

First reading Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name

of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 1:29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.” I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.’

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18 th January		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Psalter Week II
Sat	17 th	5:00pm	Brian Hyde	<i>St Mary’s</i>
Sun	18 th	9:00am	Mary & Michael Meredith	<i>St. Paul’s</i>
		11:00am	Mary Connor / Nik Russell	<i>St Mary’s</i>
		12.30pm	<i>Baptism: David Ward</i>	
Mon	19 th	Ferial		<i>Upper room</i>
		9.30am	Word & Communion	
Tues	20 th	Ferial		<i>Upper room</i>
			No service	
Wed	21 st	St. Agnes V,M		
		12.00pm	Word & Communion	<i>St. Paul’s</i>
Thurs	22 nd	Ferial		<i>Upper room</i>
			No service	
Fri	23 rd	Ferial		
		9.30am	Word & Communion	<i>Upper room</i>
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotion.	
25 th Jan		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Psalter Week III
Sat	24 th	5:00pm	Jones Family	<i>St Mary’s</i>
Sun	25 th	9:00am	Kay Scott	<i>St Paul’s</i>
		11.00am	Bernadette Frost	<i>St Mary’s</i>

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 Our Masses are Livestreamed at <http://www.churchservices.tv/madeley>*

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection: £820.86
Crib offerings Caritas £173.05
250 Club Winner: No.31
B Mc Sweeney
Many thanks for your generosity.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in our prayers those who are sick:

Neil McLoughlin, Fr. Terence Coyle, Anne Lock, Janet Ostrowski, John Forde, Alice Oliver, Bill McLean & Linda Connor, Tony Leonard.

We remember all those who have died recently:

Mary Meredith (Theresa O'Shea's sister) Madeline Darby, Tim Murphy, David Gibson. Gladys While (Jenny's friend)

Fr. Terence Coyle

Would like to thank everyone for their prayers, he is making a good recovery after his recent surgery.

FUNERALS:

Madeline Darby at St. Mary's at 10.00am Wednesday 28th January.

Dave Gibson at St. Mary's at 12.30pm on Friday 30th January.

WESTPORT, IRELAND 2026

Staying at the Castlecourt Hotel, Westport Arrival, Monday 28th September 2026 4 nights, half board Including return ferry from Holyhead/Dublin, Day at Knock Shrine. With a minimum of 18 passengers:- £799 per person for twin/double rooms – per person. £995 for single rooms
I have reserved 18 places at the hotel, but they can only be kept till the end of January.
Please note that anyone who needs assistance needs to bring their own carer with them.
Book with Jones Holidays
01352.733292

Becoming a Catholic?

Our faith sharing group will resume on February 12th (Thursday)
Anyone is welcome

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

Please collect a form from Fr. Michael and arrange a convenient date with him.

First Forgiveness and Holy Communion:

The enrolment forms are now available. The programme begins in Lent. Forms to be returned by the end of January.
(First communion date 23rd May)

Confirmation:

We usually celebrate Confirmation every other year. We are not due this coming year.

Marriage:

There is a marriage course run by the Diocese for couples marrying this year, please see Noticeboards. (21st&28th March)

FINANCIAL REVIEW.

Thanks to those who responded to the review which was held before Christmas. There are still many boxes left for the 250 club, please do not hesitate to ask if you wish to take part.

We have also been asked about making a one-off donation to the parish. This can be done with our bank details SRCDT-234025 PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD-TELFORD Sort code 30-15-52 Acc. no. 54679960

Don't forget if you are a taxpayer we can also claim back the tax you have already paid on it. Once again thank you for your support and generosity to the parish.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK CHESTER

Churches Together in Cheshire – A Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian *Unity at Chester Cathedral, CH1 2DY on Sunday 18 January at 5pm. The Guest Speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. This service brings together believers from many traditions to pray for peace, justice and deeper unity in our communities and our world. The service will also feature the Chester Taize Choir. Refreshments will be served after the service.*

TELFORD

All Saints, Wellington. 6.30pm
18th January 2026. All welcome.



SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION

Vacancies: for a Programme Coordinator, a Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website.
<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch