

3rd Sunday of Easter – Year ‘A’

19th April 2026

Mass times and intentions:

Saturday 18th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	St Mary’s Parishioners.
Sunday 19th	8.30 am 10.30 am	Emma & Mike Stanmore.
Monday 20th	9.15 am	
Tuesday 21st	9.15 am	Pauline Gibson.
Wednesday 22nd	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Adoration.
Thursday 23rd	9.15 am	
Friday 24th	9.15 am	
Saturday 25th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	
Sunday 26th	8.30 am 10.30 am	Agnieszka & Matthew Molloy.

Feast Days:

Thursday 23rd St George, M Patron of England.
Saturday 25th St Mark, Ev.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish, and our relatives: Anne & Philip Holland, Sheila Smith, Dorothy Harte, Margaret Scarlett, Margaret Shallcross.

Lately Dead: Your prayers are asked for **Pamela Vallely** who died recently and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Eternal rest give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Offertory Collections Last Sunday

Plate	£253.55	Gift Aided	£ 59.00
Standing Orders	£580.00 £833.55	Gift Aid Standing Orders	£510.00 £569.00
		Prospective Tax Refund	£142.25

Parish Account Details: Lloyds Bank, 30-15-52, 54576160

Live Streaming: Access the system via internet access Churchservices.tv/Congleton

This Week and Later

Sunday Morning Drinks in Parish Centre: Drinks available after 10.30am Mass today.

Children’s Liturgy (term time only): NO Children’s Liturgy this Sunday in the Parish Centre.

Family Mass (Sunday 10:30 am): This Sunday we will be celebrating our Family Mass. The children will be serving at the Mass, reading, bringing the Offertory and singing.

First Holy Communion 2026 for Children not at St Mary’s School: First Holy Communion lesson 3 will take place on **Sunday 19th April 2026** after 10:30 am Mass.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is the Catholic Church formal process for welcoming and forming new adult members into the Church, preparing them for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The next meeting is TBC.

Sick and Housebound: If you know of anyone who is unwell or currently in hospital and would appreciate a visit from Fr Francis, please feel free to contact 01260 273314 or email stmarysrc.congletton@gmail.com

Prayer Group: The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5th May 2026** in Davenport Lounge 7 pm – 8:30 pm. All welcome, please come along. Bring a Bible, a Rosary and Encounter prayer book, if you have one.

Meet, Greet and Eat: Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday 26th April 2026** 2pm to 4pm in the parish centre. For anyone who wishes to attend please email felicitya.whitelock@gmail.com or leave a message on 07871 165984 to give an idea of numbers to cater for.

Church Cleaning: Will take place on Thursday 30th April 2026 after the 9.15am Mass. Volunteers welcome.

Safeguarding Officer: We are seeking a Safeguarding Officer to join our team here at St Mary’s. This important role supports the safety and wellbeing of everyone who uses our church and activities. Full role details and the job description are displayed on the church noticeboard. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Safeguarding office email safeguarding@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Team are pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk along with a link to the new online booking system.

Volunteers Needed – Parish Centre Storeroom: We are looking for volunteers to help clear the parish centre storeroom. The clean-up will take place on **6th, 7th and 8th May 2026**, from **9:00am to 12:00 noon** each day.

The Storehouse Project: The growing economy has made us all aware of the massive increase in the cost of living, which is affecting everyone, particularly the poor. The Food Bank that we support at New Life has an increasing demand for its services. So, we must appeal to you for your support, however you can, in providing food and life necessities for those in need. THANK YOU.

Reflection

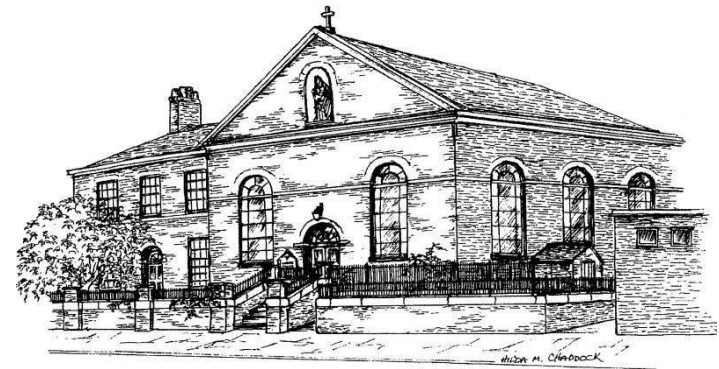
Easter – A time for Hope

As long as the sun comes over the hills,
Scatters the darkness, and fills the world with light,
As long as the fields get green again,
And the daisies and buttercups return;
As long as the trees fill up again with leaves,
There is hope for us and for the world.

So, come my friends,
Let us walk over the greening fields,
For the snow has melted and life is awakening from its sleep
And wanders through the hills and valleys.

Come, let us follow the footsteps of spring in the far-off fields.
Come, let us ascend the heights
And gaze upon the waving greenness of the plains below.

O come, let us rejoice this Easter Time,
For death has folded up his tent and gone away.



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Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.30pm plus Adoration from 7pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11.00am & 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Saturday of the Month 10am - 11am

Wednesday: 7pm before Mass at 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 11.30am - 12 noon & after 6.30pm Mass

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