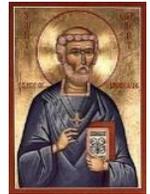




The Parish of Saint Luke, Frodsham & St Cuthbert-by-the-Forest, Mouldsworth

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FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, BOTH CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

For your information, the readings this week are:



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v2

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

At the words 'and breathed his last' all kneel and pause for a moment

The website <https://universalis.com/> is a good source for the Readings at Mass and other prayers.

Mass can be live-streamed from the Cathedral website (<https://www.shrewsburycathedral.org>) at 8:30am and 10:45am.

If you would like to print and colour a palm and place it in your window to show our faith at the beginning and all through Holy Week, an outline is available at: <https://illustratedmin.s3.amazonaws.com/weekly-resources/PalmColoring.pdf>.



REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen Mannion**, the granddaughter of Father Colin & Aelison Wilson, who died at Great Ormond Street Hospital on Thursday, 2nd April. Please keep Father Colin, Aelison, her parents, Catherine and John, and her brothers, Peter and Leo, and all her family and friends in your prayers at this time. May she rest in peace.

Please also keep in your prayers the souls of **Deacon Fred Beddow** and **Deacon Peter Bravey**, who worked in our Diocese, and **Father Tony Carroll OMI**, former Parish Priest of St Mary's, Crewe. Please also remember Patrick Gannon, the father of Canon Michael Gannon VG, who also died recently. We keep them and all their families in our prayers at this time. May they all rest in peace.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Canon Phil Moor's mother	Graham Jubb Audrey Ramsbottom	Jim Corrigan Hugh McNeil	Mike Robertshaw Rita Robertshaw
Fr Jim McGrath	Leticia Sosa	Kathleen Edwards	Tony Wakefield
Fr Pat Munroe	Vickie Ballard	Helen Grimes	
Fr Paul Hughes	Jack Turner	Deacon Philip White	
June Cunniffe	Kathleen Garvie	Karen Dolan	
Cora Sharkey	Margaret Collins	Winnie Simcock	



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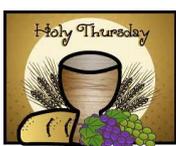
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FRODSHAM CEMETERY: Please note that from today, the cemetery in Tarvin Road will be closed except for burials during the current crisis. Only close family members will be able to attend burials, and must maintain a safe distance between individuals. Internment of ashes has also been suspended for the time being, although any internments that have already been booked will be honoured. *You can still remember your loved ones in private prayer at home.*

OFFERTORY INFORMATION: This week is the final week of the tax year and despite the current crisis the Parish still needs to complete an end of year return. The final count will be completed on Monday, 6th April so could we kindly ask any parishioners who may wish to safely drop off any envelopes through the presbytery door by Sunday afternoon if possible. In this way your offerings will be counted and included in the year end return. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parishioners who have opted to change from envelopes to standing orders which will assist the cash flow of the parish. If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact any of the following people: Peter Dolan, 07872 633335; Doug Yates, 07917 157040; or Victoria McNeill, 07913 073575.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK: For parishioners this will be a Holy Week unlike any other. You are very much encouraged to participate in the Sacred Triduum by live-streaming, whether from Rome (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>), the Cathedral (<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org>) or local parishes (please see a list of links for local parishes live-streaming Mass in last week's newsletter). The programme from the Cathedral includes:



Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm from the Cathedral website, followed by Watching concluding with Night Prayer at 9:00pm. *St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham will be the focus of national coverage of Watching on Holy Thursday, available at: www.stchadscathedral.org.uk*

Good Friday: The programme for Good Friday begins at 8:00am with Morning Prayer followed by Stations of the Cross at 10:00am. The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be at 3:00pm.



You are encouraged to say the Stations of the Cross at home. There are many online resources to help with this, including a PowerPoint download available at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Stations-of-the-Cross>. Please also consider private Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday in your homes.



Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil from Shrewsbury Cathedral will start at 8:15pm. *Celebrate Easter by placing a scented image and lighting a candle in your home on Easter night and morning, perhaps with a reading of the appropriate Gospel passage.*

Easter Sunday: There will be two Masses said at the Cathedral this morning, at 8:30am after Morning Prayer, and at 10:45am. Adoration will be streamed from 5:00pm. *For those permitted to take one daily exercise, consider walking by the Church on Easter Day and greeting the Risen Lord with a simple prayer or Sign of the Cross.*



A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God, we come to you in our weakness.

We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust. For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

"But Palm Sunday tells us that ... it is the cross that is the true tree of life" (Pope Benedict XVI)

PLENARY INDULGENCES DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS : Pope Francis has asked the Apostolic Penitentiary to make specific provision for the granting of Plenary Indulgences during the global, health crisis. I draw to your attention to the indulgences in exceptional circumstances where the normal conditions of sacramental confession and receiving Holy Communion are not possible.

1. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authorities, in hospital or in their own homes, if, with a spirit of detachment from any sin, they spiritually unite themselves through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to following the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if they at least recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and an invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their neighbour, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (namely sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions) as soon as possible.

2. Health care workers, family members and all those exposed to the risk of contagion in caring for the sick of the coronavirus, will obtain the same indulgence under the same conditions.

3. A plenary indulgence under the same conditions is also granted during the world epidemic to all the faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharistic Adoration (which is very rare at this present time), or reading of the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or a recitation of the Holy Rosary, or a following of the Way of the Cross, or a praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those the Lord has called to Himself.

4. The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to the divine mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a plenary indulgence on the point of death, provided they are duly disposed and have prayed during their life-time (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required) allowing them to receive this indulgence. The veneration of a crucifix or cross being recommended.

In the circumstances of the pandemic, with so many in quarantine or self-isolation without immediate access to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation or to the Sacrament of the Sick, it is sufficient to make a perfect act of contrition and have the will to fulfil the usual conditions as soon as is possible.

An Act of Contrition recommended by the Diocese is:

My God, I am sorry for 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.

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