latest Guidance for the safe use of Places of Worship, and this can be viewed by clicking on the Link Below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>

COVID-19 Vaccination: There have been all kinds of 'conspiracy theories' and the like flying across the media. The Bishops of England & Wales wish to reassure all Catholics that it absolutely the right, safest and best thing to do to receive the vaccine, and is a gesture of our concern and support for each other. Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have received the vaccine. More information can found on the link below:

<https://www.rt.com/news/512030-pope-francis-covid19-vaccine/>

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: We are in the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, and although we cannot hold our usual events to mark this week, we continue to pray that all Christians will be a sign of Jesus' healing presence at this time.

Repeated Items

We do try to update and edit information and items as much as possible. However, during these demanding times it is necessary to repeat some items. Please do look at items that you are interested in as we do alter them as much as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience at this time.

Suspension of the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays still in place: The Bishops wish to remind us that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is still suspended due to the extraordinary Circumstances we are still in. The Bishops state, that whilst some places may have Mass

available, it is up to people themselves whether they feel comfortable coming at this stage. Please see the Bishops of England & Wales' Website: www.cbcew.org.uk explaining the situation.

Funeral Services in Church: You may be aware that some simple Funeral Services are happening in Church again. Due to the Virus Protection Measures these are capped at 30 people, so this is for immediate family only, or for those they have asked as part of their number. Please don't just turn up or we sadly will not be able to admit you.

Weddings in Church: During the present Lockdown these can only be celebrated in emergency situations.

Baptisms in Church: Again, during the present Lockdown these can only be celebrated in emergency situations.

Masses and Services can be viewed online, these are some links to help:

Diocese of Shrewsbury (Shrewsbury Cathedral): www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Walsingham National RC Shrine of Our Lady: www.walsingham.org.uk

Catholic Television Channel: www.ewtn.com

Volunteers to help with reopening of Churches: Many thanks to those who have offered already. Please see the notes below in the different Parishes' Sections.

Lately Dead: Please pray for the following who have died recently and for their families: Patricia Fisher, Clare Cooper, Susan Alway, Veronica Espley, Betty Jacobs, Doris Arathoon, Joan Allen, Ann Woodfin, Doris Garside John Lavender, Frank Greaves and Francis Bushell

Prayers for the Sick: Please pray for Celia Pearson, Doreen Scouler, Nora Williams, Marion Fletcher, Terry Gorman and Mark Wilson for whom our prayers have been asked

From Reuben Purchase, Diocesan Mission Catechist:

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? It's Sunday of the Word of God. I've a suggestion – why not sign up to with our own home-grown Mission for Catechesis, to study the Word of God more deeply via our world-class library of formation resources. Register with our Catechetical partners at franciscanathome.com/shrewsbury. It's available to everyone! You can use as much or as little of the library of several hundred online workshops as you see fit - either alone, and ad hoc, or as part of a tailored track for your parish team. If you want to help us with the Mission's vision to form a new generation of evangelists, you could become a mentored student on the Diocesan Certification programme.

Your Diocesan mentor is available to help implement all options for the formation of ministers and catechists alike. You can contact him anytime at reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Be the change you want to see!

Please follow the Mission on our new website – www.weareallcatechists.com

And follow us on social media –

<https://www.facebook.com/weareallcatechists>

<http://www.instagram.com/weareallcatechists>

<http://www.twitter.com/allcatechists>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgLVgfUIN3HarGh2AP803qA>

Caritas: 'Caritas' is the Catholic organisation that incorporates what we used to call the 'Catholic Children's Society'. In some of our Churches we have had the tradition of placing presents under the Christmas Tree for Caritas, Diocese of Shrewsbury, to give to families in need. This year, because of the COVID-10 Regulations Caritas, Diocese of Shrewsbury are asking that donations are made online, and there is a link below. However,

if anyone would still like to give the traditional 'present', then we can arrange this. We'll say more a little closer to Christmas; for now to make a donation online, please go to:

<https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/services/community-projects/>

SVP Holiday Home Fundraising Link: Many of you will know the difference that the SVP Holiday Home in Talacre has made for families who might not have been able to have a holiday otherwise. With the COVID-19 restrictions the usual Holiday Home Fundraising Activities have not been possible. Therefore the SVP have set up a fundraising page and this can be viewed through the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chesterellesmereportholidayhome>

COLLECTION ENVELOPES UPDATE: Many thanks to those who have dropped off Collection Envelopes; with some opportunities for paying in cash being available now, if you are passing please put your any Collection Envelopes you may have through either Our Lady's or St Mary's Presbytery Letter Boxes and these can be dealt with. To set up a Standing Order please see the links in each Parish Section below. As the item mentions, Parishioners will be able to Gift Aid their Online donation. Please note that this will not involve any additional work for Parish Gift Aid Organisers – the Gift Aid will be claimed centrally by the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service. Parishioners will need to use a password each time they donate – this is created the first time that they make a donation. All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from 'InvestMyCommunity'. Please also be aware that donations appear on the bank/credit card statements of the donor with the narrative "Invest My School".

THANK YOU AGAIN: We continue to pray for each other in this time, and thanks again for the many ways of support you have and are showing.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Please see the **St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Information**, Section and the **Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish** Section below for their Confession Arrangements. At this time we are not able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **St Thomas Beckett, Tarporley Parish** for the time being but hope to have more information soon.

For people who are not able to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) the Bishops of England & Wales have recommended that people say 'The Perfect Act of Contrition' below until such time as they are able to return to the Sacrament.

The 'Perfect Act of Contrition':

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy on me."

Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year B: We have now moved back for a short time into the Church's 'Ordinary Time' with the main Liturgical Colour of Green, it is a time when all that we remember throughout the Liturgical Year, we are called to live and make real in our day to day lives.

This weekend's First Reading and Gospel have a theme of 'Repent and Believe'. 'Repentance' is more than feeling sorry for one's sins, and confessing them; it is about a 'change of heart' and a 'reorientation of vision'. It is a call to see the circumstances of one's life in the light of the feeling and vision of God, to 'look anew' with spiritual eyes, and 'feel anew' with a spiritual heart. When we look anew in the light of faith at the circumstances of our lives, we can see where we need to change, what we need to express sorrow for, and in the light of God's forgiveness to grow and move forward in the faith of a new beginning.

The scene is set for us in the First Reading from the Old Testament Prophet Jonah. Jonah is the last book of what are known as 'The Minor Prophets'. To quote directly from a commentary that describes the Book of Jonah as:

"A parable, written in the 4th century (BC), but set in the remote past. It is written with a great freedom of imagination and teaches a clear lesson of God's mercy, his power, and his universality."

The Holy Land in the 4th century BC was part of the Persian Empire, and was a time of rethinking and rebuilding. The Book of Jonah is a story set in Israel's past, it does not record historical events but rather uses imagery and story, as the commentary says, and is a parable about what God wants for people, and the ways God sees, and an invitation to share in that vision.

In the story a man called Jonah is asked to share God's warning to the people of Nineveh, the capital city of the Assyrian Empire. Nineveh is in what we now call Iraq, a long way from the Holy Land, and its inhabitants were not Jews. We still hear in the News today about the 'plains of Nineveh' as that is the region of Iraq where many Christians underwent severe persecution in recent conflicts, and are still struggling now.

In our Bible Story Jonah is very reluctant to go to Nineveh, but eventually obeys God and goes. He gives them the warning and:

"He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed'. And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened."

Jonah faithfully preaches God's words, and the people of Nineveh are shown as taking God at God's word, and change their ways.

In the time when the Book of Jonah was compiled, Assyria, and its capital city Nineveh, were remembered as old enemies. By telling this story it invited its listeners to take a broader view. God's mercy and forgiveness are not just for a select few, but for all peoples, and even if pagans like the Assyrians could accept God's word, there was hope for all. Jonah had proclaimed God's message with courage and it had borne fruit. It was a challenge to the listeners that they too, should be open to God's call and be willing to share it.

This takes us to today's Gospel of St Mark.

In this passage from early on in the Gospel:

"After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'"

Jesus begins the proclamation of the 'Kingdom of God' – the way of God that is not distant or beyond people but 'among them'. 'Repent and believe the Good News' Jesus says, -'stop, re-evaluate, look anew in the light of faith and believe afresh in God's way'. Jesus then calls his first apostles, who are fishermen:

"Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men."

He invites them to believe, and follow him, and in receiving to become those who will share and proclaim that 'Kingdom' that 'Way of God' and invite others into it, be the 'fishers of men'. They accept that call and 'follow him'; not just walk after him, but imitate him in their lifestyle, and allow his values to influence, form and be part of their own.

The Second Reading today continues St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. As I said last week, the Greek Port of Corinth at that time had a reputation as a centre of immorality, and would attract pleasure seekers. The first Christians of Corinth were really challenged to live their faith against this backdrop, which would permeate into their understanding.

In this letter St Paul is helping his converts there to see things in a new way, to 'repent' -'stop, re-evaluate, look anew in the light of faith and believe afresh in God's way' as above. He encourages them to build on Christ's way, not to build on things that might improve their social status and standing, their position in society, or what will pass, but truly to see all they have and are in the light of Christ's way, and let that way transform their outlook on their situation of life, and be a living example of that way to others.

Proclaiming God's Way, the Kingdom of God, in our present situation does mean walking round all the time with a cheesy grin, or pretending that everything is 'hunky dory' when it isn't! We are invited to share the 'Good News' in reality of our lives.

There are lots of examples of people proclaiming the Good News in the wider world, but closer to home also, in the challenge of living in a time of Global Pandemic, as I have said before, there are so many sharing that hope. I have been privileged to see people in sickness and struggle show love and concern for their families, expressing gratitude to those caring for them. I have seen people who I know have had so many trials themselves, going out of their way to care for others, often those they care for know nothing of what those people have been through. Proclaiming, living the 'Kingdom of God' is something that is a humbling joy for me to see each day. It is not just about apostles being called by the Sea of Galilee all that time ago, it is about all of us, right here, now, today.

This is a time, when for so many understandable reasons, not everyone can come to Mass, and we must each as best our circumstance allows, live our faith in the reality of that situation. But whatever that situation we can each proclaim that 'the kingdom of God is close at hand'. We do not have to stand on a 'soap box' to do it; in our homes, schools, work, relationships, challenges and celebrations, by our example, attitude, tenderness, love and compassion we make God's Way real. It can be in the smallest way, taking time to think and pray, to 'retune' our outlook to God's Way, even in our hardest moments, and if we find some help, some encouragement, some courage, it can help us to share what we receive in our attitude of life.

We all have dark moments, especially in these days which at times can seem endless, but for me in has been experiencing such thoughtfulness and care in both people I encounter, and those I see through the media and the like, that lift me up and keep me believing and working for the best. This is the 'Kingdom of God' being proclaimed and shared. It is about every one of us, and today we refresh our belief that as we meet our God in so many ways, so through who we are, the God who shares with us can make us sharers of those gifts to others.

Care for 'Our Common Home' & CAFOD Links: Check out the following Websites for further information on care for 'Our Common Home', CAFOD, the Fair Trade Foundation, the Bishops Conference of England & Wales on care for environment and CAFOD online Events:

- ! Our Common Home: www.ourcommonhome.co.uk
- ! Bishops' Conference of England & Wales Links: www.cbcew.org.uk
- ! CAFOD Website: www.cafod.org.uk
- ! The Fairtrade Foundation Website: www.fairtrade.org.uk
- ! CAFOD Online Events: www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Major-Giving/Philanthropy-events

[St Saviour & Mary of the Angels' Information](#)



PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THIS WEEK'S MASSES & SERVICES ARE TAKING PLACE IN ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH DUE TO FLOOD DAMAGE TO THE BOILER AT ST MARY OF THE ANGEL'S, WE HOPE TO RETURN TO ST MARY'S AT 9AM ON SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

Saturday 23rd January:

St Saviour's: 10.00am: Mass (Fr Louis' Intentions) & Holy Hour / Devotions

St Saviour's: Vigil Mass at 5pm: (Veronica Espley RIP)

Sunday 24th January: **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

St Saviour's: 9.00am Holy Mass: (Maria Calandrella)

St Saviour's: 11.00am Holy Mass: (Parishioners Intentions)

Monday 25th January: **(The Conversion of St Paul)**

St Saviour's: 9.30am Holy Mass (Healing Intention for Michael)

Tuesday 26th January: **(Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops)**

St Saviour's: 9.30am Holy Mass: (Intention – Paul Wilson & Family)

Wednesday 27th January: **(St Angela Merici, V)**

St Saviour's: 6.00pm Holy Hour, 7.00pm Holy Mass: (Intention- Teresa Clarke Nee Daly)
7.30pm Novena.

Thursday 28th January: **(St Thomas Aquinas, P, D)**

St Saviour's 9.30am Holy Mass: (Intention – Catherine O'Callaghan RIP)

Friday 29th January:

St Saviour's 9.30am: Adoration & Morning Prayer

Saturday 30th January:

St Saviour's: 10.00am: Mass (Fr Louis' Intentions) & Holy Hour / Devotions

St Saviour's: Vigil Mass at 5pm: (Steve Foulkes RIP)

Sunday 31st January **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

St Mary's: 9.00am Holy Mass: (Parishioners Intentions)

St Saviour's: 11.00am Holy Mass: (Intention- Daisy Bennen)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Fisher, John Lavender, Betty Jacobs, Clare Cooper, Susan Alway, Veronica Espley, Ann Woodfin, Doris Garside – **Rest in Peace**
Please keep all of our recently deceased and their families in your prayers.

REQUIEM MASSES AND FUNERALS

Susan Always RIP: Funeral Service at Chester Crem 11.20am Tuesday 2nd February

Clare Cooper RIP: Requiem Mass at St Mary's 10.30am Wednesday 3rd February

Patricia Fisher: Funeral Service at Chester Crem 10.40am Monday 8th February

Betty Jacobs RIP: Requiem Mass at St Saviour's 1pm Tuesday 9th February

John Lavender RIP: Service at St Saviour's 10am Wednesday 10th February

Ann Woodfin RIP: Service at St Mary's 11am Thursday 11th February

Doris Garside RIP: Requiem at St Mary's Friday 12th February

Betty Jacobs RIP: Many parishioners will remember the huge contribution Betty made to the life of St Saviour's Parish. If you wish to book a seat at her Requiem Mass please call the parish office on 0151 327 6158

COVID SAFETY UPDATE

You will appreciate that on an almost daily basis we are receiving correspondence and guidance from diocesan and civil authorities concerning a wide range of Covid restrictions and liturgical practice. Following a concern raised, the diocesan health & safety officer has advised us to highlight the following points. Risk Assessments for our churches are still valid with social distancing set at 1 metre plus. Our stewards are fully trained and regularly updated as to current best practice. In order for our 'distancing safety' to work, as previously requested, please only sit in the seat allocated and **if kneeling down, only do so if there is sufficient distance from the nearest person in front of you.**

Please make sure that you complete the track & trace registration on entry to the church.

Please follow the one way system at Holy Communion and when exiting the church.

You will appreciate that the current demands and challenges upon our volunteers and administration staff are very high as we try to navigate the parish safely through these challenging days. Your support, compliance and patience is necessary and greatly valued.

Please be assured that all the required and necessary risk assessments and safety measures remain in place and are regularly reviewed.

As always when attending services in our churches we ask that you follow the instructions of our volunteer stewards and remain in your allocated seat.

FOODBANK / HAMPER COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

On alternate Monday's, 10.30 to 11.30am at St Saviour's church, food hampers will be available for collection for those who would benefit from a little support. Members of the SVP and Clergy Team will be present to offer any support possible of a temporal, spiritual or pastoral nature. **(Next date: Monday 1st February 2021).**

If you would benefit from some support from the parish foodbank or know of anyone who would, please speak to one of the clergy team or SVP members.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, HOSPITALISED & HOUSEBOUND: Please keep in your prayers all who are sick, bereaved or suffering at this time. In particular we remember all suffering with or because of the consequences of the pandemic.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

As a parish we are very aware that due to the pandemic a significant number of children have sadly not been able to make their 'First Holy Communion'. As such we are inviting the families of last year's candidates to speak with Fr Louis or Deacon Tony in order to consider the possibility of a small 'family celebration' of the Sacrament at one of our regular Masses. A larger Sacramental Celebration for the wider schools/parish community will still hopefully take place during the summer or autumn months.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISM:

Please note **that a very recent change** now prohibits us once again from conducting marriages or baptisms except under exceptional circumstances

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN:

It is good news that our bulletin is now delivered each week to hundreds of people via email. If you would like to receive the bulletin in this way please contact the parish office and let us know. Bulletins will also be available in church during opening hours. However, if due to lockdown, poor health or any other reason, you can't receive a bulletin by any of these ways, please let us know and we will once again arrange delivery to your address. Our LPA website will contain regular updates please visit www.rcchep.co.uk

LOCK-DOWN 2021

We understand that as we continue through this latest period of 'Lockdown' many of us will have our own struggles and challenges. On this occasion, thank God, our churches are not being closed and as such will remain open for Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and times of private prayer. It is worthy of note that the safety measures being applied so diligently by our stewards far exceed those in any other public buildings such as shops. Important as it is COVID is not the only matter in the life of our parish and community. As such we will continue to endeavour to keep the parish as present and active as is appropriate, safe and possible at this time. We encourage you all to remain strong in faith and not to live in fear. In the words of the phrase most commonly used in Scripture; **'DO NOT BE AFRAID'**

PARISH OFFERINGS & DONATIONS:

We acknowledge that we are all living through very difficult times and for many this includes financial difficulties. The Church is not exempt from this and understandably our parish finances are now significantly reduced. If you are able to continue to support the life and ministry of the parish financially this is greatly appreciated and valued. Offerings and planned giving envelopes can be left in the church collection boxes in each of our churches or posted through the door of St Mary's Presbytery.

Please do not post through the Presbytery (house) at St Saviour's, thank you.

SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER: We've also been asked by several folk whether they can set up either a Temporary or Permanent Standing Order during the time when our Churches are closed or not easily accessible. This is very kind of people, and this support is greatly appreciated. Our Diocesan Gift Aid Organiser, Mr Mike Russell, that many of you know, can sort out sending a form to you to set this up. Mike's email address is: Mike.Russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

He would be happy to hear from you.

Also an online giving page has been set up by the Diocesan Finance Office through 'InvestMyCommunity.com' for our Parishes

The page for **St Saviour and St Mary's Parish** can be found at:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/SsSaviour&MaryGreatSutton&Hooton2159>

If you wish to speak to the clergy regarding any concern, requests for ministry or area of need, please call the Parish office at St Mary of the Angels on 0151 327 6158. (Please note that the office is staffed as much as possible and the answerphone is checked regularly)

With our continued prayers, best wishes, presence & support.

Yours in Christ, ***Fr Louis, Deacon Tony & Tony Nuttall***

St Paul

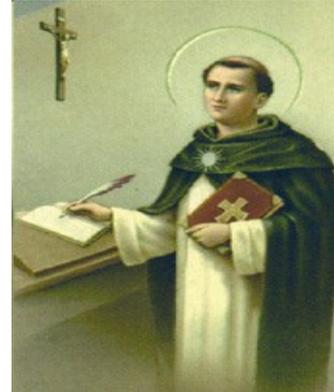
and

St Thomas Aquinas

PRAY FOR US



“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”



Patron Saint of Catholic Schools

CONVERSION PRAYER TO ST PAUL

Saint Paul we ask your openness to conversion when we hear the Lord speak to us as He spoke to you. Assist us in responding with great faith to every invitation we receive to love the Lord more fully, to know Him more deeply, and to spread His word more broadly to those who need it.

CATECHISM CORNER

The Church, the pillar and bulwark of the truth faithfully guards the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. She guards the memory of Christ's words; it is She who from generation to generation hands on the apostles' confession of faith. As a mother who teaches her children to speak and so to understand and communicate, the Church our Mother teaches us the language of faith

(CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – The Profession of Faith)

[Our Lady & St Bernard's Information](#)

Masses at Our Lady's: For the time being the Temporary Mass Times at Our Lady's Church during these COVID-19 Protection Measures are:

For this week the Private and Public Mass Intentions will be:

Saturday 23rd January Vigil (The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

– 6.00pm Mass in Our Lady's Church: Brimelow Family Intention

Sunday 24th January (The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

– 9.30am Mass in Our Lady's Church: Parishioners

– 11.00am Mass in Our Lady's Church: James Connolly

Monday 25th January (The Conversion of St Paul) - Private Mass – Priest's Intention

Tuesday 26th January (Ss. Timothy & Titus) – No Mass today

Wednesday 27th January - Private Mass – Gillian Bather

Thursday 28th January (St Thomas Aquinas) - Private Mass – Gabriel McGahon

Friday 29th January

– 12.noon Mass in Our Lady's Church: Terry Howey (A)

Saturday 30th January

– No Mass during the day

Saturday 30th January Vigil (The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

– 6.00pm Mass in Our Lady's Church: Winnie & Mick Hogan

Sunday 31st January (The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

– 9.30am Mass in Our Lady's Church: Parishioners

– 11.00am Mass in Our Lady's Church: Edwin & Ellen Dacey

Mass Times Sheet in Our Lady's Church: There is a sheet available to take with you listing Mass and Service Times in Our Lady & St Bernard Parish on the front and St Saviour & St Mary of the Angels' Parish on the other side.

80th Anniversary of the SVP Conference in Our Lady and St Bernard's: A message from Mia Dickinson, Our Lady & St Bernard's Conference President: As we welcome in 2021 we enter the 80th year of the SVP in our parish. If these were normal time's we would be hosting celebrations to remember members past and present and thank the parish for all their support over the years. As we can't meet in person at this time the celebrations will have to be postponed for now. I would still like to thank all of you for your support; donating time, money and furniture.

As the president of the SVP, (and the youngest member!), I have been in awe of the commitment to helping others that this conference has. It has been through the hard work of the members of this conference that have carried the SVP this far, and will continue to carry it on for many years to come.

A key mission of the SVP is "turning concern into action" and reaching out to those in need would not be possible without your unwavering support. Thank you again, and here's to the next 80 years.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the SVP conference, then please contact myself through Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish Office at E: parishol@rcchep.co.uk or T: 0151 355 1255. I'm also normally stewarding during Sunday morning Mass.

Diocesan Year Books, Shrewsbury Voice Magazines and Diaries and Calendars: We do have available Diocese of Shrewsbury 2021 Year Books, Christmas issues of the Shrewsbury Voice Magazine and 2021 LPA Diaries & Calendars. As we are trying to avoid in accordance with COVID-19 Protection Measures, too many things for people to handle, and hold people up in Church, please E: parishol@rcchep.co.uk or T: 0151 355 1255 during weekday Office Hours if you would like any of these items and can arrange to have them left for you.

Foundation Governors for Our Lady's & St Bernard's Primary Schools: Thank you to those who have come forward already for this, as I say Our Catholic Schools are a vital part of our Parish Families, and by law schools have Governing Bodies of volunteers who support, and work with the School Staff to ensure that the Schools manage everything in line with what is expected. In our Catholic Schools, along with other Faith Schools, the majority of these Governing Bodies are made up of 'Foundation Governors'. In our Catholic Schools, Foundation Governors are practising Catholics who are appointed by the Bishop to help support him in ensuring the 'Catholicity' of the School amid all the other necessary teaching that is required by the Government. We always try to have some Foundation Governors who are parents at our Schools. At present both at Our Lady's and St Bernard's Primary Schools we have vacancies for Foundation Governors, and would ask that if you are a practising Catholic who wishes to support our Schools, that you consider offering to help in this way. For more information please contact me (Father Niall) at Our Lady's on: T. 0151 355 1255 or E: parishol@rcchep.co.uk Additional information can be found in the Education Section in our Diocesan Website on: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Safety for the Celebration of Mass in Our Lady's Church:

! PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE PRIEST AND THE STEWARDS AT ALL TIMES, ESPECIALLY ON ARRIVAL AND LEAVING

Please remember that we are gathering in a time of a World Health Crisis, so do please act responsibly and sensitively to others in Church and on the way out. Please follow the guidance of the Priest and the Stewards. Thank You

Once again, sorry if this all sounds a great deal of 'palaver'; these restrictions have been agreed by the Bishops of England & Wales and the Government Health Advisors to minimise the risk of spreading the virus and keeping people safe. Following these procedures has enabled us to reopen for Mass.

During Mass me (Father Niall) and the Stewards will guide you. When Mass is finished you will be asked to leave through the Car Park Door. **Please keep the one way system, and do not enter through the car park exit door. It is more important than ever that we keep safe space from one another; for the same reason please do not gather in groups to talk in the car park. This new variant of COVID-19 is spreading rapidly and we all need to play our part in helping stop the spread, to care for one another and help protect the Health Service**

Please note also that Our Lady's Church will only be open 15 minutes before each Service. Again, if you turn up early and the front door is still locked, please wait and do not come round to the side 'exit' door

Please note also that, again because of Infection Prevention Regulations, we are unable to open the Toilets for these times. Please take this into consideration before coming out

Also, please note that if you are shielding, or in a vulnerable category of any kind, it would be unwise for you to come to Church until all restrictions are lifted. *This is for your own protection and well-being. The Coronavirus is still around, and this is part of the measures to minimise the risk*

Again, just to remind you, that the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended, so if for any reason you do not feel able to come please don't worry. You may wish to come during the week when this is available or join in spiritually through a livestream link. Even if we seem to be praying alone, in Christ we are never alone.

All that being said, it is lovely to welcome you back to Our Lady's Church for Mass!

Stewards and Cleaners at Our Lady's Church: Thank to our Stewards and Cleaners who work so hard to enable us to open for Masses and Services. If you feel you could help in this way please contact us on: T: 0151 355 1255, E: parishol@rcchep.co.uk

Confessions in Our Lady's Church: During this latest Lockdown for safety reasons, we are not holding Confessions on the Sanctuary on Fridays. If you really feel you need to come to the sacrament, please telephone us and we can see if some safe arrangement can be put in place.

Prayers for the Sick: Please pray for Nora Williams and Mark Wilson who have asked our Prayers

SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER: We've also been asked by several folk whether they can set up either a Temporary or Permanent Standing Order during the time when our Churches are closed or not easily accessible. This is very kind of people, and this support is greatly appreciated. Our Diocesan Gift Aid Organiser, Mr Mike Russell, that many of you know, can sort out sending a form to you to set this up. Mike's email address is: Mike.Russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
He would be happy to hear from you.

Also an online giving page has been set up by the Diocesan Finance Office through 'InvestMyCommunity.com' for both of our Parishes

The page for **Our Lady & St Bernard's Parish** can be found at:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/ourladyandstbernarddioceseofshrewsbury2137>

[St Thomas Becket Tarpoley Information](#)

Welcome if you are joining us from St Thomas Becket Parish in Tarporley.

Mass at St Thomas Becket during the January 2021 Lockdown: As you are well aware the spread of the new COVID-19 variant has greatly increased. During this time of the new Lockdown **it has been considered wiser to reduce the number able to attend Mass to 27 people. Also attendance is now by Pre-Booking Only.** Please call: 01829 732511 to book a place. This is to help protect your safety and help in preparation.

Thank you for those who have volunteered to act as stewards. If anyone else would be willing to act as a Steward could you please contact me here, or leave your name and details with our Secretary. Please call us on T: 0151 355 1255 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm if possible) or E: parishol@rcchep.co.uk and we can get this set up.

Rather than a long list of 'dos' and 'don'ts' which will put folk off, it's easier to sum up by saying as I have done for our Churches here above:

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During Mass Father Joe and the Stewards will guide you. When Mass is finished you will be asked to leave through the Side Door to the right of the Sanctuary. Please note that, **the wearing of face coverings for those attending Church is now obligatory** excluding those who have a special exemption.

All that being said, welcome back to Mass at St Thomas Becket!

The Mass details for the coming are:

Sunday 24th January (The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

– 11.00am Mass in St Thomas Becket Church: Parishioners (**Pre-Booked People Only**)

Sunday 31st January (The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

– 11.00am Mass in St Thomas Becket Church: Parishioners (**Pre-Booked People Only**)

We continue to pray for one another during this time.

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Below, I'm leaving in the listing of the Websites for the neighbouring Chester Parishes with information of when they might be open for Private Prayer and the Celebration of Mass in case this is help to you:

! St Werburgh's, Chester: www.stwerburghchester.co.uk

! St Francis, Chester: www.stfrancischester.co.uk

! St Columba & St Theresa, Chester: www.stcolumbachester.wordpress.com

! St Clare's, Lache, Chester: www.stclares.co.uk

Thanks again: A big thank you once again to all who are working so hard and have enabled St Thomas Becket to reopen for Mass; your effort is greatly appreciated. Please do contact me, Canon Niall Mullaley on T: 0151 355 1255 or E: parishol@rcchep.co.uk if there is any way I can help. Preferably if you could do this during Office Hours here Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm, that would help, but you are welcome to call at other times if this is not possible.

Collection Envelopes and Standing Orders: Thank you to all who have enquired about their Offertory Envelopes and have also set up Standing Orders. If you would like to set up a Standing Order please see the note below.

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<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stthomasbeckettarporleydioceseofshrewsbury2181>