



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

## ST. EDWARD, CONFESSOR & KING OF ENGLAND

### Readings from the Roman Breviary



Edward, surnamed the Confessor, nephew to St. Edward king and martyr, was the last king of the Anglo-Saxon race. Our Lord had revealed that he would one day be king, to a holy man named Brithwald. When Edward was ten years old, the Danes, who were devastating England, sought his life; he was therefore obliged to go into exile, to the court of his uncle the duke of Normandy. Amid the vices and temptations of the Norman court, he grew up pure and innocent, a subject of admiration to all. His pious devotion towards God and holy things was most remarkable. He was of a very gentle disposition, and so great a stranger to ambition that he was wont to say he would rather forego the kingdom than take possession of it by violence and bloodshed.

On the death of the tyrants who had murdered his brothers and seized their kingdom, he was recalled to his country, and ascended the throne to the greatest satisfaction and joy of all his subjects. He then applied himself to remove all traces of the havoc wrought by the enemy. To begin at the sanctuary, he built many churches, and restored others, endowing them with rents and privileges; for he was very anxious to see religion, which had been neglected, flourishing again. All writers assert that, though compelled by his nobles to marry, both he and his bride preserved their virginity intact. Such were his love of Christ and his faith, that he was one

day permitted to see our Lord in the Mass, shining with heavenly light and smiling upon him. His lavish charity won him the name of the father of orphans and of the poor; and he was never so happy as when he had exhausted the royal treasury on their behalf.

He was honored with the gift of prophecy, and foresaw much of England's future history. A remarkable instance is, that when Sweyn, king of Denmark, was drowned in the very act of embarking on his fleet to invade England, Edward was supernaturally aware of the event the very moment it happened. He had a special devotion to St. John the evangelist, and was accustomed never to refuse anything asked in his name. One day St. John appeared to him as a poor man begging an alms in this manner; the king, having no money about him, took off his ring and gave it to him. Soon afterwards the saint sent the ring back to Edward, with a message that his death was at hand. The king then ordered prayers to be said for himself; and died most piously on the day foretold by St. John, the Nones of January [5<sup>th</sup> of January], in the year of salvation 1066. In the following century Pope Alexander III enrolled him, famous for miracles, among the saints. Innocent XI ordered his memory to be celebrated by the whole Church with a public Office, on the day of his Translation, which took place thirty-six years after his death, his body being found incorrupt and exhaling a sweet fragrance.



*The Wilton Diptych, made 1395-1399 as a portable altarpiece for King Richard II. - National Gallery, London.*

*Left - Richard kneels before his patron saints: King Edward the Martyr, King Edward the Confessor and John the Baptist; Right - Madonna and Jesus surrounded by angels*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**  
**Feast of Christ the King**

On the feast of Christ the King, titular feast of our Institute, a group of children in our community will receive the Eucharistic Lord for the first time. We all join the families of these young faithful in their joy and gratefulness. Please pray for our children, especially in preparation of this important day in their lives.

If you wish your child to participate in this year's First Holy Communion, please contact Canon Wiener. (Contact details are at the bottom of this page.)

First Communicants will meet with Canon Wiener in the presence of their mothers and/or fathers to answer fundamental but simple questions regarding the Church's teaching about the Eucharist. Please make an appointment with Canon for the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

First Confessions are possible daily (30 minutes before each Mass) or upon appointment.



### SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12:30 pm	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	PI
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:00 am	Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Yvonne Conroy and Michael Buhagiar
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6:30 pm	Votive Mass of the Angels	PI
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:00 am	St. Edward, Confessor	PI
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6:30 pm	St. Callistus, Pope & Martyr	PI
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:00 am	St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	PI
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:00 am	St. Hedwig, Widow	PI
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12:30 pm	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	PI

**All Masses (also Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday) are at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA.**

**Note that Adoration and Benediction on Tuesdays and Thursdays start at 5.30 pm before the 6.30 pm Mass.**