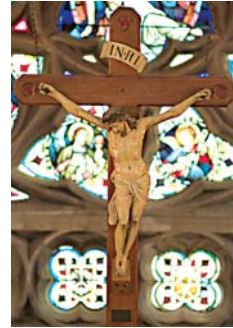




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SAINT MARY'S THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

This Gothic Revival church designed by E.W. Pugin was built in the mid 1850's by Richard Thompson, a local collier and iron master. It became the pro-Cathedral Diocese of Menevia when it was established in 1898. The coats of arms belonging to the bishops of that era, can be found on display in the Cathedral cloister. In 1987 it became the Cathedral Church of the newly created Diocese of Wrexham.

A shrine to Saint Richard Gwyn (c.1535-1584) commemorates a local teacher, husband and father who was martyred in Wrexham's Beast market in an age of religious intolerance. The Cathedral has many high quality stained glass windows that are memorials to families whose lives were irrevocably connected to the 19th – century growth of Wrexham as a town, and of the Catholic Church in Wales as it found new freedom following the Emancipation in 1829. Also to be seen is a replica of Michelangelo's Pietà and a plaque to the memory of flight Lieutenant David Lord, V.C.

Although the Cathedral stands at a busy road junction and serves the Catholic Community of Wrexham with regular Masses, it is a haven to all who care to step inside in search of peace, tranquility and hope.

FACILITIES:

- Visitors Car Parking
- Wheelchair Access
- Souvenirs, guidebooks and devotional items available
- Close to bus and railway stations
- Public Toilet facilities: Bus station, King Street

PLACES TO VISIT:

- Wrexham Tourist Information Centre
- Wrexham Town Centre shops & refreshments
- Retail park & Indoor markets
- Wrexham Museum
- Techniquest NEWI
- Waterworld
- St.Giles Parish Church

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OPENING TIMES: DAILY

8.30am - dusk or 5.30pm