

# The Catholic Church in Shrewsbury

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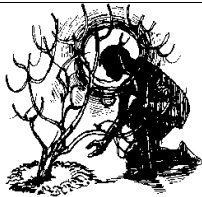
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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>		Harlescott	6pm	Parishioners
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	Cathedral	8:30 am	Faithful Departed RIP
		Monkmoor	9:30 am	Father David Melly (Birthday)
		Cathedral	10:15 am	Morning Prayer: Sacred Heart Chapel
		Cathedral	10:45 am	Rachel Goulding (RIP)
		Monkmoor	12:15 pm	Mass in the Extra-Ordinary Form
		Cathedral	5.30pm	Sung Vespers
		Cathedral	6pm	In Honour of the Holy Spirit
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint John of God</i>	Convent	7.30am	Bill Nixon (Sick)
		Cathedral	12:15 pm	Alex McCabe (RIP)
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saint Frances Of Rome</i>	Harlescott	9.30am	Priest's Intention
		Cathedral	12.15pm	Grech & MicAllef families
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ferial</i>	Monkmoor	9.30am	Bernadette Martin (RIP)
		Cathedral	12:15pm	Thanksgiving (Hick)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ferial</i>	Harlescott	9.30am	Priest's Intention
		Cathedral	12.15pm	Peadar Kearney (RIP)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ferial</i>	Cathedral	12.15pm	In Honour of the Holy Spirit
		Monkmoor	7pm	Edie Morrey (RIP Anniv)
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ferial</i>	Cathedral	9.30am	Ints of Father Stephen
		Harlescott	6pm	Parishioners
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)</i>	Cathedral	8:30 am	Eileen Lambert (RIP)
		Monkmoor	9:30 am	John & Annie Glynn (RIP)
		Cathedral	10:15 am	Morning Prayer: Sacred Heart Chapel
		Cathedral	10:45 am	Parishioners
		Monkmoor	12:15 pm	Mass in the Extra-Ordinary Form
		Cathedral	5.30pm	Sung Vespers
		Cathedral	6pm	Mrs. Mannion (sick)

*The Cathedral ~ Town Walls, Shrewsbury; Our Lady of Pity ~ Meadow Farm Drive, Harlescott  
Saint Winefride's ~ Crowmere Road, Monkmoor; The Cathedral Primary School ~ New Park Road*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Cathedral  
Harlescott  
Monkmoor

Immediately after the Sat 9.30am Mass  
Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm  
Friday 6.15 - 6.45pm



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## FROM CATHEDRAL HOUSE

This week we celebrate the feast days of Saint John of God and Saint Frances of Rome. Saint John of God was Portugese, but settled in Spain and has a great following there. He is patron saint of many things, but especially of hospitals, the sick and nurses. Hospitality was his special care. Saint Frances was a married lady who we are told had the gift of miracles and lived a life of contemplation. Pope Pius XI named her patron saint of car drivers in 1925; a legend tells us that an angel used to light her way with a lantern when she travelled to keep her from harm.

Don't forget the Shrewsbury Talk this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm in The Cathedral. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you all a prayerful week.

*Canon Stephen and Father Christopher*

**Financial News:** The Offertory Collections last week were:

Cathedral: £973.50

Saint Winefride's: £369.56

Our Lady of Pity: £204.90

**Attention all Gift Aid donors.** The parish will soon begin the process of claiming the Gift Aid Tax Refunds on donations made in the year 2009-10. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay Income Tax (or if for any reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let the Canon know or contact the Parish Organisers (Cathedral – Reg Chumley 01743 872860, St Winefride's – Mike Edwards 350451). NB: if you are a tax payer not in the Gift Aid Scheme, why not join and help the parish to benefit from some of your tax (at no extra cost to yourself). If you do not pay tax but your spouse does, why not get them to join? Details in strict confidence from Reg Chumley.

On Fridays during Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross** at 9.10.a.m. before the Service of Word & Communion at Our Lady of Pity.

Following the 9.30 Mass on **Wednesday, 10th March** at St Winefride's, there will be a Holy Hour with Stations of the Cross, Exposition and Benediction.

**The Confirmation Programme for 2010** will start soon. If you are in year 8 or above and would like to be Confirmed this year write to Father Chris, Cathedral House giving your name, date of birth and address. It is for the young person to write NOT the parents! Details with dates, etc. will be sent out.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2010** This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes leaves Shrewsbury on Monday 26th July and arrives back on Tuesday 3rd August (27th to 3rd by air). Booking forms and information for this year's pilgrimage are available at the back of each church, at [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from Tony Burns. This year is the 60th Anniversary of the Diocesan Pilgrimage – why not make it your first?

The **Greek Orthodox Community** have extended their usual invitation to us to join them for the Akathistos Hymn (a very ancient devotion to Our Lady) at 7.00pm on the 4th and 5th Fridays of Lent (12 and 19 March). Further details from Deacon Fred.

**Lent lunches** (bread & soup) will be served by the CAFOD Group in the Chapter House, 12 Belmont, on Sundays in Lent. Please come and join us from 12.15 onwards.

**Midlands Chorale Concert:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in the Cathedral. Midlands Chorale, with Conductor Richard Laing, present SACRED MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL - 6 centuries of Motets by great European Composers. Tickets £8 (£5 students 18+, Children Free) are available from Tony Burns, Dave Hewetson, members of the Lourdes Group and Theatre Severn Box Office, Tel 281281.

The next meeting of the **Catholic Clothing Guild** will be held on Thursday 11 March at 10.30am in the Convent. Please note change of day to Thursday. New members are always welcome.

## What's On This Week & Next

Sun 7	Walk with us: Stations of the Cross, at St Winefride's, after 9.30 Mass Lent lunch, Chapter House, from 12.15pm
Tue 9	Y COS! meeting, St Winefride's Parish Centre, 8pm - 9.30pm
Wed 10	Shrewsbury Talk at 7.30pm in the Cathedral
Thu 11	Confirmation Catechists meeting 7.30pm
Sun 14	Walk with us: Stations of the Cross, at the Cathedral, after 8.30 Mass

**"The Last Night of the Poms"** an organ entertainment with a difference. 7.00 pm Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Cathedral. **Christopher Hainsworth**, New Zealand's premier concert organist and currently Organist Titulaire at Beziers Cathedral in France will be presenting a concert in celebration of the musicians who "walked upon England's mountains green" in honour of St George's Day and Shakespeare's Birthday. **FREE Concert** but with donations requested afterwards Profits to the Windows' Restoration Fund. (*A Catenian Production*)

**Thank you** for the return of one piece of crockery to The Chapter House – much appreciated. Any ideas where the two white table cloths have gone and the other missing items of crockery?

**Lourdes Fundraising 2010** Heartfelt thanks to everybody who supported our **Cake Sale** last weekend and helped us to raise just over £100 towards our target. **'Sweetie' Quiz Sheets** are on sale at £1 (or more if you wish) and on the website until the end of March. It's great fun and you could win £25 or £10! Dates for Your Diary: **Midlands Chorale Concert:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010. **A Magical Night:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010. **An Italian Evening** with wine & Food: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 in St Chad's Parish Hall. For more details on these events please contact us on 246916 or [tbrn@btinternet.com](mailto:tbrn@btinternet.com)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** commissioning for all parishes. Please note that all those who attended the Day of Recollection will be commissioned over the weekend of 20/21 March 2010. Please inform Mary Roberts (c/o Cathedral House) of the Mass you will be attending that weekend to enable the correct documentation to be in the right place at the right time. Thank you.

Would all **St Winefride's readers** who will be available for the Good Friday Liturgy please contact Cath Edwards or Ron Ball.

The **latest rota** for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is up at the back of the Cathedral. Please ensure that you take your personal copy as there are some changes over Holy Week/Easter Sunday. Please also sign up for **Holy Week Masses** – ministers from all three parishes welcomed on Holy Thursday and for the Easter Vigil. Thanks as ever. Happy Easter. Mary.

**Can anyone help?** 16yr. old French girl wishes to spend summer in England to improve her English. Conscientious, helpful, she is willing to help either in a family or to help an elderly person or even to pay and to find a small job-the important thing is that she should be in an English speaking environment and that it should be Catholic if possible. If anyone thinks they might be interested to help please contact Mrs. Schutzer-Weissmann, 01743 280909 or [masw@gmail.com](mailto:masw@gmail.com) Thankyou

St Winefride's red **APF Mission** boxes are due to be opened now. Please bring to church before the end of March.

**Shrewsbury Talks:** The next in the 2010 series will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in The Cathedral. The speaker is Canon Mervyn Tower, and he will be speaking about Priesthood in the scriptures.

**Cathedral Coffee** This week coffee will be served in the Chapter House after 10.45 Mass by the SVP, and next week by the Choir. All are welcome.

# Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

*First Reading*      *Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Responsorial Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11*  
**R. The Lord is compassion and love.**

*Second Reading*    *1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

This is the word of the Lord

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

*Gospel*              *Luke 13:1-9*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## **Year for Priests (2009 – 2010) Prayer for Our Priests**

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, our Eternal High priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church look tenderly upon your sons, our priests.

Joseph, patron of the Universal Church  
pray for us all.