



Dome of Home

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Diocese of Shrewsbury



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Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

31st December until 7th January 2024

The Adoration of the Shepherds

From the beginning of His life, Jesus chose to come to the poor, unknown, suffering, humble. The shepherds paid homage and tribute to the newly-born King (The Good Shepherd!). The Gospel tells us that they saw and heard wonders, but doesn't tell us what these wonders were.

Can we imitate the shepherds' virtues?

- They were WATCHING during the night guarding their flocks and themselves from possible evil. They didn't know the hour, but they were watching. The Lord rewarded them to be the first to contemplate the Messiah/Saviour.
- They GLORIFIED and PRAISED God for all they had heard and seen.
- They remained unknown, unnoticed and HUMBLE.

Taken from the Advent Recollection last Saturday by Canon Poucin, who quoted many doctors and fathers of the church. Full text available at....

<https://icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/sermons/>



A New Year message

Happy New Year Everyone!

It's time for New Year resolutions. Why not start your year with Benediction at The Dome on Sunday night, followed by Auld Lang Syne with hot drinks in the presbytery? And then an Epiphany Blessing for your home after 6th January to make 2024 your best spiritual year ever? Your canons would be happy to book you in.

If you are new to this church and would like to receive the sacraments or desire spiritual support, please contact one of your Canons.

We hope our crib helps your Christmas meditation of the poor birthplace of our adorable Saviour, King and God, Who deserves the Solemn liturgies we try to give Him, accompanied by Gregorian Chant as a lullaby for our Infant King.

The Christmas decorations traditionally remain in this church until 13th Jan, the Baptism of Christ. The Crib remains until 2nd Feb, the purification of Our Lady.

May Almighty God bless you all and help you prepare your souls for their eternal destiny.

Canon Montjean and Canon Poucin

Announcements

✠ **Daily Mass translations on our website:** www.icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/liturgical-calendar-2023

✠ **Choir Practices:** on **Monday at 7.30pm** (after Compline)

Gregorian Chant Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Canon Poucin: canon.v.poucin@icksp.org.uk. **Next Practice: Monday 8th January.**

Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 639 1999 / 0771 4710275. **Next Practice: Monday 15th Jan.**

✠ **Catechism Class from scratch:** **Watch this space for the next one.** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. If you cannot make this for whatever reason, please contact Canon Montjean for individual tuition.

✠ **First Holy Communion preparation for children:** **Please contact one of the Canons.**

✠ **Fatima Day for families:** **Next one in February.**

✠ **Brown Scapular enrolment:** Please contact one of the Canons if you would like to know more about Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the privileges, she promises to those who are enrolled in her Brown Scapular.

✠ **Piety Shop: Mass Booklets available:** £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support **Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club** at the piety shop.

✠ **Church Lottery December Winners:** 1st Prize £100 A Williams No 27, 2nd Prize £60 R Marsh No 46, 3rd Prize £40 C Harrison. See Ronnie in the shop if you would like to join for next month's draw.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** £746.26 - **Donations:** £ - **Votive boxes:** £149.94 - **Bank transfers:** £410 - **Shop:** £104.21 - **Thank you very much for your continued generosity!**

✠ **APPEAL FOR HEATING FUNDS:** We are trying to heat the church every day. Please help with the heating costs. There will be a second collection on Sunday 7th January. Or you can donate via Bank Transfer anytime.

✠ **If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following:**

Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP

Forthcoming events

✠ **Weeks after Christmas:** Lighter daily schedule. Watch newsletter page 3 for more information.

✠ **Auld Lang Syne in the presbytery on New Year's Eve:** After Adoration. All welcome.

✠ **Epiphany House Blessings:** Contact your Canons to arrange your traditional Epiphany House Blessings for the New Year.

✠ **First Thursday Adoration: Thursday 4th January.** We are praying for priests on the first Thursday of every month. Rosary begins at 1pm. Silent Adoration from 2pm. Please spend an hour with Him. All welcome to meet Morrisons at noon for lunch before.

✠ **For Life Matters and helplines** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk> ; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

Prayers for the sick: Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Catherine, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions			Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Poucin	Fr Miller		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. Due to a great numbers, we have given some of them to a priest of Plymouth diocese, friend of the Institute. They will be shown, as usual, in the newsletter. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 22nd March.					Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sun 31 st Dec Sunday within the Christmas Octave White	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. Jackie Kemp-Ellis RIP 3. Liisa Tanner RIP	Special intention MA	Susan Moore RIP	5.30pm Vespers & Adoration 9pm Adoration until 11.45pm Benediction	9.30am–10.15am
Mon 1 st Jan Circumcision of Our Lord White	6.30pm Low Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. John O'Donnelly	Holy Souls	Joyce Ashton	5.30pm Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm–6.10pm
Tues 2 nd Jan Most Holy Name of Jesus White	6.30pm Low Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. John Gannon RIP	Special intention	Carmel Doran	5.30pm Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm–6.10pm
Wed 3 rd Jan Feria White	6.30pm Low Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. Rocky Poulson RIP	Holy souls	Carmel Doran	5.30pm Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction 7.10pm Compline	5.30pm–6.10pm
Thurs 4 th Jan Feria White	6.30pm Low Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. Tom Wright RIP	Family	Carmel Doran	1pm Rosary for priests 2pm Silent Adoration 5.30pm Vespers 2pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm–6.10pm
Fri 5 th Jan Feria Red	6.30pm Sung Mass	1. Anne Mallon RIP 2. Joseph Beedles	P de W Family	Poor souls in Purgatory	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline 7.15pm Blessing of Epiphany water	5.45pm–6.10pm
Sat 6 th Jan The Epiphany. White	10am Low Mass & devotions to St Philomena	Private intention	Dominique Poucin de Wouilt	Wesley Holtam RIP	8.30am Holy Hour 6.30pm Vespers & Compline	8.30am–9.40am
Sun 7 th Jan The Holy Family White	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Brian (sick)	1. Souls in Purgatory 2. Fr. David Chinnery	Robert and Mary Hastie RIP	5.30pm Vespers & Adoration	9.30am–10.15am
“My Jesus, give me the grace to be very faithful to the examination of conscience. Every day, I will come before You and look at You and see what I should be. And I will look at myself and see what I am not. Please, give me the light to know my faults and the courage to overcome them.” St Francis de Sales (https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com)			Try an examination based on either the 10 Commandments, 7 capital sins or Faith, Hope and Charity: https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience/ Children: https://www.ncregister.com/info/confession-guide-for-children			

PROPERs of the MASS

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

INTROIT

While all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven from Thy royal throne. Ps. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

O almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the Name of Thy beloved Son we may deserve to abound in good works: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

EPISTLE

Gal. 4. 1-7

Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be Lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore, now he is not a servant, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

GRADUAL

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. V. My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my words to the king: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener, that writeth swiftly.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself with might. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke. 2. 33, 40

At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His Mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thine own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a

prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was far advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.

OFFERTORY

God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from of old; Thou art from everlasting.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering made in the sight of Thy Majesty may obtain for us the grace of loving devotion, and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Take the Child and His Mother and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the life of the Child.

POSTCOMMUNION

By the working of this Mystery, O Lord, may our vices be removed, and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord.

A sign of Contradiction

From the *Divine Intimacy* page 97

Today's Mass is an echo of Christmas, but while it speaks of peace and joy, it also has a note of deep sadness. The Gospel transports us to the presentation of Jesus in the temple, 40 days after His birth.

The Son of God became man for all men; He offers salvation to all; but many will not receive it. God made man intelligent and free. He offers the treasures of salvation and sanctity contained in the infinite merits of Jesus Christ. Man is free to accept or refuse. Jesus came to save us, sanctify us, to give Himself entirely to our souls. He is ready to do it. He wants to do it, and yet He will not do it until we *freely* accept His infinite gift, until we correspond to His loving solicitation with the *free* gift of our will.

The world is made up of friends and enemies of Jesus. O Lord, grant that I may be one of the former, and one of the most loving of them