

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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Second Sunday of Easter (12/4/2026) Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat 11 Apr	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 12 Apr	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 13 Apr		No Mass
Tue 14 Apr	9.30am	
Wed 15 Apr	9.15am	Rosary, Novena, Holy Mass
Thu 16 Apr	9.30 am	
Fri 17 Apr	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm	Holy Mass,

Third Sunday of Easter (19/4/2026)

Sat 18 Apr	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 19 Apr	10.00am	Parishioners

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £319.47, Envelopes: £148.00 Total: £467.47.
Thank you for your generosity.

Open Door teas and coffees

On Wednesday 15th April, we will have the next monthly get-together for parishioners to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and a chat from 11am to 12.15pm in the church. This is an opportunity for parishioners to spend some social time together. Do come along if you can.

Healing Service Sunday 19th April at 3pm

‘Jesus drew near to them’

There will be a Healing service on Sunday 19th April at 3pm, in the Church. This is an invitation to come to the Lord and pray for yourself, your family and others and to offer to Jesus your deepest needs. A music team are coming to aid our time of prayer. There will be a talk on healing by Deacon Joe and a period of healing where you will have the opportunity to reach out individually to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Deacon Joe

Two vacancies

Two Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator and Youth Mission Team Member. Further details

regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website.

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch: recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry Retreat Day

All those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Middyay. When: 18th April 2026 Time: 9.30pm to 4.00pm
Where: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid’s Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP. Please Register with Monika Golembiewska on 07549 226794 or email: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Quotes from Pope Leo’s Easter Sunday message

Pope Leo XIV has called on world leaders to lay down their weapons and choose “encounter” over domination. “Let those who have weapons lay them down!”, the Pope urged on Easter Sunday in his traditional Urbi et Orbi (“To the City and the World”) message. Pope Leo urged “those who have the power to unleash wars” to choose peace. This should not be a peace “imposed by force”, he stressed, but one achieved through dialogue – “not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them”. At Easter, the Pope said, Jesus won victory over death, and thereby “defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world”. However, Pope Leo stressed, the power with which Christ won this victory is “entirely nonviolent”, based on a love which “creates and generates”, “forgives and redeems”. This spirit of love and forgiveness, he said, is the “true strength” that establishes peace, and fosters relationships amongst individuals and societies.

The Pope stressed that Easter peace is not merely “the silence of weapons” but also an inner peace which “touches and transforms the heart of each one of us”. “Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ”, Pope Leo urged, entrusting to the Lord “all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give.”

Sick and Housebound

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Liz Forest, Aileen Antony, Marian Tolley, John Edwards, Linda Strohacker, Claire Smart, Eileen Iles and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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Second Sunday of Easter

Year A

The Introductory Rites

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R: **Amen.**

P. Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy. R. **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray.

All: 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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

R: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: The mystery of faith.

R: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

The Communion Rite

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

R: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

P: Behold the Lamb of God, ...

R: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**