



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 18th Jan 2026

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Masses & Services

	<i>St Antony, Ab</i>	
Sat 17	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Rosary
	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Davies Family, Laura, Seb and Family, Edward Craggs RIP
	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Sun 18	Note	Day of prayer for world peace
	Note	Week of prayer for christian unity
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 19	<i>Ferial</i>	
	Note	No Mass
Tue 20	<i>Ferial</i>	
	7.00pm	Mass: Jane Felicidade Lobo
Wed 21	<i>St Agnes, V, M</i>	
	9.30am	Mass: Elizabeth Blaire-Park, Murphy Family
Thu 22	<i>Ferial</i>	
	5.30pm	Adoration
	6.30pm	Mass: John's Family Wedding Anniversary
Fri 23	<i>Ferial</i>	
	Note	Day of abstinence from meat
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Catherine Maher, Gabriella Mansutti
Sat 24	<i>St Francis de Sales, B, D</i>	
	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Rosary
	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Helen & Chris Brown, Craggs Family
Sun 25	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	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.

Readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

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

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

This year has been declared a special year of St Francis by Pope Leo XIV, as it is 800 years since the *transitus* of St Francis on the 3rd of October 1226. We hope to mark this year in a special way together with our friends in St Francis Parish.

Musical Soirée in Aid of Parkinson's UK

Musical evening, soirée, in aid of Chester Parkinson's UK. Friday, 27 March, at 7 p.m., St Columba's. £15 per person includes a fish-and-chip supper from the award-winning Weston Grove Chippy. Bring your own alcohol. Tea, coffee, and soft drinks will be available, and there will be a raffle. Tickets from Pat Riddell, 07941 839161, patriddell31@aol.com.

First Holy Communion

For children who attend schools that do not offer First Communion programs, there is now an opportunity to sign up for the course offered by the parish. The course takes place after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please email contact@stclares.co.uk or call 01244671015

Retired Priests' Fund Collection

The annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held at each Mass this weekend — please place your donation in the basket in the porch. There are no Special Envelopes for this collection. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online — go to <https://donate.mydona.com/shrewsbury-rc-diocesan-trust>

St Clare's SVP Conference

Thanks to those bringing in inkjet cartridges. Every little bit helps. The next Holiday Home event is the theatre night on Wednesday, 4 March. "Shakespeare in Love" Tickets are now available from SVP members. The SVP District is holding a Youth Mass for the District Mini Vinnies and the Youth SVP on Wednesday, 11 March. Please keep this event in your prayers. Please let us know if you know of anyone in need. God bless. Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week, it's Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to the St Clare's SVP Conference, and next week, it's Mike and Steve with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds.

Tea and Coffee after Wednesday 9.30 Mass

Volunteers are sought to help with the tea and coffee after Wed 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

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Sunday Music

Gathering Hymn: HERE I AM, LORD — 865

Gloria: spoken

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39/40

Antiphon: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia x 8

Verse: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.

Alleluia x 8

Hymn of offering: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE — 898

Holy, holy: MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR — 1014

Eucharistic Acclamation: 1015

Great Amen: 1018

Lamb of God: 1019

Post-Communion Chant: TAIZE CHANT

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,

those that seek God shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

God alone fills us.

Final Hymn of Joy: JUBILATE, EVERYBODY! — 471