

The Catholic Church in Crewe
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish
Newsletter

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Saturday 5th February to Sunday 13th February 2022



If you have the NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace App please scan the QR code as you enter church and then turn your mobile phone off when you enter the church.

YOU MUST TAKE THIS SINGLE USE NEWSLETTER HOME. DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH!

FATHER JEROME'S MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK

There are many funerals taking place through the parish over the coming weeks. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dominic Thomas Lynch, Joseph (Joe) Sasi, Lydia Machin, Joan Shannon, Anne Rickard, and Peter William Beechley.

Thank you to those who are working on their responses to the Synod questions. Please forward your replies to any of the discussion points as indicated in last weekend's newsletter. Good to hear the comments on the ever growing walls for the new Saint Mary's Caritas Centre. You will notice the building coming together over the coming days and weeks. Please keep the workers in your daily prayers.

Please continue to follow our Covid-safe guidance.

With my prayers and blessings,
Father Jerome (Parish Priest)

GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

- please continue to sanitise your hands on arrival and when leaving church.
- NHS Test and Trace is still available for you to use via the newsletter and church boards.
- we ask for your continued support to observe social distancing.
- you must continue to wear a face covering. You must provide your own face covering from now on. Children aged 11+ must also wear face coverings.
- follow the directions of our stewards for Holy Communion. Keep your face mask on as you receive Communion, then stand aside, consume the Blessed Sacrament, and make your way back to your seat.
- please do not come to church if you are ill or showing symptoms of Covid, flu, cold, or even a cough.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.



MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday 5th February 2022

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Retiring Collection: Sudan Baby Appeal)

(Church opens at 5pm)

5:30pm Mass (Paul Connolly)

7pm Mass in the Polish Language

Sunday 6th February 2022

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Retiring Collection: Sudan Baby Appeal)

(Church opens at 8:15am)

9am Mass (Anne Rickard, Michael Dell)

Sacrament of Reconciliation directly after Mass

11am Mass (Shirley Conway)

12:45pm Mass in the Polish Language

Tuesday 8th February

12pm Funeral Service for Dominic Thomas (Tom)
Lynch

Wednesday 9th February

10am Mass (Patrick Ethrivi Losa)

12:30pm Funeral Service for Joseph (Joe Sasi)

Friday 11th February

9:30am Mass (Margaret Lillis)

Saturday 12th February 2022

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Church opens at 5pm)

5:30pm Mass (Secular Clergy)

Sacrament of Reconciliation directly after Mass

7pm Mass in the Polish Language

Sunday 13th February 2022

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Church opens at 8:15am)

9am Mass (The O'Brien Family)

11am Mass (The People of the Parish)

12:45pm Mass in the Polish Language

**You remain dispensed from the Sunday and Holy Day
Obligation to attend Mass.**

Offertory Collection

The total for 29th/30th January was £1319.66 approx. This total includes standing orders. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of Saint Mary's Parish.

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Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Sue Sarson can be contacted via the Presbytery Office.

Response to the Psalm

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! *I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy
on us; you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father; have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all
things were made. For us men and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, and by the
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and
became man. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe
in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in
one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

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Entrance – Follow me

Refrain: Follow me, follow me,
leave your home and family,
leave your fishing nets and boats upon the shore.
Leave the seed that you have sown,
leave the crops that you have grown,
leave the people you have known and follow me.

The foxes have their holes
and the swallows have their nests,
but the Son of Man
has no place to lie down.
I do not offer comfort,
I do not offer wealth,
But in me will all happiness be found.

If you would follow me,
you must leave old ways behind.
You must take my cross
and follow on my path.
You may be far from loved ones,
you may be far from home,
but my Father will welcome you at last.

Although I go away
you will never be alone.
For the Spirit will be
there to comfort you.
Though all of you may scatter,
each follow his own path,
still the Spirit of love will lead you home.

Communion – Take me Lord

Take me, Lord, use my life in the way you wish to do.
Fill me, Lord, touch my heart till it always thinks of you.
Take me now, as I am, this is all I can offer.
Here today I, the clay, will be moulded by my Lord.

Lord, I pray that each day I will listen to your will.
Many times I have failed but I know you love me still.
Teach me now, guide me, Lord, keep me close to you always.
Here today I, the clay, will be moulded by my Lord.

I am weak, fill me now with your strength and set me free.
Make me whole, fashion me so that you will live in me.
Hold me now in your hands, form me now with your Spirit.
Here today I, the clay, will be moulded by my Lord.

Recessional – I, the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

Parents/Carers should have received an email with the link to Session 5 of the programme. Please check your spam/junk folders as well as your Inbox. Please ensure your child works through the session. Your child has until 5th February to complete the session and submit the assessment. Please note that sometimes the screen take a few seconds to load up, please be patient. If you have not completed the previous sessions yet, please take this opportunity to catch up.

Session 6 will be issued on Monday 7th February. Please also ensure that your children do not go to receive communion when at Mass as they have not been prepared or received their First Holy Communion yet. They are more than welcome to receive a blessing by placing their hand across their chest.

CARITAS CRIB OFFERINGS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Crib Offerings over the Christmas period. A total of £325.09 was collected and has been sent on to Caritas.

ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS

The tax year 2021/22 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 Helena in the office before 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 FOODBANK ST PAULS PANTRY

An amazing 3888.12 kg of food was donated in December! This is a tremendous total, and we are so grateful as the pantry has become very short of several food items.

In December St Paul's Pantry has provided 358 people with crisis food parcels which represents 126 households.

Ordinary long life food items are still really the main priority, and we are currently continuously short of items such as UHT milk, jam and long-life cakes/puddings.

St. Mary's will be re-commencing collections of long-life items again and the crate for donations is located in the outer porch on the left hand side as you enter the church by the arched door. Donations of food – tinned or packet - must preferably have a long use-by date. Please do not donate fresh items as St Pauls have no storage facilities for fresh food. Thank you.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dominic Thomas Lynch, Joseph (Joe) Sassi, Lydia Machin, Joan Shannon, Anne

Rickard, and Peter William Beechey whose funerals will take place through the parish over the coming weeks. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Our Catholic schools are a vital part of our parish communities, and by law diocesan schools have governing bodies made up of various categories of governor - the majority of which are Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are practising Catholics who are appointed by the Bishop to help support him in ensuring the 'Catholicity' of a school amid all the other objectives that are required by Law.

If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 0151 652 9855. The required forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

READING GROUP is starting up again!

The next Reading Group will meet on Tuesday 7th June at 2:30pm at Wistaston Hall. We will be reading and discussing I am David by Anne Holm. All welcome. For further information, please contact: Sheila Kane, 588320.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

Has now re-commenced on Thursdays from 10:45-11:45am in the Parish rooms. All are most welcome to attend. Please contact Margaret Hughes 01270 668873 or Sheila Kane 01270 588320 for further information.

SKIRTS

We have received a donation of 4 pleated checked skirts, sizes 20 and 22, new with labels. Available for a donation to the SVP. If anyone is interested please see Helena in the office.

ST MARY'S SVP- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The SVP will meet in the parish rooms at the Presbytery on Wednesday 9th February at 10:30am. We received several donations over Christmas to support our work. Thank you for your generosity.

SUDAN BABY APPEAL - 5TH/6TH FEBRUARY

A retiring collection will be taken this weekend for the Sudan Baby appeal. We apologise sincerely but the envelopes and gift aid forms did not arrive 😞

Donations can also be made online at

<https://www.svp.org.uk/twinnage/can-you-help-bring-peace>

Every penny donated will be sent to support the SVP members' work in the Sudan of feeding pre-school children; providing homes and safety for street children; giving Vocational training in a wide range of subjects; offering free medical care to displaced persons and supplying life-giving clean water.

Thank you in advance of your generous support.

TEA/COFFEE AND A CHAT

A few of the Parishioners have started meeting up in the Market Hall, Crewe for a tea or coffee and a chat on Fridays between 11:30am-12:30pm. All Parishioners are more than welcome to come along and join in. For further details please speak to Margaret Hughes tel. 01270 668873.

THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE WORKING HOURS

Helena will be working from home every Monday and the Presbytery and Church will be closed on that day every week. Helena will be working from the Presbytery Office Tuesday to Friday 9am-2pm.