

Catholic Community of
Shrewsbury

**Local Pastoral Area
Directory**

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WELCOME.....

Thank you for looking at this very first version of our Local Pastoral Area Directory. Its purpose is to help keep you in touch and to provide you with a flavour of the work of the many varied groups within the three Parishes of Shrewsbury: The Cathedral, Our Lady of Pity and Saint Winefride's.

Without exception, every group listed in this Directory, welcomes new members and I hope that you will feel called to get in touch, get involved and ensure we continue to develop as an increasingly welcoming and thriving community.

We all can play a part in bringing the love of Christ and his Good News to others, and especially to those in any sort of need. Through him we should be ever striving to build a joyful and enthusiastic Catholic family here in Shrewsbury, a family which reaches out to others.

Full details and regular updates on what we do on a weekly basis are in our newsletter, which is also regularly placed on our web site – www.shrewsburycathedral.org.

This directory also provides a visual illustration of the busy and varied life of our three Parishes.

As always, my warm thanks to all those who put so much hard work and effort into all our activities.

On behalf of all the clergy, I wish God's blessing on you all.

Very Reverend Canon Stephen Coonan

Amendments & Difficulties

This directory was compiled in December 2008. Amendments and updates should be notified to Cathedral House, in writing please.

The information also appears on the website and changes will be incorporated there as they are received.

If you have any difficulty getting in touch with any of the organisations listed here or on the website please contact the priests at Cathedral House, 11 Belmont, tel. 362366, or via email shrewsbury.cathedral@btinternet.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Catholic Church in Shrewsbury (*Local Pastoral Area 1*) includes The Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians & Saint Peter of Alcantara, Our Lady of Pity and Saint Winefride's.

Churches: The Cathedral, Town Walls, Shrewsbury
Our Lady of Pity, Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott
Saint Winefride's, Crowmere Road, Monkmoor

Clergy: Canon Stephen Coonan
Cathedral Dean, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Pity, Parish Priest of Saint Winefride's
stephencoonan@btinternet.com

Father Christopher Matthews
*Cathedral Sub Dean, Assistant Parish Priest of Our Lady of Pity,
Assistant Parish Priest of Saint Winefride's*
fatherchristophermatthews@hotmail.co.uk

Deacons: Reverend Mr Fred Beddow
Reverend Mr Ben Tomnay
Reverend Mr Ron Ball

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Newsletter: <mailto:shrewsburylpanews@yahoo.co.uk>
Web site: www.shrewsburycathedral.org
Blog: <http://shrewsburycathedral.blogspot.com>

**In case of emergency please contact the clergy through
the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital switchboard: phone 261000
and ask for the Catholic Chaplain.**

Masses:

Sunday: First Mass: Saturday 6pm at Our Lady of Pity
8.30am at The Cathedral
9.30am at Saint Winefride's
10.45am at The Cathedral
6pm at The Cathedral

Weekdays:

Monday	7.30am	Convent
	12.15pm	The Cathedral
Tuesday	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity
	12.15pm	The Cathedral
Wednesday	9.30am	Saint Winefride's
	12.15pm	The Cathedral
Thursday	9.30am	Our Lady of Pity
	12.15pm	The Cathedral
Friday	12.15pm	The Cathedral
	7pm	Saint Winefride's
Saturday	9.30am	The Cathedral

Holy Days: As announced in the newsletter

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The Cathedral	Immediately after Saturday 9.30am Mass
Our Lady of Pity	Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm
Saint Winefride's	Friday 6.15pm – 6.45pm

Schools:

Primary:

Saint Mary's School, Castlefields, Shrewsbury

Tel: 01743 351032

Head Teacher: Mrs. F Abela

Saint Winefride's Convent School, Belmont, Shrewsbury

Tel: 01743 369883

Head Teacher: Sister M. Felicity

Secondary:

Blessed Robert Johnson College, Wellington, Telford.

Tel: 01952 417600

Head Teacher: Mr R Hall

APF

See ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

ALTAR SERVERS

Everybody has a part to play in the Parish celebration of the Sacraments. There is always a need for good, prayerful liturgy.

The altar servers, of either sex, from school year three upwards are welcome. They undertake training leading towards enrolment in the Guild of St. Stephen.

Contacts:

Cathedral	Tony Burns	246916
St Winefride	Mike Edwards	350451

or one of the clergy

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (APF)

The APF helps raise money for the missions in developing, third world countries. This is used to train priests, nuns and catechists or to build churches and schools and so help people learn about Christ, receive the sacraments and build a better world.

Meetings: Once a year as announced, Chapter House, 12 Belmont.

Contacts:

Cathedral	Sue Ragdale	874164
Our Lady of Pity	Elizabeth Holles	357668
St Winefride	Jean Johnson	242524

BAPTISM

See FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

BEREAVEMENT FRIENDS

A group to befriend any bereaved people who wish. Occasional church services are organised for those suffering the effects of bereavement. If you know of anyone who might be glad of support, or if you are interested in helping, please talk to one of the priests, or:

Contact: Kathleen Jenkins 351600

“BIBLE ALIVE”

See also SCRIPTURE STUDY

This is an excellent Catholic monthly publication, which gives a Bible Study and commentary on the daily Mass readings. To try a free copy, please ring Hugh O'Donnell on 244083.

BLESSED ROBERT JOHNSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Situated on a large, modern campus at Wellington, the Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic College seeks to provide an education for 11-18 year olds that blends the very latest curricular thinking with traditional Christian moral values. BRJ is the only Catholic secondary school in the county, known throughout Shropshire for its excellent record of high standards in all areas.

The values of the gospels underpin all that happens within the college community. We actively seek to ensure that Love, Justice and Forgiveness are the foundations of the education provided.

Full transport assistance is available for Catholic children.

For a prospectus and further information, contact, Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic College, Whitchurch Road, Wellington, Telford, TF1 3DY. Tel 01952 386100 Web site <http://www.brj.wrekin.sch.uk>

CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration)

A 7 week video course with wine and cheese in an informal setting for Catholics who want to know God better. Watch the newsletter for times and dates.

CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development)

CAFOD works to end poverty and make a just world by:

- working alongside the poor regardless of race or religion
- building global partnerships for change
- campaigning for a fairer world
- putting faith into action

Shrewsbury CAFOD Group supports and promotes CAFOD's work at parish level, campaigning and fundraising.

Meetings: First Monday of the month (except August), 7.30 p.m., at Chapter House, No. 12 Belmont.

Contacts: Pauline Derwas 357271, or Margaret Criddle 350208

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION – SHREWSBURY CIRCLE

The Catenian Association is an international brotherhood of practising Catholic laymen who meet socially, at least once a month, in local branches known as Circles. In an increasingly secular society, the Association provides a sociable and supporting haven for those facing challenges to their beliefs and moral values in their business, professional and family lives.

The Association is not a fund raising agent for the Catholic Church, nor is it a Catholic action group. However, it is a group of active Catholics. On an individual basis, Catenians take an active part in the life of their parishes and many play a leading role in their dioceses and Catholic lay organizations locally and nationally. The Association is non-political though Catenians are prominent in many aspects of public life and service.

The Shrewsbury Circle of the Catenian Association covers roughly the area of the county of Shropshire. We normally meet on the third Monday of each month at the Wroxeter Hotel at 7.30 pm, followed by dinner. Certain evenings are designated 'Ladies nights'; social events outside meeting nights are organized through the year.

Contact: Edmund Coxhead 361347

CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY

The Society is the social care agency of the Shrewsbury Diocese. The work covers Community Development, Family Support Services, Post Adoption Services, Childrens Services and Training.

Nearest office:

Meeting Point House Telford Town Centre – 01952 292888

Head Office – Birkenhead – 0151 652 1281

CATHOLIC CLOTHING GUILD

The Guild (previously known at the Catholic Needlework Guild) provides new clothing for the needy, of any denomination, speedily and discreetly. Members knit, sew or purchase clothing for all ages and both sexes.

Meetings: Three times a year in March, June and October as announced in the newsletters

Contacts: Carmel Edwards(Treasurer) 243858
Judith Harding (Secretary) 343117

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

The CWL promotes and supports religious and intellectual interests and social work; ensures the presentation of Catholic interests on public bodies; for the formation and collective expression of Catholic public opinion including support of work at an international level through the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations.

Meetings: Last Monday of the month (except August and December) at St Winefride's, Monkmoor at 7.30pm.

Contact: Teresa Metcalfe 465955

CHAPTER HOUSE

See PARISH ROOMS

CHILD PROTECTION

The Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults is based at the Diocesan Offices in Birkenhead. Our Diocesan Co-ordinator is Pauline Butterfield – (contact 07715 120518). Parish Representatives are Bridie Croucher [367189] and Jean Turner [350716]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's Liturgy is held during the Liturgy of the Word at 10.45 Sunday Mass at the Cathedral, and at 9.30 Sunday Mass at St Winefride's.

The children go out into the church hall to pray, hear and reflect on the gospel and take part in related activities, crafts etc. They rejoin the congregation at the Offertory. Any young children at Mass can come into the sessions (with an accompanying adult, if very young).

A number of older children (post-Confirmation) act as co-leaders. This enables them to help the younger children and to deepen their own faith at the same time.

New adult helpers are always welcome: helpers have occasional planning meetings.

Contacts:

Cathedral Suzanne Orian 874087
St Winefride Margaret Ball 465452

CHOIR

See CATHEDRAL MUSIC

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

See MEDITATION

CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are sought to help the band of parishioners who clean the churches in readiness for weekend Masses. The cathedral is cleaned after 12.15 Mass each Wednesday, Our Lady of Pity on Tuesday after 9.30 Mass, and St Winefride as arranged.

Contacts:

Cathedral	Eddie & Peggy Geisler	354797
Our Lady of Pity	Eileen & John Hernon	447725
St Winefride	Margaret Knott	368552

CHURCH FLOWERS

Flower arrangers work to a published rota, using flowers from a local florist. New volunteers are always needed and will be warmly welcomed. Donations towards the cost of flowers are always appreciated.

Contacts:

Cathedral	Anna Taylor	362437
Our Lady of Pity	Moira Birch	361221
St Winefride	Ellenor Donnelly	242353

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

A friendly and informal group of women of all ages who meet to share, to chat and to enjoy social events and outings.

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm, Chapter House

Contacts:

Alice Waterworth	242182
Helen George	363546

CLEANING

See CHURCH CLEANING

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The Communications Group has been looking at ways of improving communications within the Church using web site:www.shrewsburycathedral.org. Most groups have a page on this web site explaining their aims and objectives and detailing what they are doing and what they have achieved. Any other group wanting a page on the site – please contact us.

There are many ideas in the pipeline, and always jobs for willing volunteers. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments on how to improve communications within our Church, please speak to us.

If you have an event that you need help in promoting, please speak to us.

Contacts:

Tony Burns	246916
Steve Hall	350119
Vincent Crean	365458

CONFIRMATION

See FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

CONVENT

Sisters of Mercy,
St Winefride's Convent,
College Hill,
Shrewsbury, SY1 1LS
Tel 01743 362425

St Winefride's R.C. Independent Primary School
Head Teacher: Sr M. Felicity
Tel 01743 369883

CWL

See CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extra-ordinary ministers distribute the Sacrament at Mass, take Communion to the sick and housebound, conduct Celebrations of Word and Communion in the absence of a priest; lead various devotions, days of recollection, etc. at the invitation of the parish priest.

They are appointed by the Bishop at the request of their parish priest and are expected to renew their commitment at an annual retreat.

Co-ordinators:

Cathedral	Mary Roberts	718881
Our Lady of Pity	Elizabeth Holles	357668
St Winefride	Mike Edwards	350451

FAIR TRADE

Shrewsbury Fair Trade Shop Open: Tues - Sat 10am – 4pm
St John's Hill, Shrewsbury 01743 352048

Sells a wide range of fairly traded goods including food, crafts, jewellery, clothes and paper goods. Shop here for what you can't find with the Fair Trade logo in supermarkets.

FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

Baptism

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism is currently led by the Local Pastoral Area Clergy Team, but it is hoped to establish a Baptism Preparation Team in the very near future.

First Forgiveness and First Communion

Children are prepared for these sacraments when they are approximately eight years old. A team of catechists working with Canon Stephen conduct meetings which are held on alternate Saturday mornings from January to June.

There are also a number of meetings for parents, who help with the structured preparation of their children by assisting with some work that is done at home.

Confirmation

The Sacrament is offered to children in their second year of secondary school. A team of catechists working with Father Christopher leads preparation. Together they draw up a programme of meetings which take place from Lent to Pentecost.

The programme often includes an 'away day' and various social events leading to Confirmation at Pentecost. The Confirmation programme feeds into the LPA Youth Group Y COS!

Preparation for Marriage

Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage is currently lead by the Local Pastoral Area Clergy Team, but it is hoped to establish a Marriage Preparation Team in the very near future.

Journey in Faith (RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This scheme is for people who seek further information about the Catholic Faith. Starting in the Autumn and perhaps leading to full communion at Easter, the group meets weekly one evening a week.

As well as those looking to join the Church, Catholics who have been away from the Church and who seek help, are welcome to attend.

For more details of any of these Faith Sharing Programmes, please contact Cathedral House. Volunteers to work with these groups are always welcome.

FINANCE COMMITTEES

Each parish has a small group of parishioners who assist by keeping an eye on parish finances: For more information contact Father Stephen at Cathedral House.

FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST COMMUNION

See FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

FLOWERS

See CHURCH FLOWERS

FOOTBALL TEAM

A group of parishioners and friends - largely lads and dads - meet regularly to 5-a-side football. Fixtures are occasionally arranged against like-minded groups in the local area and throughout the Diocese. All are welcome.

Meetings: on an all weather pitch in Shrewsbury - normally at Monkmoor- .00-9.30pm

Contacts:

Phil Davies	340523
Mike Saul	761712

FRIENDS

See SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

FURNITURE SCHEME

The Shrewsbury Furniture Scheme is a charity which collects unwanted furniture and passes it on to those in need.

Contact: 246668

GIFT AID

See PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

The Cathedral staff is responsible for the pastoral care of Catholic patients in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospitals and other hospitals in the parish, as well as nursing homes. Please inform Cathedral House of any relatives, friends or neighbours who would like a visit.

HOUSE GROUPS

Are you interested in the formation of House Groups so that our families can get to know one another better and meet up locally for prayer, bible study, fellowship and the sharing of our faith experiences? We would meet either fortnightly or monthly in the mornings, afternoons or evenings to suit the Groups preferences.

Contact: Hugh O'Donnell 244083

HOUSEBOUND

See SICK & HOUSEBOUND

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

See FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

LANDINGS

Do you know someone who wants to come back to the Church? If so, Landings is a programme which we hope to run twice each year.

It is a series of about eight weekly meetings where people can explore the prospect of returning to the church in a friendly, supportive home environment.

Contact: Hugh O'Donnell 244083

LENT ECUMENICAL GROUPS

Each year during Lent, small ecumenical groups meet locally in someone's home to follow a topical course of study and prayer and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians. If you would like to join a group you would be most welcome. A convenient afternoon or evening meeting would be suggested to suit your availability. Please complete a form from the back of church during January or February, or

Contact: Hugh O'Donnell 244083

LOURDES GROUP

A small active group working to encourage and support young members of the LPA (16 – mid 20s) who want to help elderly or infirm pilgrims on the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We also promote the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and act as a point of contact/information for parishioners considering going to Lourdes as pilgrims. The group raises funds so that the cost to each volunteer is subsidised to a level that they can afford. A future aim of the group is to provide the means whereby two or three of our LPA sick or disabled make the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as pilgrims.

The group holds regular meetings from early autumn to just before departure in July. Various fundraising events are organized such as coffee mornings, quizzes, raffles etc.

Contact:

Tony Burns
e-mail:

246916
tbrn@btinternet.com

LOCAL PASTORAL AREAS (LPAs)

From Autumn 2007, parishes in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, whilst keeping their own identity, were grouped into Local Pastoral Areas (LPAs). The object of LPAs is, in a time of declining resources, to enhance the viability of local parish communities, by encouraging parishes to share available resources over a wider geographical area. Each LPA has a Team to organise its work, the membership of which has been decided by the Bishop. Each comprises:

- Priest and elected lay person from each parish within the LPA
- Deacon elected by the LPA Deacons
- Catechist from the LPA
- Teacher from the schools within the LPA

Team members will serve initially for three years.

The Team will be expected to:

- Assess continually the pastoral needs of its Area
- Identify ways of furthering Church mission in the Area
- Support the life of parishes in the Area
- Investigate having special events across LPAs
- Ensure agreed ideas are implemented

LPA1 (Shrewsbury) TEAM

Members are:

Canon Stephen Coonan;
Father Christopher Matthews;
Deacon Ron Ball;

Mary Roberts (Catechist);
Frances Abela (Teacher);
and parish representatives:

Margaret Criddle (Cathedral)	350208,
Teresa Metcalfe (Our Lady of Pity)	465955,
Simon Butler (St Winefride)	355446.

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care - the largest Christian service of its kind in the UK - gives professional, confidential counselling for individuals or couples who are not necessarily either Catholic or married.

Clients must make the initial contact with the Marriage Care centre themselves and will be offered an appointment. There is no charge for the service, but the organisation is happy to accept donations.

Further information can be found at www.marriagecare.org.uk

For an appointment in Shrewsbury, please telephone 245491

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

See FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

MASS INTENTIONS

It is a traditionally Catholic custom to request that Mass is celebrated for all sorts of reasons; births, deaths, anniversaries, moments of thanksgiving, all can be very appropriate times for a Mass to be offered. If you would like a Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention then please write the details clearly on one of the envelopes provided, enclose a donation and hand it to one of the clergy.

Mass cards can be purchased at any of the churches, at Cathedral House, and at the Convent.

MEDITATION

A Christian Meditation Group is meeting at St Winifred's Convent, College Hill every Monday during school term, at 10.45 - 12 noon. Newcomers are very welcome.

Meditation is not something new. Rather this ancient form of Christian prayer, rooted in the Gospel and St Paul, was taught by St John Cassian and the 4th century Desert Fathers, and is found in the 14th century spiritual classic, The Cloud of Unknowing.

Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, seeks God in the silence and stillness beyond word and thought.

The one hour meeting includes quiet music, a short taped talk on meditation, 25 minutes of silent meditation, followed by a question period.

Contacts:

Helena	351721
Margaret	240401

MERCY ASSOCIATES

Mercy Associates offers an opportunity for lay people to deepen their own prayer life and spirituality. Members promise to live a truly Christian life in their homes, at their work and in all their social activity. It is inspired by the vision of Venerable Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy and is open to all people, married or single. Associates commit to: 15 minutes of personal prayer daily; daily recitation of Morning or Evening Prayer; 30 minutes of spiritual reading each week; attendance at the monthly meeting of the group.

Contact:

Sr Dorothy	362425
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MUMS & TOTS

At present there is no Mums & Tots group, but if one or two mums or dads with small children would like to start a group, please contact Cathedral House.

NEWSLETTER

Items for the newsletter may be left at Cathedral House in hard copy or emailed to shrewsburypanews@yahoo.co.uk. Text should be in the body of the email, attachments will not be opened, and newsletter date should be in the subject line.

Items should be emailed or be at Cathedral House by 9a.m. on Thursday for inclusion in Saturday/Sunday newsletter.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The group meets to pray for our own needs and those of the parish.

Meetings: Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm in the Convent meeting room

Contact:

Sr Dorothy	362425
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PARISH ROOMS

Cathedral - Chapter House. Alice Waterworth holds the diary for meetings and other events. To book the Parish Rooms at 12 Belmont, ring Shrewsbury 242182
St Winefride's Parish Centre. Deacon Ron Ball is the diary holder. Contact him preferably by email ron.ball@yahoo.co.uk or tel 465452

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID

Formerly called the covenant scheme, Gift Aid ensures the best possible use of donations to the Church. If you pay income tax the parish can claim back a refund of tax on your offerings if you join the Gift Aid scheme. Parishioners can make a regular donation - perhaps by Standing Order, or alternatively through an envelope scheme at the Offertory - which they declare as a gift to the Church. Even one-off donations can be included.

Gift Aid is simple, gives a substantial bonus to the parish, costs you nothing extra, and is completely confidential. Further details from lay organizers:

Cathedral	Reg Chumbley	872860
Our Lady of Pity	<i>Position vacant, any queries to Reg Chumbley.</i>	
St Winefride	Mike Edwards	350451

PRAYER GROUP

We are a small group of parishioners who meet every Thursday from 7.30pm until 9.00pm in the Chapter House. We sing songs and hymns together and then sit quietly for about fifteen minutes just listening to God. After this, there is a short time when some of us might want to share with the group, a reading or a prayer or some experience of how God has worked in our lives during the past week. At a suitable time near the end of the meeting, we have the bidding prayers when we pray for the world, our clergy, our church, our families and friends. We are linked to other prayer groups across the Diocese, by the Shrewsbury Diocesan Service Team.

Contact:

Anthony	363066
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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

See FAITH SHARING PROGRAMMES

READERS

Reading is an important ministry, a vital contribution to the Liturgy of the Word. The Reader's role is to proclaim God's Word and to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

Our dedicated bands of Readers always have room for new members. Previous experience is not essential, and from time to time the Diocese and LPA arrange helpful training sessions. If you feel that you might be called to this ministry please speak to one of the contacts listed below.

Contacts:

Cathedral	Bernard Knopp	(01691) 682454
Our Lady of Pity	Elizabeth Holles	357668
St Winefride	Kath Edwards	350451

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Mary's is the Cathedral Parish School and also serves the communities of Our Lady of Pity, and St Winefride. St Mary's recognises that the Gospel values of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the whole school community. Christ taught us to love one another as he loves us. The school aims to ensure that prayer and worship are living and meaningful experiences, so that each child can grow in their own relationship with God and each other. The school ensures that a Catholic ethos is brought to all the learning and teaching, providing a full, balanced and rewarding curriculum, enabling all the children to achieve their personal potential. The school aims to develop links between home, school, parishes and the world community which will enable the Catholic faith to become an important part in the children's lives.

Visits to the school are welcome and for more detailed information, a prospectus is available from either school or church. Tel: 351032.

SAINT MARY'S NURSERY

Attached to St Mary's R.C. Primary School is St Mary's Nursery for children from age 2 upwards. Through structured programmes of play, children are prepared, in ways suited to their ages, for entry to primary school. Nursery hours are 9.00a.m. to 3.00p.m., weekdays in term time.

Contact: Margaret Andrews (at Nursery) 363859

ST WINEFRIDE'S PARISH CENTRE

See PARISH ROOMS

SCHOOLS

See BLESSED ROBERT JOHNSON CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE STUDY

See also "BIBLE ALIVE"

Sister Emmanuel leads an informal scripture group each week in term time, to which all are welcome.

Meetings: Thursdays – 2-3pm in the Convent

Contact: Sr. Emmanuel 362425

SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

The Cathedral Friends was launched by Bishop Brian in September 2008 and exists to raise the profile of The Cathedral, to raise funds for the work of The Cathedral, to enable The Cathedral to be open to visitors on a regular basis and to be a network of support, spiritually, practically and financially, for The Cathedral.

For more information contact The Friends Office at Cathedral House.

SHREWSBURY TALKS

As Christians we are committed to life long formation, learning more about our faith and so deepening our relationship with the God who loves each of us. To help us to do this a series of talks is hosted at The Cathedral each year on various topics of interest. There is usually one talk a month through out the year. Information and dates are given in the Newsletter and are available from Cathedral House.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Arrangements exist in all three parishes for Holy Communion to be taken to sick and housebound parishioners, with either continuing or temporary needs. If you know someone who would appreciate this, please talk to Father Stephen at Cathedral House, 362366.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

A world wide organization devoted to visiting those less fortunate than ourselves.

Meetings: Tuesdays, 8pm in the Chapter House, No.12 Belmont

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STEWARDS

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SVP

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YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS

An opportunity for young Catholic adults (aged 18 to 35) to meet together, to socialise, pray, deepen their faith and support each other on their faith journey. The group meets on the last Friday of the month at 8pm. For more details contact Father Chris at Cathedral House.

Y COS! (Young Catholics of Shrewsbury)

Y COS! is a youth group for the young Catholics of Shrewsbury. It's *not* a youth club, but an opportunity for young Catholics (after they are confirmed) to gather together, to have some fun, to socialise, to pray together and to do something positive to put their faith into action. **Y COS!** meets roughly once a fortnight and usually in The Chapter House (No. 12 Belmont) from 7.30pm till 9pm on alternate Wednesdays. **Y COS!** is open to all young Catholics of the three parishes of Shrewsbury (The Cathedral, Our Lady of Pity and Saint Winefride's) who are aged 13 to 18. For further details contact

Vicky Ball 01952 242810 or Father Chris 01743 362366