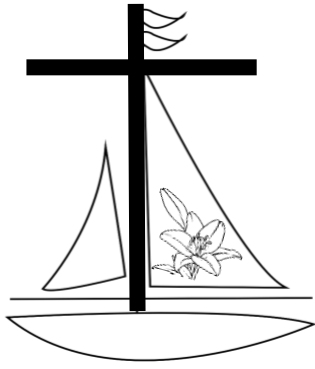




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29th June 2025 – Saints Peter & Paul

CYCLE OF CATECHESIS – JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE. 1. THE INFANCY OF JESUS. 3. “YOU ARE TO NAME HIM JESUS” (MT 1:21). THE ANNUNCIATION TO JOSEPH

Now, what does Joseph of Nazareth dream of? He dreams of the miracle that God fulfils in Mary’s life, and also the miracle that he works in his own life: to take on a fatherhood capable of guarding, protecting and passing on a material and spiritual inheritance. The womb of his bride is pregnant with God’s promise, a promise that bears a name in which the certainty of salvation is given to all (cf. Acts 4:12).

As he sleeps, Joseph hears these words: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins” (Mt 1:20-21). Faced with this revelation, Joseph does not ask for further proof; he trusts. Joseph trusts in God, he accepts the God’s dream of his life and that of his betrothed. He thus enters into the grace of one who knows how to live the divine promise with faith, hope and love.

Joseph, in all of this, does not utter a word, but he believes, hopes and loves. He does not express himself with “idle words”, but with concrete deeds. He belongs to the lineage of those who, according to the apostle James, “put the Word into practice” (cf. James 1:22), translating it into deeds, flesh, life. Joseph trusts in God and obeys: “His inner watchfulness for God ... leads quite spontaneously to obedience” (Benedict XVI, The Infancy Narratives, Milan-Vatican City 2012, 57).

Sisters, brothers, let us, too, ask the Lord for the grace to listen more than we speak, the grace to dream God’s dreams and to welcome responsibly the Christ who, from the moment of our baptism, lives and grows in our life. 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK				
Sunday	SAINTS PETER & PAUL	9:30am	Natasha Gee	SP
		11am	People of the Parish	OL
Tea & Coffee are served after both Sunday Masses				
Monday	First Martyrs of the Roman Church	9:30am	John McGagh R.I.P.	SP
Access to Our Lady's for weekday Mass is through the entrance to the right side of the church				
Tuesday	Saint Oliver Plunkett	9:30am	Philomena Broscoe	OL
Tea & Coffee are served in the Saint Joseph chapel after Mass on Tuesday mornings. Everyone is welcome!				
Wednesday	Ferial	9am	Christine Black R.I.P.	OL
Thursday	SAINT THOMAS			
Friday	Ferial	9:30am	Alice & Arthur Cooke R.I.P.	SP
Saturday	Ferial			
Sunday	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:30am	People of the Parish	SP
		11am	Bob D'Arcy R.I.P.	OL

SAINT JOSEPH LAMP

The lamp burns for Frank Morris R.I.P. at Our Lady's and First Holy Communion Children at Saint Paul's. Envelopes for intentions are at the back of each church. A £5 donation is requested.

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.

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

Fr David Mawson & Winefride Padmore.

PARISH

CONGRATUALTIONS to the children from our parish primary schools who have or will be making their First Holy Communion this month. On this one of our parish Feast days it is great that four of our students at Saint Paul's are making their First Holy Communion. May God bless all of them.

THANK YOU to Mrs Clare Higgins who retires as Headteacher of Holy Cross school at the end of this school year. We thank Clare for her untiring commitment to children of the school & her joyful support of our parish. We wish you every blessing Mrs Higgins & don't be a stranger!

HEALING & ANOINTING SERVICE will take place this Friday 4th July at 7pm in Saint John's Church, New Ferry

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, two of the young people from our Birkenhead Confirmation group introduced themselves at Mass last Sunday. The cost of the pilgrimage is £725, they have received £250 in grants, 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.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY – The next focus group meeting will take place at Saint Columba's Chester in the Newman Room this Wednesday July 2nd at 7.30pm. All Hospitality members are welcome to attend.

LOURDES HOSPITALITY PREDEPARTURE MASS – this year's Pilgrimage pre-departure Mass will take place at 11.00am on Sunday 20th July at Saint Mary's Church, Gatefield Street, Crewe CW1 2JP. This will be followed by light refreshments in the Caritas Centre and a Hospitality Meeting starting at 1.15pm. All Hospitality members are invited to attend.

SUNDAY RAFFLE – Continues today after 11am Mass. Proceeds will be to support the Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes Last week the raffle was won by ticket 674, congratulations to the winner, please do claim your prize this week! Any donations for raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated, please leave them at the back of either church.

PARISH BBQ – SUNDAY 13TH JULY (please note the new date) – our parish BBQ will again take place 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. Please see the sheets at the back of church to register your support.

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 11th 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 or for exhibition stand enquiries, please contact adyoung@thetablet.co.uk

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.

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 +44 797 338 0443

UPTON HALL SCHOOL – Upton recently underwent its Catholic inspection by the Diocese. They were found to be outstanding in all aspects of their Catholic education. Their report can be found using this link [Catholic Schools Inspection Report - Upton Hall School, May 2025](#). Applications to sit the entrance exam in September (for entry in September 2026) close on 11th July 2025.

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.

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.

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 visit 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!

<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>	
<u>22nd June 2025</u>	
Offertory – £366.68 (cash); £17.50 (Standing Orders)	
£0 (card/contactless); Zambia/Caritas £7.50	
<i>Thank you for your continuing generosity.</i>	
To donate online, please scan the QR code.	
	

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 14th June 2025 was 46, congratulations to the winner. If you would like to continue for entry into draw’s commencing 28th June, payment is now due or if you 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.