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First Sunday of Advent (29/11/2026)

Sat 28 Nov	6.30pm	Shiela Robertson
Sun 29 Nov	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 30 Nov		No Mass, **St. Andrew, Ap**
Tue 1 Dec	9.30am	Service of Word and Communion in the convent
Wed 2 Dec	9.15am	Rosary, Novena, Holy Mass, Service of Word and Communion in the convent
Thu 3 Dec	9.30 am	Service of Word and Communion in the convent, **St. Francis Xavier, P, R**
Fri 4 Dec	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm	Veronica Jones

Second Sunday of Advent (6/12/2026)

Sat 5 Dec	6.30pm	John Morris
Sun 22 Dec	11.00am	Parishioners

Sunday Offerings
Weekly collection: Loose: £245.18 Envelopes: £142.00 Total: £387.18
Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Pastoral Letter
Bishop Mark's Advent Pastoral Letter will be read this weekend during the Holy Mass. Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available on the table at the back of the church.

Tea/Coffee after Mass on Sunday 29th November
Please join us for tea or coffee and a chat with fellow parishioners after Mass. Donations for teas/coffees contribute towards paying off the parish debt and will be gratefully received.

Catholic Primary School: consultation on admission arrangements for 2028-29
Our Lady and St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School has published a consultation document about its admissions policy for the school year 2028-2029. Prospective parents are invited to read the draft policy and submit any comments. Comments must reach the School or Shropshire Council by Friday 8th January 2027. The full draft and details of how to comment are on the School's admissions page: https://www.osoprimary.co.uk/admissions/

Santa Run – Change of Mass time
On **Sunday 6th December** there is a Santa Run in Oswestry. Since Upper Brook Street will be closed in the morning, **Holy Mass will be at 11.00am**.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027
As preparations for our 76th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now well underway, you are warmly invited to join the Management Team and other members of the pilgrimage for a launch event on Saturday 5th December 2026 at Saint Hugh and Saint John Parish in Timperley (WA14 5HL is the postcode for the car park). Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon in the church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall where more information about our 2027 pilgrimage will be available. We look forward to seeing you, and hope that you will be able to join us.

Advent Season
This week we begin the season of Advent. This is the first season of our liturgy and is a preparation for celebrating the Great Birthday of our Lord Jesus - Christmas. Let us earnestly prepare ourselves to receive Jesus into our hearts.

School Christmas Fair
A warm invitation to the annual Our Lady's PTFA Christmas Fair. Join us on Thursday 3rd December from 3.15 to 5pm in the school hall for a festive afternoon of fun, games and seasonal cheer. Doors open from 3pm. Every penny raised goes directly towards funding gardening projects, playground equipment or school trips for the children.

Primary School Information: Foundation Governor still wanted
Our school is still looking for another Foundation Governor. No prior experience of education or governance is required, as training and support are provided. What matters most is a commitment to the Catholic faith and a willingness to serve the school and wider Catholic community. Please consider volunteering for this role - see Fr. Philip or the school for more information.

Parish Finances
Last weekend we made an appeal for as many people as possible to change their method of giving to Standing Order and to Gift Aid it so that the parish gets a regular income and hopefully increased income. As mentioned last weekend, our expenses are higher than our income. If you are using the envelope system, again please consider Gift Aiding it. Please remember, cash put on the offertory plate needs to be counted and taken to the bank regularly which involves both time and cost traveling to Shrewsbury. If at all possible, Standing Orders are preferred! Thank you in advance for your help and assistance with the parish finances; we will get there but only if we all pull together.

Sick and Housebound
Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Aileen Antony, Linda Strohacker, Claire Smart, Eileen Iles, Rosemary Cawley and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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First Sunday of Advent
Year B

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:	Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 3-8
Responsorial Psalm:	**The God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel Acclamation:	**Alleluia, alleluia.** **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help.** **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Gospel:	Mark 13: 33-37

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)* **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.**