



Dome of Home

Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest Diocese of Shrewsbury



Shrine Church of Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena

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Sexagesima Sunday

8th – 15th February 2026

Sexagesima

✠ This week is the second of the three Sundays leading up to Lent. The famous parable of the sower and the seed reminds us that we must be fertile ground for the Gospel if we are to bear fruit in our penitential practices.

✠ Today, we have the joy to welcome into our community Marcellus Joseph Shaw, son of Phillip and Ivana Shaw, who will be baptized at 12.30 following the tea and coffee. May God and Our Lady abundantly bless baby Marcellus.



✠ **Blessed Candles:** Please take from the candles at the back of the Church which were blessed on Candlemas.

✠ **Blessing of throats:** The Saint Blaise blessing will be offered after both Sunday Masses.

✠ **40 Hours Devotion:** Sunday, Monday and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (15th – 17th February), adoration will be from 4pm to 6pm each day.

✠ **Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins this year on Wednesday, 18th February. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The blessing and imposition of ashes will be at 6.30pm, followed by the Mass.

✠ **Palm Crosses and Ashes:** The ashes for Ash Wednesday traditionally are made by burning last years palms. If you have old palms, please bring them to the church by Sunday, 15th February.

✠ **Banns of Marriage:** The Dome of Home is blessed with a number of upcoming marriages. In accordance with the tradition of publishing the 'banns', please note the following dates. If you are aware of any impediments to the celebration of a marriage, they should be made known to the Rev. Rector of Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena.

Mr. Mark Kelly and Miss Leah Stulberg, 21st February. To be held in Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena.

Mr. Erick da Silva and Miss Emily Smith 25th April. To be held in Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena.

Mr. Thomas Keating and Miss Grace Houghton, 30th May (Ss. Michael and Cajetan, Florence, Italy).

✠ **Mass Intentions:** It is a pious Catholic practice to have Masses said for both the living and the dead. We are fortunate that the faithful of New Brighton request many Mass intentions. However, please note that the wait is now quite long. The next regularly available date for a Mass is 25th June.

We do not guarantee any date for Mass intentions submitted. Furthermore, Masses will be celebrated by one of the priests of the Dome or by Canon Wiener, who is rector of our apostolate in Shrewsbury.

Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on [Monday at 7.15pm](#). **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. [Next practices, Monday 9th and 16th Feb.](#) **Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. [Next practice Monday 23rd February.](#)

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £509.00 Boxes £132.50 Bank transfers: £537.00 Shop £148.20 Heating: N/A **Total: £1326.70.** NB: bags of small denominations of coins are now deposited only when full. Hence, collection figures are now round numbers. Thank you very much for your continued generosity! 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.

✠ **Piety Shop:** We collect for **Wirral Foodbank** - the cash goes directly to the Foodbank who use it to buy food for families, individuals and the homeless. If you have a spare coin or note and would like to help those less fortunate, drop it into us and we will ensure it gets to the right place.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** In January, we will be collecting for the convent restoration project of our Sister Adorers in Preston (£37 last week)

✠ **Apiculae – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 0151 924 11 78.

✠ **Cookbook fundraiser for Saint Benedict's Preston:** The Sister Adorers and family and friends of Saint Benedict's Catholic Education Centre in Preston have made cookbooks to raise funds. Please take one from the back of the church. £10 donation requested. Canon Post is collecting the donations.

✠ **Refreshment after 10.30 Mass:** We are always looking for new volunteers to help set up, serve and clear up after 10.30 Mass refreshments. If you think you could be on a rota every 2/3 weeks, please contact one of the refreshment volunteers!

✠ **Church Cleaning.** [11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass.](#) Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887 580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

Forthcoming events

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “Angels and Demons”:** One Friday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The next class will be held on [Friday, 20th February at 7.15pm](#), following the evening Mass.

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “The Catholic Moral Life”:** One Saturday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. the morning Mass. Next month's class will be [Saturday, 28th February at 11am](#).

✠ **Liturgical practice:** There will be a brief practice for the mass of Ash Wednesday, following the 10.30am Sunday Mass on [15th February](#).

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71. [Next meeting, Saturday 7th March 11am – 1pm.](#)

✠ **SPUC youth conference:** [Friday 27th February – Sunday 1st March 2026](#) Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL. See website for details.

Information

✠ **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>

✠ **Donation point:** From last October, a new “Card donation point” has been displayed. You can also make donations to Ss PPP church by scanning the following QR Code on your phone. Thank you for your support!



Prayers for the Sick: Please keep in your prayers Imelda, Lottie, Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael and Donna.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
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. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 25 th June.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 8 th February Sexagesima Sunday <i>Violet</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Special intention	Anne Veronica Houghton RIP	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am- 10.15am
Monday 9 th February St. Cyril <i>Com. St. Apollonia</i> <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Spiritual healing	Terry and Moira Brady RIP	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm- 6pm
Tuesday 10 th February St. Scholastica <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Spiritual healing	Carmel Doran	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm- 6pm
Wednesday 11 th February Our Lady of Lourdes <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Tasha Bartle	Carmel Doran	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 12 th February The Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Mr and Mrs Aron RIP	Carmel Doran	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm- 6pm
Friday 13 th February Feria <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Spiritual Healing (H.H.)	Carmel Doran	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm- 6pm
Saturday 14 th February Our Lady on Saturday, <i>Com. St. Valentine</i> <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	Kathleen Ramsey RIP	Jane	9am Adoration 9.40am Benediction	9.00am- 9.30am
Sunday 15 th February Quinquagesima Sunday <i>Violet</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	For the Dome community	Francesca Maria (Agostini)	4-6pm 40 Hours Devotion Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9.40am- 10.15am

Excerpt from the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church

Days of Penance

Can. 1249 The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence, according to the norm of the following canons.

Can. 1250 The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.

Can. 1251 Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can. 1252 The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.

Can. 1253 The conference of bishops can determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence as well as substitute other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety, in whole or in part, for abstinence and fast.

INTROIT *Psalm 43: 23-26*

ARISE, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? arise, and cast us not off to the end. Why turnest Thou Thy face away, and forgettest our trouble? our belly hath cleaved to the earth: arise, O Lord, help us and deliver us. Ps. We have heard, O God, with our ears: our fathers have declared to us. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

O GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by the protection of the Doctor of the Gentiles we may be defended against all adversity. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE 2 Cor. 11:19-33; 12:1-9

Brethren: You gladly put up with fools, because you are wise yourselves! For you suffer it if a man enslaves you, if a man devours you, if a man takes from you, if a man is arrogant, if a man slaps your face! I speak to my own shame, as though we had been weak. But wherein any man is bold - I am speaking foolishly - I also am bold. Are they Hebrews? So am I! Are they Israelites? So am I! Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I! Are they ministers of Christ? I - to speak as a fool - am more: in many more labours, in prisons more frequently, in lashes above measure, often exposed to death. From the Jews five times I received forty lashes less one. Thrice I was scourged, once I was stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I was adrift on the sea; in journeyings often, in perils from floods, in perils from robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren; in labor and hardships, in many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those outer things, there is my daily pressing anxiety, the care of all the churches! Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not inflamed? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, Who is blessed forevermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to arrest me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. If I must boast - it is not indeed expedient to do so - but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows that he was caught up into paradise and heard secret words that man may not repeat. Of such a man I will boast; but of myself I will glory in nothing save in my infirmities. For if I do wish to boast, I shall not be foolish; for I shall be speaking the truth. But I forbear, lest any man should reckon me beyond what he sees in me or hears from me. And lest the greatness of the revelations should puff me up, there was given me a thorn for the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to buffet me. Concerning this I thrice besought the Lord that it might leave me. And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness. Gladly therefore I will glory in my infirmities, that the strength of Christ may dwell in me.

GRADUAL *Ps 82:19; 82:14*

Let the nations know that God is Your name; You alone are the Most High over all the earth. *V.* O my God, make them like leaves in a whirlwind, like chaff before the wind.

Music for Sunday, 8th February

Mass setting: Kyriale XII Credo I

Communion: Ave Verum

Recessional: Immaculate Mary (241)

TRACT *Ps 59:4,6*

You have rocked the country, O Lord, and split it open. *V.* Repair the cracks in it, for it is tottering. *V.* That they may flee out of bowshot; that Your loved ones may escape.

GOSPEL

At that time, when a very great multitude was gathered together and hastened out of the cities unto Jesus, He spoke by a similitude: The sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock: and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns, and the thorns growing up with it choked it. And other some fell upon good ground: and being sprung up yielded fruit a hundredfold. Saying these things, He cried out: He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him what this parable might be. To whom He said: To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables: that seeing they may not see, and hearing may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And they by the wayside are they that hear: then the devil cometh and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they should be saved. Now they upon the rock are they who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no roots: for they believe for a while, and in time of temptation they fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who have heard and, going their way, are choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience.

OFFERTORY *Ps 16:5-7*

Make my steps steadfast in Your paths, that my feet may not falter. Incline Your ear to me; hear my word. Show Your wondrous kindness, O Lord, Saviour of those who trust in You.

SECRET

May this sacrifice which we offer You, O Lord, ever give us new life and protection. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

COMMUNION *Ps 42:4*

I will go into the altar of God, to God who giveth joy to my youth.

POSTCOMMUNION

O almighty God, grant, we humbly beseech You, that those whom You refresh with Your sacrament may also worthily serve You in a way that is well pleasing to You. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.