



The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) — 11th Jan 2026

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Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

The month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus

Masses & Services

	<i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	
Sat 10	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Confession
	5.30pm	Rosary
	6.00pm	Mass: Murphy Family, Andy and Anna
	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	
Sun 11	9.00am	Rosary
	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 12	<i>Ferial</i>	
	Note	<i>No Mass</i>
Tue 13	<i>Ferial</i>	
	7.00pm	Mass: Jane Felicidade Lobo
Wed 14	<i>Ferial</i>	
	9.30am	Mass: Kay Wheelan, Mike Leach
Thu 15	<i>Ferial</i>	
	5.30pm	Adoration
	6.30pm	Mass: Pat Connolly
Fri 16	<i>Ferial</i>	
	Note	Day of abstinence from meat
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Kevin Lindsay Rutledge, William Prendergast RIP
Sat 17	<i>St Antony, Ab</i>	
	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Confession
	5.30pm	Rosary
	6.00pm	Mass: Davies Family, Laura, Seb and Family, Edward Craggs RIP
Sun 18	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	Note	Day of special prayer for world peace
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Sarah Russell, Pauline Cain, Zygmunt Weselak, Peter Drake and Kathleen Timmins.

Please Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and House-bound

Including: Rosemary Roberts, Judy Kearney, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies, Andrea Burns, and Tricia Cannon.

If anyone is in need of a visit or Holy Communion, please let Fr Patrick know.

Message from Fr Patrick

Happy New Year, and may this be a blessed year for all in our parish community. There is an ancient custom of announcing at this time the important dates for 2026:

Ash Wednesday: 18 Feb

Easter Sunday: 5 Apr

St. George: 23 Apr

Ascension of the Lord: 14 May

Pentecost Sunday: 24 May

Transfiguration of the Lord: 6 Aug

Assumption of Our Lady: 16 Aug

Feast of Christ the King: 22 Nov

Every blessing.

Catholic High at Mass

A group of students from The Catholic High School and the Primary School will join the 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 14 January. Straight after the Mass, the students and pupils would like to meet parishioners in the Parish Hall whilst enjoying some refreshments. All welcome.

St Clare's SVP Conference

Happy New Year to all. Our Conference meeting on Wednesday, 7 January, showed that visiting had continued over the festive season, with many homeless people visited. Theatre tickets were handed out. Shakespeare in Love will be performed on Wednesday, 4 March, with proceeds going to the Holiday Home funds. Details are on the posters. Let us know of anyone in need. God bless. Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week's proceeds will go to CAFOD, and next week it's Catherine and Elaine, with proceeds to the St. Clare's SVP Conference.

Tea and Coffee after Wednesday 9.30 Mass

Volunteers are sought to help with the tea and coffee after the Wednesday Mass. Please see Father Patrick for details.

Foodbank Donations

Please continue to bring items in and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the Warehouse when the trolley fills. Regards Steve

Retired Priests' Fund Collection

Please note that the annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held next weekend.

Betrothed — Marriage Preparation Courses offered by the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament, a vocation, and a mission to love
(Ephesians 5:32).

Betrothed is a Marriage Preparation Course offered by the Shrewsbury Diocese. It will help to prepare you both from a spiritual/faith perspective and relational perspective.

You are welcome to attend the course whether you are to be married at the parish where it is being run or not.

"The Church is deeply convinced that only by the acceptance of the Gospel are the hopes that man legitimately places in marriage and in the family capable of being fulfilled."

(Pope St John Paul II Familiaris Consortio 1981 para.3)

Registration is essential. To register please contact Monika at: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

There are three courses for 2026. Each course runs over two consecutive Saturdays, 9.30am to 4.30 pm each day.

1. St Clare's Church Parish Hall on the 7th & 14th of February 2026

Address: Downsfield Road, Lache, Chester, GB CH4 8HH

2. Vincent de Paul Church Westleigh Parish Hall on the 28th of February & 7th of March 2026:

Address: Groby Road Altrincham WA14 2BQ

3. Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Hall on the 21st & 28th of March 2026: Entrance Address: Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE

Course Content

The course includes catechesis on the truth and meaning of the human person, the meaning of marriage in God's plan, the effect upon marriage of the fall into sin, and marriage in the Lord – the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It also includes researched based relationship education and skills training proven to strengthen marital relationships. You will be taught skills to help you in your marriage together. This part of the course will use, among other things, teaching and insights taken from PREP inc whose numerous studies have proven the efficacy of its approach (<https://prepinc.com/pages/our-research>).

For more information please contact Jane Deegan at: jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
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Sunday Music

Gathering Hymn: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — 468

Penitential Rite: RUSSIAN KYRIE — 519

Gloria: NEW CELTIC LITURGY — 529

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29/28

Antiphon: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia x 8

Verse: The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered,
'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Reflection: COME TO THE WATER — 408

Holy, holy: NEW CELTIC LITURGY — 553

Eucharistic Acclamation: NEW CELTIC LITURGY — 554c: Save us . . .

Great Amen: NEW CELTIC LITURGY — 555

Lamb of God: NEW CELTIC LITURGY — 591

Post-Communion Hymn: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME AND YOU KNOW ME — 779

Final Hymn: WALK IN THE LIGHT — 771

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