MARK
Bishop of Shrewsbury

DECREE

altering and defining the territorial boundary of the Cathedral Parish of Our Lady, Saint Peter of Alcantara and Saint Winefride, Shrewsbury, and making supplemental provision

Whereas (immediately consequent upon my decree of even date herewith effecting the closure of the parish of Saint Mary Magdalene, Much Wenlock and the transfer of part of the territory of that parish to be added to and form an integral part of the territory of the parish of Our Lady, Saint Peter of Alcantara and Saint Winefride, Shrewsbury, and for the just cause there indicated) there is a need to restate by accurate definition the extent of the new boundary of the parish after such transfer;

and whereas proper consultation has been conducted and, in particular, the matter has been considered by the Council of Priests (as required by cc. 515 §2 and 127) whose informed opinions I have heard and duly weighed;

and whereas necessary information has been sought and those who may be affected have in so far as possible been heard

Now 1. MARK, BISHOP of SHREWSBURY under and in accordance with canons 122, and 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law 1983 HEREBY DECREE as follows:

1. The territory of the Cathedral Parish of Our Lady, Saint Peter of Alcantara and Saint Winefride, Shrewsbury, shall henceforth comprise that within the boundary set forth in the schedule to this decree (which for the purposes of identification only is shown on the map annexed to this decree and coloured red).

2. The pastoral care exercised from my cathedral church (which continues to be the parish church of the cathedral parish) is reserved to myself as pastor and shall be exercised (saving any functions pertaining to the cathedral chapter under c. 503) on a day to day basis under my supervision by a team of assistant priests (to each of whom I delegate the powers normally exercisable by a parochial administrator) who currently comprise Fathers Edmund Montgomery, Anthony McGrath and Andrew Moss. The composition of the team may be changed by me from time to time.

3. Any question as to the construction of this decree, or as to the regularity or the validity of any matter under it, or as to the more precise location of the parish boundary shall be determined by me upon sufficient application to me by any person having a legitimate interest. Boundary alterations or adjustments which are not of such importance as to constitute notable or significant alterations for the
purposes of c. 515 §2 may be effected by me (after, if I see fit, any appropriate advice offered by the diocesan boundary commission).

4. The provisions of this decree shall take effect from midnight at the end of Saturday 31 March 2018.

AND I DIRECT that this decree be delivered to the parish clergy of the parish of Our Lady, Saint Peter of Alcantara and Saint Winefride, Shrewsbury; and that notice of its contents be publicly communicated by affixing them to a notice board available for consultation by the faithful at each of the public Masses celebrated in that parish on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. I further direct that the full text of this decree be published on the website of the Diocese of Shrewsbury (http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/).

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

SCHEDULE
(description of parish boundaries)

Commencing just north of the village of Myddle, which is in the parish the parish boundary runs in an easterly direction following a minor road and runs east just north of Grinshill, Clive and Preston Brockhurst which are all in the parish until the parish boundary reaches the A 49. The parish boundary continues in a north easterly direction north of Bedfor and Booley which are in the parish. The parish boundary continues in a south easterly direction towards the A442 just north of High Hatton which is in the parish and west of Peplow, which is not. The A 442 is used as the boundary until it reaches the B5062 at Crudgington, which is outside the parish, then it proceeds west along the B5063, the villages of Rowton, Moortown, Walsden, High Eccall and Muckleton are in the parish, the boundary turns a short distance south to the River Roden, just south of High Eccall and follows the river to the A5. At Norton the parish boundary runs in a south easterly direction and the parish includes Norton, Wroxeter, Donnington, Eaton Constantine but excludes Upper Longward. The parish boundary continues in a south eastern direction to the B4380, it crosses the River Severn, the parish includes Cressage but excludes Sheinton and Homer. At Homer the parish boundary turns in a south westerly direction and proceeds just south of Harley which is in the parish, the boundary follows Highley bank to a point which is north west of Highley, which is outside the parish and east of Church Preen which again falls outside the parish. At Church Preen the parish boundary runs directly north, until it reaches a point which is to the north east of Acton Burnell Castle, which is not in the parish and then it runs in a westerly direction until it reaches a point south of Dorrington. The villages of Acton Pigott, Ryton and Dorrington are in the parish. The parish boundary crosses the A49 it continues in a south westerly direction and runs between Pickescott, which is in the parish, and Woolstaston which is outside the parish. The parish boundary continues to run in this direction past Rattlinghope which is outside the boundary, south of bridges, which is in the boundary and runs south of The Bog continuing in a south westerly direction, crossing the A488 and excluding the villages of Hysington and Churchstoke, over the A490 until the parish Boundary reaches the English/Scottish Border, which it follows in north to north easterly direction to Melverley. The parish boundary continues in a north easterly direction following a minor road that runs in between Melverley Green and Melverley. Mavorley Green is outside the parish and Mavorley is in the parish and the parish boundary continues until it reaches the western side of the village of Pencre, which is in the boundary. At Pencre the parish boundary continues in a north westerly direction including Edgerley, Kimmeley and then it continues east to include Dovaston until it meets the A5. The parish boundary continues north until it reaches the B4397 and it follows this road until it reaches a minor road, which continues east back to Myddle. From the A5 the villages of Ruyton XI Towns, Baschurch fall in the boundary. [Note: The attached map is for guidance purposes, whenever possible natural boundaries such as roads and rivers and footpaths have been followed. Whenever a parish boundary follows a street or road containing residential dwellings, the street will not in principle be divided by the parish boundary line. All residential dwellings on both sides of the street in principle will fall within the parish. If at all possible and where reasonable disputes about boundary lines will be settled to the west, or south of any aforesaid mentioned road.]
Given at my Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury, under my hand and curial seal this 28th day of March, in the year 2018

† Mark Davies
Bishop of Shrewsbury

The Revd Philip White
Deacon
Chancellor