

JOB VACANCIES AT SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL. Job descriptions and an application form for each post can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. Completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date 22 February 2019. See the poster for details.

Ponder Over... *First reading, Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8, explained: In the late eighth century BC, God's people in the Promised Land had become divided into a northern kingdom, Israel, and a southern kingdom, Judah. Among outside hostile forces, Assyria was the dominant power in the region. A fourth nation, Syria, was also vying for power, and trying to recruit Israel to support its ambitions. The kings of Israel and Judah started cooperating in political schemes to insure their nations' safety, instead of relying faithfully on the Lord God to sustain them. This was the situation in which Isaiah received God's mission to speak God's word to the kings and people of Judah and Israel. Yahweh permitted Isaiah to experience His magnificence in a vision in the Temple of Jerusalem. Experiencing the glory of God, Isaiah at once confessed his unworthiness, calling out, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips." In the presence of God's holiness, Isaiah became painfully aware of his own sinful human nature. However, when cleansed by God, he was ready for His ministry: "Here I am. Send me!" God gave him the courage to speak His word, interpret His will, and call His people and their leaders to repent and return to God's ways. "Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word." (Scott Hahn). As he stood before the burning bush, Moses confessed his disqualifications for leadership, particularly his inability to speak well. (Ex 3:11-4:17, esp. 4:10). Later in the Bible, when God came to Solomon in a dream, Solomon declared that he was not wise enough to govern God's people and asked for an "understanding heart" (1 Kgs 3:7-9). Likewise, when God called Jeremiah, the prophet recognized the inadequacy of his youth to take on this mission (Jer 1:6). We need to pray that our encounters with the holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness.*

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2019
(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 1)

This Sunday - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Margaret Manson)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Baby Freddie Stevenson – Speedy Recovery)

World day of Prayer for the Sick

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Gill Glenholme)

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Mary Smith – Thanksgiving- Birthday)

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Mary Brook): SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius

Day of Special Prayer for Europe

Friday – Mass 9.30am (Edna Fox)

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Mary Trimm)

Next Sunday – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Anne & Peter Graves)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesday 10.00am – 11.00am, Thursday 6.00pm – 8.00pm

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY : 11.00 – 11.45am and on request

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently especially Margaret Manson, John Morris, Moira Bradshaw, Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).

FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc. – please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

RECENT DEATHS. If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

SICK: A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

COFFEE will be served today by Our Lady of Pity Mums, next Sunday by Saturday Club.

SUNDAY LUNCH. The Social Committee are looking to start serving Sunday Lunch once a month in the Parish centre, open to all parishioners. It would be good to sit down and enjoy a meal together and get to know each other. The first one is planned for 17th march at 12.45, depending on response. A donation will be requested to cover costs. Booking essential for planning the catering. To book phone Phil Collins on 632 4825 or give your name to Fr Tom or John Fegan by 12th March. Lifts can be arranged if requested when booking.

CARITAS. Many thanks to our Parents & Tots Group for their recent generous donation which will help in the wonderful work Caritas are doing. For further information contact Angela Gough (Caritas agent for this parish) on 07787424740.

BUS ESCORT VACANCY : Our Lady of Pity Primary School serves a wide catchment area and many of our children travel to and from school by bus. There is a vacancy for an enthusiastic and kind person who likes working with young children and their families. For details Please contact Mrs Julie English Office Manager/Clerk to the Governors on 0151 6776262 Or email recruitment@ourladyofpity.co.uk

THE ROMERO TRUST are organising a pilgrimage to El Salvador in November 2019 to commemorate the canonisation of St Oscar Romero in 2018. Deacon Tony has travelled there before and will be going again. He found it to be not the easiest of journeys but an extraordinarily rewarding experience. If you are interested or require more information please get in touch with him. He hopes to give a presentation on the theology and spirituality of St Oscar Romero during Lent.

SUNDAY OFFERING 3rd February: £462.17; Retired Clergy Fund: £577.08

DIOCESAN NEWS

BISHOP MARK DAVIES will celebrate the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood (1984) on February 11th. Please remember him in your prayers.

CCRS. THE NEXT MODULE – The second session is on Saturday 19th February 2019. Registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs.

CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL CHAPLIANCY seeks to appoint an assistant chaplain. See poster for details

DARWIN AND THE INVISIBLE GARDENER: A lecture on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today. Monday 18th February, 2019 19:00 at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls. Free entry: See the poster for details

A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON "THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on Sat 16 February 2019. Fr Michael Coughlan will lead the day (9.30am to 4.30pm) Venue is Sacred Heart and St Peter church, Southmoor Rd, Baguley, South Manchester M23 1HP (near Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester airport, both accessible by public transport). Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947).

CARITAS SHREWSBURY CURRENTLY HAS 3 VACANCIES; 1 x F/T Community Services Manager (closing date: 4th March), and 2 x P/T Parenting Support Workers Wirral based (closing date: 1st March). For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk