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Liturgical Calendar of the Week Sunday 26th December – Sunday 2nd January

Sunday 26 th Dec	The Holy Family	9.30am 11.00am	Mary Catherine Davidson (RIP) For all Families
Monday	Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist	10.00 am	Tony McDevitt (RIP)
Tuesday	Feast of Holy Innocents	10.00 am	Thanksgiving
Wednesday	Feast of St Thomas Becket	10.00 am	Special Intention
Thursday	Sixth Day of Christmas Octave	10.00am	Barbara Evans (health)
Friday	New Year's Eve	Thanksgiving Adoration Thanksgiving Mass	6.00pm 7.00pm Thanksgiving
Saturday	Mary the Mother of God	9.30 am	Parish family
Sunday 2 nd Jan	2nd Sunday after Christmas	Saturday Vigil Mass Family Mass	6.00pm 9.30am 11.00am Tony McDevitt (RIP) Alex Hughes Parish Family

READERS Sunday	26 th December			1 st /2 nd January		
	6.00pm	9.30am	11.00am	6pm	9.30am	11.00am
	No Mass	AM Millar	A Cropper	C Haines	M Corcoran	M Unsworth
Weekdays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	A Cropper	tbc	tbc	T McGlynn	J Tunstall	J Tunstall
Welcomers	Saturday 6.00pm No Mass		Sunday 9.30am A Volunteer	Sunday 11.00am A Volunteer		

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
 (At the words that follow, up to and including
 'the Virgin Mary', all bow)
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated
 at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including:

Dorothy Barber, Patricia Davies,
 Frances Wright, Rosemary
 Southwell, Pat Cummins, Sarah
 Alouane, Ruth Murray, Ted
 Henesy, Dorothy Robinson, Shella
 Burrell, John Swann, Joe
 Hemington, Bill Williams, Joyce &
 Maurice McAsey, Judy Howard, Fr
 Paul O'Grady, Maureen Grace,
 Maureen Adams, Betty Davies,
 Barbara Evans, Eva Bennion,
 Sharon Wallace, Greg Cropper,
 Dorothy Strawson, Ronnie Phelan,
 Maureen Knox, Louise Dickinson,
 Joseph Kennedy.

*Please inform Parish Office
 if anyone needs to be put on
 or taken off this list.*

Recently deceased: We pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Anthony (Tony) McDevitt who passed away on Tuesday 21 December. Please keep Angela his wife, and their children, Anna, Clare, Emma and James and grandchildren in your prayers.

CWL Christmas Hamper Raffle: The winners were Christopher (Sheila O'Neill's nephew), Eileen Price, Julia Salamacka and Andrew Jones. Thank you so much to all who generously supported us – we raised over £400 (total tbc) and all proceeds will be shared amongst local charities.

Church Flowers: We received over £100 last week for the church flower collection. Thank you.

Collection: Please consider giving any offerings you wish to donate in the baskets as you enter church.

Thank you for your generous and touching cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers. We are truly blessed to serve this warm and welcoming community of St Winefride's.

UNIVERSAL SYNOD 2021- 2023: Your responses are requested!

What is a Synod? Why should I be involved? Pope Francis has called a **Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission**. This meeting will provide an opportunity for all bishops to discuss various aspects of "synodality" focussing on these three areas. Pope Francis is keen for each one of us to have the opportunity to participate in some way. For details of the process either visit the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org or the Vatican website www.synod.va.

Bishop Mark has asked each parish to prayerfully listen, reflect and discern on the themes Pope Francis has given us. To help us through the process the Parish Social and Community Group have created a Synod team to guide our parish through this process and create opportunities for us to pray, listen and discern. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be offering online meetings during January and February 2022. More details of when and how to participate in the new year. We have until 1st March 2022 to submit our views to the Shrewsbury Synod Office by email or by post.

The first five themes of the ten are given here – the next five will follow next week. We suggest you reflect on the questions you are most drawn to.

1. **COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY** *In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road.*

- In our local Church, who are those who "walk together"?
- Who are those who seem further apart?
- What groups or individuals are left on the margins?

2. **LISTENING** *Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.*

- How may God be speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
- How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people?
- What enables or prevents our listening?
- How well do we listen to those on the peripheries and on the margins?

3. **SPEAKING OUT** *All are invited to speak with courage, freedom, truth, and charity.*

- What enables or hinders us to speak out courageously, candidly, and responsibly in our local Church and society?
- When and how do we manage to say what is important to us?
- How is our relationship with the local media (not only Catholic media)?

4. **CELEBRATION** *"Walking together" is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.*

- How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our life and mission?
- How do they underpin the most important decisions?
- What opportunities are there for participating in the ministries of lector, acolyte and in the other liturgical ministries?

5. **SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION** *Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church in which all baptised members are called to participate as missionary disciples.*

- What hinders the baptised from being active in mission?
- What areas of mission and service are we neglecting?
- How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, family life, education, business, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, prolife issues, caring for the environment, etc.)?
- How does the Church help these members to live out their Christian values and give witness to their faith in their service to society?

More details will be given early in the new year. Do consider taking part in order to discern and to listen to others in our community as we travel on our journey 'firm in faith, joyful in hope, active in love'.

Health and Safety: Following the announcement made by the Government in relation to the new Covid measures, it is **now a legal requirement to wear face coverings in all churches and places of worship**. We do already ask that parishioners wear **face coverings** when attending church, however, this is now required by law unless exempt. Thank you for your continued support. We still need to maintain distancing in the church, so please either sit or stand during the Mass, do not kneel. **If you think you may have symptoms, please do not attend church. Thank you. Please take your newsletter with you when you leave the church.**