



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Propers of the Mass On December 14th, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

INTROIT (PHILIPPIANS 4:4-6; Ps. 84:2)

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. **Ps.** Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. **V** Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

Incline Thine ear to our prayers we beseech Thee, O Lord; and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation: Who livest.

EPISTLE (PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7)

Brethren, Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL (PSALM 79: 2, 3, 2)

Thou, O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come, Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (JOHN 1: 19-28)

At that time the Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize; if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but



Saint John Baptizing in the River Jordan, Nicolas Poussin, 1630's, Getty Center, Los Angeles

there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY (PSALM 84:2, 3)

Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

SECRET

May the sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be always offered unto Thee: that it may both fulfil the end for which Thou didst institute this sacred mystery, and wonderfully work in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION (ISAIAH 35. 4)

Say to the fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come and will save us.

POSTCOMMUNION

We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that these divine mysteries, by atoning for our sins, may prepare us for the coming festival. Through our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN THE PARISH HALL REFRESHMENTS AND OUR NEW PIETY SHOP

Please join us after Sunday Mass in the hall for refreshments and fellowship with our families. The new piety shop has various tasteful religious gifts on display and awaits your visit. There you can purchase medals, candles, rosaries, prayer cards and much more. All proceeds benefit exclusively the young community of our Sister Adorers in Preston.

DONATIONS WEEK 01.12.-07.12.2025

COLLECTION SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 th :	£232.50
BANK TRANSFERS:	£240.00
CASH DONATIONS/MASS STIPENDS:	£ 70.00
TOTAL	£542.50
INCLUDED IN THESE DONATIONS ARE:	
LITURGY FUND:	£ 15.00
TOTAL LITURGY FUND December 7th:	£413.77

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT.

Institute of Christ the King

Shrewsbury Account Information:

Sort Code: 40-45-14 Account Number: 61855832

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Most recent update of September 8th, 2025: Sue, Mary, Christine, Ruth, Helen, Jacqui, Teresa, Gyöngyi, Hannah, Grace, Anna, Deborah, Zoe, Isabella, Sophie, Abigail, Sharon, Clarice, Doreen, Grace, Beverley, Alex, Bozena, Peggy, Jude, Helena, Edit, Ági, Magdi, Mónika, Peter, Stephen, Martin, David, Mick, Joe, Tom, Felix, Toby, Henry, John, Michael, George, Graham, Colin, Andrew, Ian, Fr Siegfried, Fr István, Mark, Simon, Jennifer, Simon, Janet, Michael, Rose, Anna, Jo, Fr Zoltán, Ildikó, Gareth, Attila, Anya, Fr Gábor, Évi, Mavis, Alison, Mel, Alice, Father Feri, Baby Peter, Siobhan, Nicholas.

Safeguarding contact information - The Cathedral parish safeguarding representative is Tony Burns. Contact email: safeguarding@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk or via the Parish Office on 01743 290000 and the diocesan safeguarding coordinator is Andrew O'Brien (0151 652 9855).

LITURGICAL CALENDAR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sun 14 th December	Sunday Gaudete
Thu 25 th December	Nativity of Our Lord
Mon 29 th December	St. Thomas Becket
Thu 1 st January	Octave Day of the Nativity
Tue 6 th January	The Epiphany of Our Lord

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – 10:00 AM:

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – 11:00 PM:

MIDNIGHT MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH – 12:30 PM:

CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH – 10:00 AM:

ST. STEPHEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH – 10:00 AM:

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH – 12:30 PM:

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH – 6:30 PM:

ST. THOMAS BECKET

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST – 12:30 PM:

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY

SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTION
SUN	14 th Dec	12:30 pm	Third Sunday in Advent Gaudete Sunday	PI
Mo	15 th Dec	10:00 am	Feria of Advent	David PI
TUE	16 th Dec	6:30 pm	St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr Feria of Advent	Lucy Lant
WED	17 th Dec	10:00 am	Ember Wednesday of Advent	Sister Maria Margareta
THU	18 th Dec	6:30 pm	Feria of Advent	Karl Hoedl RIP
FRI	19 th Dec	10:00 am	Ember Friday of Advent	Natalie Robertson
SAT	20 th Dec	10:00 am	Ember Saturday of Advent	Craig Lilburn
SUN	21 st Dec	12:30 pm	Fourth Sunday in Advent	PI

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

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

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