

# The Catholic Church in Crewe

## Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish

### Newsletter

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**



#### FATHER JEROME'S MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week 2021: It will not be possible to guarantee any of the 67 seats for the Mass of the Lords Supper on Holy Thursday (1st April at 7pm) or the Celebration of the Lords Passion on Good Friday (2nd April at 3pm)

If you would like to apply for a seat at one of these events, please forward a letter indicating which service you wish to attend along with your full name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS along with your telephone number and email address to either the Presbytery letter box (Do not ring the door-bell when you do so) or you can pass your letter onto a steward when you register for weekend Mass. Do not email your request. If you do email, your email will be deleted.

- If you are an individual submit one letter.
- If you are a couple submit one letter with both your details.
- If you are a family submit one letter with each person's details and you may only request a maximum of four seats.
- All requests must be from one household or social bubble.

The final date for submission of your requests is Sunday 21st March. Submission of your application will not guarantee you a seat. Places will be allocated via a lottery system. The names of those who have been given seats for Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be published in the newsletter.

Easter 2021: While our online Christmas booking worked very well, we were disappointed by those who did not turn up and thus deprived many people of a seat at Christmas Mass. There will be no booking system for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses which will operate in the same way as our weekend Masses. First come first seated. If the Mass you arrive at is full we will kindly ask you to attend the next Mass. It will not be possible to provide a seat for everyone. You continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass and I continue to advise you to remain at home for your good health and safety during this national lockdown.

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 children and young 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!**

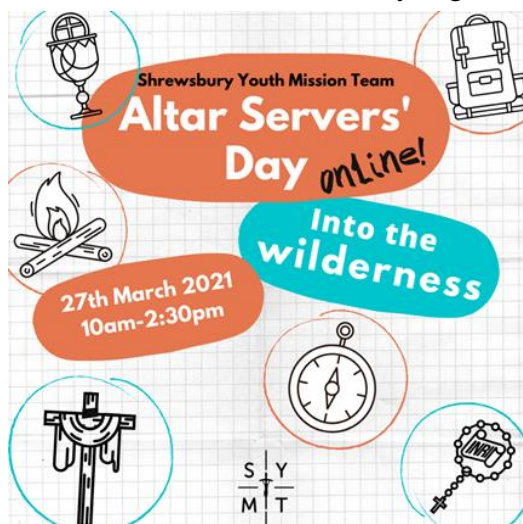
### Offertory Collection

The total for 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> February was £1140.22.

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.

### 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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund)










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

**Where:** Zoom

**When:** 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) and we will send you all the information you need.

<b>COMING UP</b>		<b>LENT 2021</b>
 <b>INTO THE WILDERNESS</b> <b>A SURVIVAL GUIDE</b> 		
<b>DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES</b> Activities, scripture, reflection, prayer & a challenge for each week of Lent.		<b>YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM</b> 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
	<b>EXPLORE LENT</b> 3rd March - Live from St Peter's Hazel Grove  17th March - Live from St Edward's Runcorn	<b>GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK</b> A guide for young people to each liturgy of Holy Week followed by live streaming from around the Diocese.
<b>THE COLLECTIVE</b> 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		<b>SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM</b> 

## 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 videos can be found at <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk>

Each video will be uploaded to the site first thing on a Wednesday 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](mailto:lovecrewealpha@gmail.com)

**Web:** [www.lovecrewe.co.uk](http://www.lovecrewe.co.uk)

**2021**

**Alpha**

**online**



*Mass Times during the week*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

5:30pm Mass Intention

(Jenny Lancashire)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

*Weekday Masses are offered without a congregation*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

5:30pm Mass Intention

(Ellen Fraser, Anthony Rocks)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Sunday Mass**

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

8:45am Mass Intention

(Lily and Joy France)

**Second Sunday Mass**

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

10am Mass Intention

(Dinis Faria and Augusta Da Silva)

**Third Sunday Mass**

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

11:15am Mass Intention

(Vincent and Tony Allen)

## **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

## **Saint Vincent DePaul Update**

If the SVP can be of assistance to you, please contact Martin Massey on 567263 or 07707 781500

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

The tax year 2020/21 will be coming to an end on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 UPDATE FEBRUARY**

Donations of food received during February weighed 2006kg and we were able to help 212 people during the month.

If you are able to donate, we are currently running low on tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned ham, tinned corned beef, tea bags, rice, long life cakes/puddings, and tins/cartons of custard.

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 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Thank you for your ongoing support.



**LITTLEWAY**  
HEALING MINISTRIES

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

**Dates for your diaries:**

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

**All via Zoom**

Contact Nick Lazenby for further details.

**MASS PARTS FOR  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)  
Psalter Week 3 Weekday Cycle 1**

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-3.7-8.12-17

**Response to the Psalm:** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:22-25

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:13-25

**SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday:** 2 Kings 5:1-15; Ps 41; Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Daniel 3:25. 34-43; Ps 24; Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 4: 1. 5-9; Ps 147; Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jeremiah 7:23-28; Ps 94; Luke 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hosea 14: 2-10; Ps 80; Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hosea 5: 15-6:6; Ps 50; Luke 18: 9-14

**Sunday:** Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23; Ps 136; Ephesians 2:4-10

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