

The Catholic Church in Crewe

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish



Newsletter

Saturday 27th January to Sunday 7th March 2021

FATHER JEROME'S MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

This week we had the cautious and optimistic briefings on the possible way forward for our country during the coming months. As a parish we must remain vigilant during the current national lockdown. We will wait until after April 12th to consider the possible provision of the Sacraments. The diocese are currently investigating the logistics for future weddings. At present we are not considering booking any dates, so as to avoid further disappointment for parishioners.

I wish to extend my thanks to our stewards for their continued dedication. Without their generosity our parish church would not be able to be open for Mass.

Please remember that if you have coronavirus, cold, or flu like symptoms you must not enter and will not be granted access to Saint Mary's church. If you do not wear a face covering (even for medical reasons) you are not allowed to enter Saint Mary's church.

On Friday I offered the Stations of the Cross for the people of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish.

Keep safe and well.
With my blessing and prayers,
Father Jerome (Parish Priest)

CHURCH OPENING GUIDELINES:

1. You must wear a face covering to enter Saint Mary's church. If you do not wear a face covering (even for medical reasons) stay at home.
2. Saint Mary's parish church is staffed by stewards when the church is open.
3. Please provide a note with your full name and telephone number in block capitals for the registration steward (and take the note away with you) Please also respect social distancing when you are registering. Avoid touching the registration table. Be aware and protect the health of our stewards.
4. Stewards will monitor the number of people allowed in church. (67 is the current limit) When that limit is met the doors will close.
5. Social distancing is to be strictly observed. You must sit in your allocated seat **and remain in your seat for the duration of Mass.**
6. There are no toilet facilities available.
7. Father Jerome will provide you with instructions for Holy Communion at each Mass. You must wear your face covering when receiving Holy Communion and you must not say "Amen" or speak when receiving Holy Communion! When you have received the host then stand aside and consume the host and then make your way to the exit.
8. There is a clearly marked one way system for entry and exit. Enter only via the main front door and exit only via the disabled access door.
9. Our stewards will sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Please remove your own gloves when you enter the church and keep them off until you leave. Yours hands must be sanitised.
10. **Children must remain with and be supervised by adults at all times. It is recommended that children aged over 3 wear a face mask or face covering.**
11. **If you have any symptoms of the virus, or cold/flu like symptoms, then you must not under any circumstances come to, or visit the church.**
12. Please bring all your belongings with you to receive Holy Communion as you will be directed by stewards to leave the church once you have received Holy Communion from Father Jerome.
13. Please be aware of the possibility that the pandemic may affect future church opening provision and do continue to pray for all those involved in steering us through this crisis.
14. The Sunday and Holy Day Obligation does not apply during the Pandemic.
15. Parishioners may only attend funerals if they have been directly invited by the family. Only 30 people may attend a funeral and the guest list is maintained between the family and Father Jerome.

Test and Trace QR Code

In helping with the national Test and Trace initiatives a QR code has been displayed at our front entrance. This may also serve as a source of additional encouragement indicating that we aim for the highest standards of Covid safety. In the event of a positive test amongst a congregation member this will give some reassurance as the app will alert those in closest contact to self-isolate. If you have the NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace App please scan the QR code **and then turn your mobile phone off when you enter the church!**

Offertory Collection

The total for 20th/21st February was £990.24.

Each total includes standing orders. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of Saint Mary's Parish. The collection basket is available at registration table and at the Sanctuary within church.

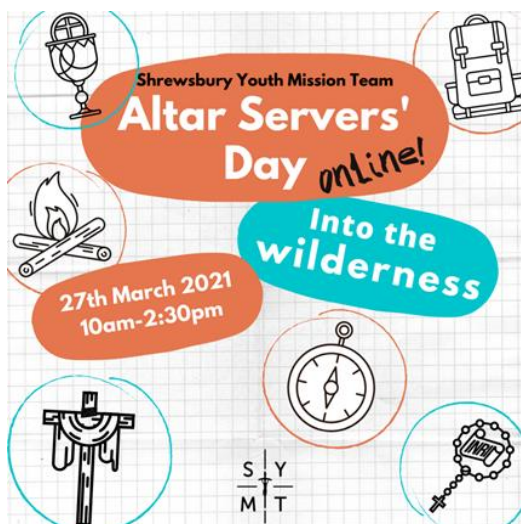
The Faithful Departed

We ask your prayers for those whose funerals will take place through the parish over the coming weeks: Shirley Margaret Conway, Betty Dennis, Vincent William Harold Woodbridge, Geoffrey Michael Matthews, Joe O'Reilly. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

You may only attend these funerals if you have been directly invited by the family and your name is on the attendance list which is collated by the family and is then held by the presbytery. A limit of 30 invited guests may attend funerals during the pandemic.

Retired Priests' Fund Special Collection

While it is not practical to hold this important collection this year, it is still possible to contribute to the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund










What: 2nd annual Altar Servers Day
“The Wilderness – A survival guide”
Prayer and reflection alongside activities, games and lots of fun.

Where: Zoom

When: 27th March 2021 – 10am-2.30pm

Who: Any young person 10 to 18 who serves in the parish (or at least did before last March)

How: interested – send an email to youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org and we will send you all the information you need.

COMING UP		LENT 2021
 INTO THE WILDERNESS A SURVIVAL GUIDE 		
DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES Activities, scripture, reflection, prayer & a challenge for each week of Lent.		YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM Ash Wednesday Liturgy 17th February, 4pm Monday Morning Live Mondays, 9.30am Clergy Cafe Wednesdays, 4pm Search and subscribe to the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team YouTube channel
	EXPLORE LENT 3rd March - Live from St Peter's Hazel Grove 17th March - Live from St Edward's Runcorn	
THE COLLECTIVE An online group for young adults aged 18+ to have fun, meet others and grow in faith. Next meeting: Talk followed by Q&A with Sr Linda Pergega FDC Thursday 4th March, 7pm		GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK A guide for young people to each liturgy of Holy Week followed by live streaming from around the Diocese.
SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM		

LENTEN RETREAT

Father Denis McBride will be leading a FREE online retreat this Lent, based on his two books Reflecting with Paintings Vol 1 and Vol 2.

The retreat will launch on our website this Wednesday 24th February.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk>

Each video will be uploaded to the site first thing on each given date for you to watch. Once released, you can choose to watch each video at a day/time that suits you. Each video, once released, will stay on the webpage.

New year - new start?

Do you have **questions about life?** 

Everyone should have the opportunity to explore faith, question the meaning of life and share their point of view.

Alpha is a chance to do that with coffee and a chat in your own home whilst on line.

If you join, we won't call you after or write unless you wish - the ball is completely in your court. What have you got to lose?

When: Thursdays 7:30pm
14th January to 25th March 2021

Where: Zoom meeting: ID 885 8876 7580
Password: 807850

Contact: Tel: 01270 669126
Email: lovecrewealpha@gmail.com
Web: www.lovecrewe.co.uk



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Alpha

online

Mass Times during the week

Saturday 27th February

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Church opens at 5pm, closes at 5:40pm)

5:30pm Mass Intention

(The People of the Parish)

Sunday 28th February

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 8:15am, closes at 9am)

8:45am Mass Intention

(Teresa Maguire)

Second Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 9:30am, closes at 10:10am)

10am Mass Intention

(Serafim Ximenes)

Third Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 10:45am, closes at 11:25am)

11:15am Mass Intention

(Father Jerome's Family Intentions)

Weekday Masses are offered without a congregation

Saturday 6th March

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(Church opens at 5pm, closes at 5:40pm)

5:30pm Mass Intention

(Jenny Lancashire)

Sunday 7th March

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 8:15am, closes at 9am)

8:45am Mass Intention

(Horace and Patricia Allen)

Second Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 9:30am, closes at 10:10am)

10am Mass Intention

(Olive Vera Shore)

Third Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 10:45am, closes at 11:25am)

11:15am Mass Intention

(The people of the parish)

CHURCH SERVICES TV

You will find daily and Sunday celebrations of Holy Mass and other devotions throughout the lockdown on <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Father Jerome also recommends the many sources of information and prayer that are available on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In place of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions, please pray the following prayer in your homes.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS (those with envelopes numbers 1-150)

The tax year 2020/21 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please contact the Parish Office by email by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

CREWE FOOD BANK REQUEST

We have been so grateful for people's generosity over recent months and we really appreciate all the food donations we have received, particularly leading up to Christmas. Unfortunately, we have started to run short of certain items:-

- UHT milk
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Pot noodles/ instant noodles
- Instant pasta and sauce
- Tinned sandwich meat
- Jam
- Rice

Donations of any of the things listed above would be really helpful, and can be dropped off at our back gate in St Paul's Street anytime between 9.30 and 3.30 Monday to Friday. Thank you for your ongoing support.



LITTLEWAY
HEALING MINISTRIES

**Invitation to a Prayer and Praise Event on Zoom Tuesday 16th March
7:00 - 9:00pm**

Dates for your diaries:

- Tue 16th Mar 2021 - Lenten Evening of Prayer 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Tue 20th Apr 2021 - Praise and Prayer event 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Tue 18th May 2021 - Praise and Prayer event 7:00 - 9:00 pm

All via Zoom

Contact Nick Lazenby for further details.

**MASS PARTS FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)
Psalter Week 2 Weekday Cycle 1**

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!" **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Philippians 3:8-14; Ps 1; Matthew 5:13-16

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10. 16-20; Ps 49; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps 30; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4.12-13.17-28; Ps 104; Matthew 21:33-43.45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Ps 102; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-3.7-8.12-17; Ps 18; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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Personal Assistant to the Parish Priest and Parish Administrator: Mrs Helena Jarecka (Furloughed until further notice)

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