

CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 22*

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

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there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R/**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life. **R/**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15: 20-26,28*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when

everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 31-46*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothed you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' Next he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then he will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



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Psalter Week II

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR HOLY LAND CONFLICT

Sat	25th	5.00pm	The Edge Family	<i>St Mary's</i>
Sun	26th	9.00am	Jean Staddon's Intentions.	<i>St Paul's</i>
		11.00am	Howell's Family	<i>St. Mary's</i>
		12.30pm	Baptisms: Jason Cope	
Mon	27th	Ferial 9.30am	Word & Holy Communion	<i>Upper Room</i>
Tues	28th	Ferial 7.00pm	Regan Family	<i>Upper Room</i>
Wed	29th	Ferial 12.00pm	Megan Dodd	<i>St. Paul's</i>
Thurs	30th	St. Andrew, Patron of Scotland 9.30am 7.30pm	Margaret Coyle Diocesan led Youth Event - St. Mary's Church	<i>Upper Room</i>
Fri	1st DEC.	Ferial 9.30am 3.00pm	School Mass -Stephen & Anne Gray Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary	<i>St Mary's</i> <i>St Mary's</i>

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat	2nd	5.00pm	Rachel Blake	<i>St Mary's</i>
Sun	3rd	9.00am	Chris & Joe Midgeley	<i>St Paul's</i>
		11.00am	Geoff Tomlinson	<i>St Mary's</i>

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EMERGENCY APPEAL ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

This Sunday we will take a special collection to support the relief effort For those suffering at this time. Funds will support the work of Cafod and their partner organisation (CRS) Catholic Relief Services.

THIS SUNDAY

The gospel challenges us to see the broken body of Christ in the brokenness and woundedness of those we see around us. In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, in many places of conflict, as well as those on our own doorstep. Christ still suffers in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned. In responding to the cry of the poor we hear Christ's voice and we are blessed. A community of mercy and love, beloved of the Father.

QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to those who helped on the night, those who brought prizes, those who organised the quiz and the food.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection £1010.86
250 club £195.10
Winner no.98 Ivy Hill

Many thanks for generosity.

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Go to website and then "Announcements".

WELCOMING SPACE - ALL WELCOME

The Lower Room, staffed by members of SVP and parish volunteers will operate on Mondays 10-2pm until further notice. All welcome

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in our prayers those who are sick:

Rachel Blake, Les Glaze, Teresa O'Shea, Delia DeVera, Michael Childs, David Poole, Dennis Rowley, Joe Mc Geary, Rowland Sheldon; Rita Drew, Maura Wilkinson.

We remember all those who have died recently:

John Craig, Gavin Lewis, Denis Rumbold, Vincent Donlan.

Eileen Bleach

Eileen's Irish funeral is on Saturday 9th December at 12 noon in the Sacred Heart Church, Scarriff, Co Clare.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice,
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit may comfort them.
We pray for those with power over peace and war, that they may act with wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all we pray for the precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace
Amen

CAROL SERVICE



In Aid of Hospice
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER
2.30pm

Special guests the Mayor and Madeley Town Council.
Followed by refreshments.

CONFIRMATION 2024 (NEXT YEAR!)

We are collecting the names of those who wish to be confirmed next year. As a deanery we have been celebrating every other year. We also need to judge whether we have enough young people to have a ceremony of our own, or to join up with the Shrewsbury deanery. If you are 13+ and wish to be considered please write down your name, address and which mass, and which school you attend. Leave it with Fr. Michael

ADVENT YOUTH GATHERING THIS THURSDAY!

Diocesan Youth Service Event for Advent at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th November at St. Mary's .

ROTARY CLUB-TELFORD TREE OF LIFE TELFORD HOSPICE

Tree of life forms are available in both Churches. We will take a retiring collection at the Carol Service on 17th Dec. as last year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday 10th December
At 1.00pm for 1.30pm
Great Hay Golf Club
Sutton Hill.

Menus at back of Church
Children's menu available
Adults £25

WORLD GIFTS

As usual we have been sent "World Gifts" catalogue from Cafod. Please do take one if you can. If anyone asks you "What do you want for Christmas?" You can now say worms, a chicken or a cow! Even if you don't think of buying-it is a good to see what goes on.

DIARY

26th Emergency Appeal
Safeguarding Sunday
Organ Sunday
Baptism: Roman Cope
30th Youth Event

December

1st School Mass
3rd **First Sunday of Advent**
Teas & Coffees
10th **Second Sunday of Advent**
Christmas Dinner Organ Sunday
17th **Third Sunday of Advent.**
Children's liturgy
12.30pm Baptism: Ifeoma Melvin
2.30pm Carol Service for Hospice.
21st School Mass
24th **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Masses 5pm and 10.00am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

4TH Sunday of Advent

5.00pm Vigil Mass- St. Mary's (Sat 23rd)
10.00am Morning Mass -St. Mary's (24th)

Christmas Eve (Sunday Evening 24th)

5.00pm Children's Mass-St. Mary's
7.30pm Carols -St. Mary's
8.00pm Vigil Mass -St. Mary's

Christmas Day (Monday 25th)

9.00am Morning Mass -St. Mary's
11.00am Morning Mass-St. Mary's

ST. MARY'S FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

We are currently looking for new Foundation governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills, and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible Catholic education for the children in our school. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school, and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. They act as a 'critical friend', working voluntarily to strategically oversee the running of the school.