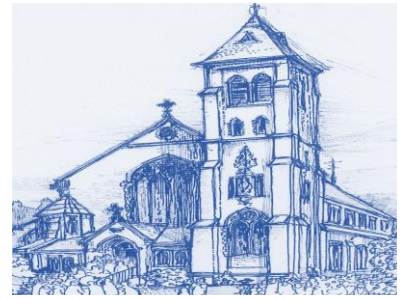


**The Catholic Church in Crewe**  
**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish**  
**Newsletter**

**The Second Sunday in Lent (C)**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**



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

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

Thank you to those who submitted responses to the Synod questions. I have forwarded the parish response to the diocese, and they can be viewed on our webpage. There is a lot for us to be proud of and much for us to discuss. I would encourage you to have a look at the rest of the responses from parishes around the diocese – some of which make for interesting reading. Thank you also to those who submitted their responses through the diocese and the Vatican.

Ben Gilchrist had to postpone his meeting with parish stakeholders. He has assured me that we will provide us with his next update on Saint Mary's Caritas Centre once he has met with them on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

I leave you with this important message from Pope Francis to the Word: *Dear brothers and sisters, rivers of blood and tears are flowing in Ukraine. It is not merely a military operation, but a war, which sows death, destruction, and misery. The number of victims is increasing, as are the people fleeing, especially mothers and children. Let us pray together for Ukraine. Let us pray together, as brothers and sisters, to Our Lady, Queen of Ukraine... War is madness! Stop, please! Look at this cruelty!*

With my prayers for the coming week,  
Father Jerome

**NHS Test & Trace – Termination of QR code**

Thank you for supporting NHS Test and Trace by using the NHS COVID-19 app. From 24 February 2022, most of the remaining COVID-19 guidance in England was lifted. This means that there is no longer a requirement to 'check in' by scanning the NHS COVID-19 QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app.

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nora Timmis whose funeral will take place at Saint Mary's on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12 noon. Nora was 103 years of age, and Bernard Gordon Smith. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

**GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS**

- please continue to sanitise your hands on arrival and when leaving church.
- 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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

(Church opens at 5pm)

5:30pm Mass (Gerard Baldwin)

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available directly after this Mass*

7pm Mass in the Polish Language

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

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

(Church opens at 8:15am)

9am Mass (Ellen Fraser, The Nadin and Buxton Families)

11am Mass (Breda McCaffrey)

12:45pm Mass in the Polish Language

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Mass (The People of Ukraine)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – The Feast of Saint Patrick**

10am Mass (Lily and Joy France)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

12:15pm Mass (George Jones)

6pm Stations of the Cross led by the RCIA

7:15pm Stations of the Cross in the Polish language

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

(Church opens at 5pm)

5:30pm Mass (Fr David Craig)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

(Church opens at 8:15am)

9am Mass (Mr and Mrs Stanley and Rose Kelsall)

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available directly after this Mass*

11am Mass (Eithne Brigid Cartwright)

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

### Offertory Collection

The total for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March was £1781.44 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

*The Lord is my light and my help.*

### 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!**

### THE GLORIA

is not said or sung during Lent.

### 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.

### 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.

## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

### The Second Sunday in Lent (C)

#### Entrance – Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

#### Communion – Jesus remember me (Taize)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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#### Repeat:

#### Recessional – Longing for light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

**Refrain:** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

#### Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

#### Refrain

#### FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

Parents/Carers should have received an email this week with a link to Session 7 of the programme. The completion date for this work is 20<sup>th</sup> March. Session 8, which is the final session, will be issued on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

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.

#### FRAUD PREVENTION AND AWARENESS INFORMATION - TAKE FIVE OVER TEA

The aim of Take Five over Tea is to encourage families to sit down with parents/grandparents and anyone else they think may be vulnerable to financial fraud whether in their own home, or online, and then discuss the advice provided.

Fraud and Scams have a devastating impact on all those who fall for them, and a Take Five toolkit and document has been developed to provide advice and help families set up their own discussions. This can be accessed via their website, link below:

<https://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk>

The logo for St Paul's Centre features a stylized cross above the text 'St Paul's Centre'. Below this, the words 'Hope | Dignity | Confidence | Opportunity' are written in a smaller font, with each word in a different color: Hope (blue), Dignity (green), Confidence (red), and Opportunity (purple).

**VACANCY Closing date: 20th March 2022**

#### St Paul's Centre, Crewe - Operations Manager

Based in central Crewe the St Paul's Centre is a growing Christian Charity offering a wide range of projects and services. These include a large furniture re-use scheme, a busy food bank, a cycle project, and a café.

We are looking for an Operations Manager who will be at the centre of the Charity's activities, providing leadership and enabling services to operate effectively and safely. This is a full-time post (37.5 hours per week), and the annual salary is £30,000. The postholder will manage core services, and be responsible for Health & Safety, the development of operational procedures and management information.

The successful candidate will need to have proven leadership skills, project management, and experience of Health and Safety management (including knowledge of legislation, and safe working practices). Contact details: For a detailed job description, person specification and application form please contact John Rivers at [john.rivers@stpaulscentre.org.uk](mailto:john.rivers@stpaulscentre.org.uk)

### ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS

The tax year 2021/22 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 Helena in the office before 5<sup>th</sup> 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

We want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who have collected and donated food. An amazing 1815.87 kg of food was donated in January! This is a tremendous total, and we are so grateful as the pantry has become very short of several food items.

Unfortunately demand for food parcels is still high. In January St Paul's Pantry has provided 255 people with crisis food parcels which represents 105 households. We would really appreciate it if you could get any food items to us ASAP. Please remember that 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.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Will be re-commencing their meetings from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the parish rooms. All ladies most welcome.

### EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS



Donations for this year's Easter Flowers may now be made. Please write the person's name (IN CAPITALS PLEASE) for whom you wish to dedicate the flowers to and put them in an envelope.

Please return the envelope to the Parish Office (9am-2pm Monday to Friday) or in the Offertory Collections by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April to guarantee that the names will be added to the list. A maximum of two names may be offered for each envelope. The names will be read out during the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## Love Crewe Celebration

Worship, encouragement and  
prayer for Crewe

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
at 6:00 PM for coffee and cake  
and 6:30 PM start

West Street Christian Fellowship,  
Richard Street, Crewe, CW1 3HE

### GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please would those Parishioners who donate through the gift aid scheme i.e. those Parishioners who pay tax (envelope numbers 1-150), collect their envelopes from the tables at the back of church by the confessional. They should be in **ALPHABETICAL** order.

If you pay tax and are interested in joining the scheme, please speak to Helena, we have lost several donors over the last couple of years – it is very simple to join and the church will benefit from an extra 20% on top of your offertory donation. Thank you.

### RCIA

Will be meeting from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the Parish Rooms – new volunteer catechists most welcome!

### 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.

### SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

We are delighted to be able to return to Lourdes after an absence of two years. The Pilgrimage is from 29 July-4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August by coach. Overland prices start at £440 and by air at £710. For brochures and booking forms please visit the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or contact the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4UX. Please contact Martin Massey if you are interested in attending 07707 781500.

### ST MARY'S SVP-- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The SVP will meet in the parish rooms at the Presbytery on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at **10:30am**

**VACANCY - EVANGELIST AND WORKER WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS** 15 hours a week Crewe By Farndon family & community methodist church

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We seek an enthusiastic and inspirational evangelist to come and build relationships with children and young adults with your unique gifts?

We will pay a salary of £10.40 per hour. Enhanced safeguarding certificate will be required. Start as soon as possible. The closing date is 12 noon 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022. For further details please contact Rev Malcolm Lorimer maxcricket@btinternet.com 01270 625278

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