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**15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Trinity Sunday**

**CATECHESIS - JUBILEE 2025. JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE. I. THE INFANCY OF JESUS. 2. "THE ANNUNCIATION. MARY LISTENS AND IS WILLING (CF. LK 1:26-38)"**

Then Gabriel announces to the Virgin her mission, making echo in her heart numerous biblical passages referring to the kingship and messianic nature of the child that must be born of her, and that the child will be presented as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecies. The Word that comes from on High calls Mary to be the mother of the Messiah, that long-awaited Davidic Messiah. She is the mother of the Messiah. He will be king, but not in the human and carnal manner, but in the divine, spiritual manner. His name will be "Jesus", which means "God saves" (cf. Lk 1:31; Mt 1:21), reminding everyone forever that it is not man who saves, but only God. Jesus is the One who will fulfil these words of the prophet Isaiah: "It was not an envoy or a messenger, but His presence that saved them [with] His love and pity" (Is 63:9).

This motherhood shakes Mary to the core. And as the intelligent woman she is, thus capable of reading into events (cf. Lk 2:19,51), she tries to understand, to discern what is happening to her. Mary does not look outside, but within. And there, in the depths of her open and sensitive heart, she hears the invitation to trust in God, who has prepared for her a special "Pentecost". Just as at the beginning of creation (cf. Gen 1:2), God wants to nurture Mary with His Spirit, a power capable of opening what is closed without violating it, without encroaching on human freedom; He wants to envelop her in the "clouds" of His presence (cf. 1 Cor 10:1-2) because the Son lives in her, and her in Him.

And Mary is illuminated with trust: she is "a lamp with many lights". Mary welcomes the Word in her own flesh and thus launches the greatest mission ever entrusted to a woman, to a human creature. She places herself in service: she is full of everything, not like a slave but as a collaborator of God the Father, full of dignity and authority in order to administer, as she will do at Cana, the gifts of divine treasure, so that many will be able to draw from it with both hands.

Sisters, brothers, let us learn from Mary, Mother of the Saviour and our Mother, to let ourselves open our ears to the divine Word and to welcome it and cherish it, so that it may transform our hearts into tabernacles of His presence, in hospitable homes where hope grows. Thank you!

## OUR PARISH VISION & MISSION

We are a warm & welcoming community of faith rooted in the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Belonging is at the heart of what we do as members of the body of Christ. We believe worship is not just found in prayer; it's something expressed in everything we do.

<b>MASSES FOR THE WEEK</b>			
Sunday	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30am</b> People of the Parish	<b>SP</b>
		<b>11am</b> Michael Christopher Coughlan R.I.P.	<b>OL</b>
<i>Tea &amp; Coffee are served after both Sunday Masses</i>			
Monday	<i>Ferial</i>	<b>9am</b> Frank Morris R.I.P.	<b>OL</b>
<i>Access to Our Lady's for weekday Mass is through the entrance to the right side of the church</i>			
Tuesday	<i>Ferial</i>	<b>9:30am</b> Honora Barr	<b>OL</b>
Tea & Coffee are served in the Saint Joseph chapel after Mass on Tuesday mornings. Everyone is welcome!			
Wednesday	<i>Ferial</i>	<b>9am</b> Patick Walsh	<b>OL</b>
Thursday	<i>Ferial</i>		
Friday	Saint Alban	<b>9:30am</b> Belinda Johnson R.I.P.	<b>SP</b>
Saturday	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga		
Sunday	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	<b>9:30am</b> People of the Parish	<b>SP</b>
		<b>11am</b> First Holy Communion Children	<b>OL</b>

## SAINT JOSEPH LAMP

The lamp burns for Michael Coughlan R.I.P. at Our Lady's and All Fathers at Saint Paul's. Envelopes for intentions are at the back of each church. A £5 donation is requested.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

#### *Those who are sick*

*Samuel Adodo, Lily Baker, Laurence Barron, Christopher Browne, Anna Coughlan, Teresa Denye, Chloe & Irene Fortune, Colin James, Clare McElroy, Philip Smith, Eileen & Julia Ward, Sarah Williams, Pat Wise, & Canon Philip Moor.*

#### *Those who have died*

*Sr Mary Brennan rc, Ian Christley, Vinny Healey, Peter Thomas & Patricia Ann Tierney.*

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2025

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart learn to have compassion on the world.

## PARISH

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL – Fr Henry Somah from the Society of African Missions (The White Fathers) who gave last weekend's Mission Appeal would like to thank parishioners for their warm welcome and extraordinary generosity for this year's Mission Appeal which raised £333.58.

STEPS OF HOPE - Pete Graham would like to thank parishioners for their extraordinary generosity. You gave £200.70 across the two weekends to support the work of Caritas. You can still donate via the QR code on the poster in the porch. Please also consider regular giving to support their vital work. [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk)

END OF LIFE BILL is returning to parliament for its third reading next week. Please do petition our MP Alison McGovern to vote against it.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, two of the young people from our Birkenhead Confirmation group will be introducing themselves at Mass today. The cost of the pilgrimage is £725, they have received £250 in grants, I would like them to be able to get £250 from our parish & the same Saint Joseph's, Upton. We will use the proceeds from the parish BBQ to support them. Anything over £250 raised will also go to them. They will be back after the summer with photos to tell you all about their experiences.

JUBILEE YEAR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Currently there are 15 seats available on the coach, 1 seat left on the pilgrimage plane, and 3 seats left on a flight from Luton (coach travel transfer included). This is the last call for any pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes with the Diocese this year, we are very close to now closing the bookings for our 2025 pilgrimage. Booking forms are still available on our website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk)

SUNDAY RAFFLE - For the next few weeks, a raffle will be held after Sunday Mass at Our Lady's Church. Proceeds will be to support the Parish BBQ and the Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes (see below). Donations of gifts/bottles etc for prizes will be gratefully received.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY (please note the new date) - our parish BBQ will again take place this summer after 11am Mass in the presbytery garden, donations of bottles are welcome for the bottle stall, please leave them at the back of either church. Please bring family & friends with you. Volunteers will also be needed to help with set up, running the BBQ & especially clearing up!

ALONE OR BORED IN YOUR MARRIAGE? - Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

SUPPORTING THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE - all those who are interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family are invited to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various ways you can help. 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm at the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG. To Register and for More Information please contact: Monika at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or 07549226794.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE will be held at 12 noon next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Holy Angels, Hale Barns, followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. Parishioners celebrating a significant marriage anniversary can apply for an invitation from the Bishop's Office to Fr Michael.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST? - Have you considered exploring a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? Why not speak to Fr Michael or the diocesan vocations director, Fr Tony McGrath. You can also visit [www.Shrewsburyvocations.org](http://www.Shrewsburyvocations.org).

STRONGER TOGETHER COMMUNITY GROUP empowers members to address daily life challenges in a supportive environment. *Tuesday mornings (9:30am-12pm)* in Saint Joseph's parish centre, North Road. The group is facilitated by Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury.


THE TABLET IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW HALL SCHOOL are hosting a one-day conference entitled 'Leadership and Legacy: The Future of Women in the Church' on Friday 11 July 2025 from 10:30am until 5:00pm at New Hall Boreham House, Chelmsford. Lunch and refreshments are included throughout the day and there is a free shuttle from Chelmsford Station to the venue. The price includes a quarterly *digital subscription* to *The Tablet* (worth £21.50), which can be gifted to a friend or parishioner. For more information or to purchase tickets simply go to [www.thetablet.co.uk/events](http://www.thetablet.co.uk/events) or for exhibition stand enquiries, please contact [adyoung@thetablet.co.uk](mailto:adyoung@thetablet.co.uk)

CATENIANS - The Birkenhead circle meets each month at Prenton Golf club to enjoy each other's company & to support one another & our families. Membership is open to Catholic men who are aged 18 & over. If you would like to know more, please contact [p.davenport.123@btinternet.com](mailto:p.davenport.123@btinternet.com).

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA - the order believes in charity, unity & fraternity, over many years they have helped priests, parishes & our Catholic schools & many projects internationally. Membership is open to Catholic men who are aged 18 & over. Please contact Tony Connolly on 07950 392193.

FAMILY & SOCIAL GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG THIS AUGUST - Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic residential youth centre in the Lake District, and it is opening its doors to family groups and social groups this August. There are single rooms, twin rooms, and large family rooms at very cheap rates. Guests have access to the grounds, chapel, games room, and lounges, with Keswick and the Lake only a short walk away. For more info contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com/open](http://www.castleriggmanor.com/open)

EASY FUNDRAISING As you are shopping online, don't forget to use the Easy Fundraising! Our latest payout is £28.17. Thank you to everyone who has used it. Don't forget to use it when shopping for car, home or travel insurance!

<p><b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b></p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b></p> <p><b>Offertory - £333.26 (cash); £17.50 (Standing Orders)</b> <b>£2 (card/contactless); Zambia/Caritas £18</b></p> <p><i>Thank you for your continuing generosity.</i></p>	<p>To donate online, please scan the QR code.</p> 
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STANDING ORDERS - You can set one up through your online banking or via the form which is available from the parish office. If you are a UK taxpayer, please gift aid these payments.

BONUS BALL SCHEME - The winning number in the draw held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 was 56 but as there was no winner there will be a double rollover to next weeks draw. If would like to join, a list of available numbers to buy is at the back of each church.

## **CHARITY**

WIRRAL FOODBANK - Thank you for your continued support. Donations can be left at the back of Saint Paul's or outside the Saint Joseph chapel in Our Lady's.

STAMPS & GLASSES - These are donated to the RNIB to support their work with those suffering sight loss. There is a box at the back of each church for any used stamps or glasses you have.

USED TABLET BLISTER PACKS can be donated at each church to support the Marie Curie charity.