



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 25th Jan 2026

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Readings

Isaiah 9:1b-4
Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. **R1a**
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

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

Masses & Services

	<i>St Francis de Sales, B, D</i>	
Sat 24	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Confession
	5.30pm	Rosary
	6.00pm Mass: Helen & Chris Brown, Craggs Family	
<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Sun 25	Note	Sunday of the Word of God
	9.00am	Confession
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	
Mon 26	<i>Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>	
	Note	No Mass
Tue 27	<i>Ferial</i>	
	7.00pm Mass: Jane Felicidade Lobo	
Wed 28	<i>St Thomas Aquinas, P, D</i>	
	9.05am	Adoration
	9.30am Mass: Relatives of Brown Family, Murphy Family	
Thu 29	<i>Ferial</i>	
	5.30pm	Adoration
	6.30pm Mass: People of the Parish	
Fri 30	<i>Ferial</i>	
	Note	Day of abstinence from meat
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am Mass: Jacob Maher	
Sat 31	<i>St John Bosco, P</i>	
	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Confession
	5.30pm	Rosary
	6.00pm Mass: Joan & Frederick Hodson, Samuel Maher	
<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Sun 1	Note	Day of prayer for Racial Justice
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	

Adoration at St Francis

Adoration is also available at Saint Francis from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

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

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

The new year has brought notable changes to our parish community. First, it is with great gratitude that we thank Kate Hughes and Ann Walshe for their service as musicians. The music preparation and rehearsals show their true dedication and commitment over all these years. They have truly helped us grow closer to the Lord Jesus.

Enrolment for the First Holy Communion will take place at Mass on 1 February, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. It is a great opportunity for us to welcome fellow Catholics and support them as they prepare for the First Holy Communion.

Children's Liturgy after Sunday Mass

We are blessed!

From February, we will hold our children's Lectio Divina meeting after Mass in the sacristy every Sunday.

Term-time only.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, 1 February, 2026, with Janka. Children of all ages are welcome.

Jeremiah 15:16 "I discovered your words and I consumed them. And your word became to me as the gladness and joy of my heart. For your name has been invoked over me, O Lord, the God of hosts."

St Clare's SVP Conference

We are planning to set up another Music Night on 10 July, 2026, but we are having difficulty contacting suitable musicians and/or singers to provide the music and entertainment. Chester CHS doesn't have an orchestra or singers at present, though the new music teacher is likely getting things going. Any ideas or help with music entertainment would be welcome. Please keep this event in your prayers; one of our members has had a bad fall and is now recovering. Let us know of anyone in need. God bless, Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week, it's Mike and Veronica, with proceeds to the Holiday Home Fund. Next week, it's Jenny and Reta, with proceeds to the Church Gardening Fund.

Tea and Coffee after Wednesday 9.30 Mass

Volunteers are needed to help with 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.

Job Vacancies in Diocese of Shrewsbury

Sales Ledger Clerk

20 hours per week, term-time-only contract. Hourly rate £14.60.

Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator

20 hours per week, term-time-only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60.

CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch at recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Closing date: Friday 20 February, 2026.

Sunday Music

Gathering Hymn: SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS — 713

Gloria: (Duffy) — 527

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26

Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

(Andrew Wright)
ALL SING: Alleluia x 8

Verse: Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.

ALL SING: Alleluia x 8

Offertory Hymn: JUBILEE PILGRIM OF HOPE

REFRAIN: Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you; source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

1. Every nation, tongue and people find a light within your Word,

Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son. REFRAIN

2. God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all.

heaven and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free. REFRAIN

3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time.

Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him. REFRAIN

Holy, holy:

Revised Gathering Mass — 570
Eucharistic Acclamation: Revised Gathering Mass — 571b. When we eat . . .

Great Amen: New Celtic Liturgy — 555

Lamb of God: Mass of Hope — 592

Post-Communion Hymn: THE SUMMONS — 877 verses 1,2,4 and 5

Final Hymn: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT — 883

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