First reading: Isaiah:1-10

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and under standing, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with
righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithful ness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

Second reading: Romans:15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.
The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 3:4,6

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."
Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Gospel of the Lord,

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7th Nov.		**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**		**Psalter Week II**
Sat	6th	5:00pm	Sheila & Martin Curry	***St Mary's***
Sun	7th	9:00am	Burr Family	***St Paul's***
		11:00am	Rowland Sheldon	***St Mary's***
Mon	8th	**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**		***Upper Room***
		9:30am	Word & Holy Communion	
Tues	9th	**Ferial**		***Upper Room***
		7.00pm	Brigie Field	
Wed	10th	**Ferial**		***St. Paul's***
		12.00pm	Brigid Stack	
Thurs	11th	**Ferial**		***Upper room***
		9.30am	Philip Egan	
Fri	12th	**Ferial**		**Upper Room**
		9.30am	Terry Whittaker	
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions	***St. Mary's***

14th December.		**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**		**Psalter Week III**
Sat	13th	5:00pm	Jason Jones	***St Mary's***
Sun	14th	9:00am	Jacob Akinola Famodimu	***St Paul's***
		11.00am	Tom Weatherstone	***St Mary's***
		1.00pm	Christmas Lunch Holiday Inn	

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ADVENT 2025

PARISH FINANCES.

Thanks to our parish finance group who met recently. We will have a financial review this Sunday. Jim Boyle will be speaking at all the masses.

EMERGENCY APPEAL

for those affected by the hurricane in the Caribbean, the Philippines, starvation in Sudan, and the earthquake in Afghanistan.
Money raised so far **£1067.50**
Many thanks for your generosity

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection: £1200.48
250 Club £671
Winner no. 65 P Keyrouz
Many thanks for your generosity

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in our prayers those who are sick:
David Gibson, Janet Ostrowski, John Forde, Alice Oliver,

We remember all those who have died recently: Brigie Field, Tom Weatherstone, Tim Murphy, Terry Whittaker, Thomas Kurivilla, Michael McCabe, Brian Toger.

Funeral: Tim Murphy
Our thoughts and prayers are with Tim's family. Requuiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 19th December at 12.30pm.

NEXT SUNDAY
PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH
14th DECEMBER 2025

1.00pm for 1.30 start.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

We will be welcoming into the parish community Erin Pichanick at the 5.00pm mass this weekend, when he will join us in the Eucharist for the first time. Jaycee Pollock will be baptised on 21st Dec. Please keep them both in your prayers.

CAR PARKING/ ST. MARY'S

The grass either side of the driveway has graves underneath and it is not suitable for parking. The grass will become churned up if people use it and mud brought into church! Please use car parks nearby if possible. Thanks
Fr. Michael

Dear church volunteer, the diocese has requested for all volunteers, who don't need a DBS, to be registered with them. Can you please complete the form and state all volunteer roles (i.e. reader, flowers, music, Eucharist Minister etc) you do within the church and return the form to Fr Michael or myself, so Fr can sign it.

Many thanks

Annette – parish safeguarding

LOURDES

Plans for our 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are nearing the final stage. 2026 will be our 75th anniversary pilgrimage, with the first Diocesan Pilgrimage taking place in 1951. Booking forms will be available in the new year.
There will be **midday** Mass St Mary's Crewe on 8th December to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

HAMPERS / HOSPICE

If you would like to support the good work of the Severn Hospice we have a raffle for a hamper in each Church, courtesy of a generous family in the parish.
Tickets are £1.00 per ticket or £5 per strip.

STAMPS

Noreen Small writes: I will be collecting all your used stamps (please leave ½" margin) in aid of the Telford branch of the MS Society. Thank you for your continuing support.

RECONCILIATION

We will celebrate our Mass of Reconciliation on Thursday 18th December at 7.00pm which includes confession. Otherwise, as usual 4-4.30pm on Saturdays.

DIARY

December

6th/7th	Second Sunday of Advent Teas and coffees
14th	Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Dinner Children's Liturgy
18th	Mass of Reconciliation 7pm
21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent Baptism: Jaycee Pollock
21st	Carol Service at St. Michael's Madeley. 6.30pm All welcome.
22nd	10.00am Mass
23rd	10.00am Mass

All masses over the Christmas period will be held at St. Mary's in Madeley.
Last mass at St. Paul's will be on Sunday 21st December and resuming again on Sunday 11th January.

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm	Children's Mass
8.00pm	Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Morning Mass
11.00am Daytime Mass