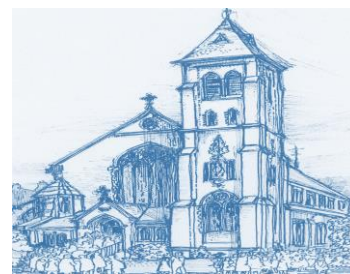


**The Catholic Church in Crewe**  
**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish**  
**Newsletter**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022**



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

**MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK**

This weekend we welcome and thank Father Artur Stelmach and Father Paul Standish, who will be celebrating this weekend's Masses.

We are very grateful to Father Paul Standish and the deanery clergy for taking on the pastoral care of the parish and the celebration of Mass and the sacraments.

Please continue to remember Fr Jerome and the Parish in your prayers during this time.

The Bishops of England and Wales met in Cardiff and have prepared a statement, which is enclosed in this newsletter, marking, from next Sunday, the end of the provisions, regarding the Sunday Mass obligation made more than two years ago for Catholics unable to attend Mass in the conditions of a pandemic.

From this weekend onwards Holy Water is available in the stoups (which will be cleaned weekly) and also in the water pot in the porch which is for the use of Parishioners.

Please note requests for Mass Intentions can still be submitted in the normal manner. Envelopes are available, at the moment, from the office or by asking Jenny Forti or Peter Losa.



We welcome into our Parish family and pray for Zachary Daniel Meir and Patrick Michael Stokes who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Our thanks to Deacon Peter Lafferty for celebrating the Sacrament.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Roksana Babula, Martina Marekova, Samuel Adam Martin, Allie-Mae Frances McClean, Julia Michnej, Jessica Miranda Mountford, Dylan Trevor Proudlove, Anita Russell, Ewan Russell, Jenzen Jerzy Turner, Olivier Wlodarek, Isla Felicity Whelan, Louie Williams and Maya Wilkinson will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them, their families and friends, and our Priests and Catechists in your prayers.

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jan Anthony Rubanowicz, whose Requiem Mass will be conducted at St Mary's Church by Father Tony Grace on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11am and Mrs Mary Ninian Bennett (known as Maureen) whose Requiem Mass will be conducted at St Mary's by Father Tony Grace on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 1:30pm. 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 may continue to wear a face covering if you wish to do so, however, this is not compulsory. Please please considerate of other people if you are not wearing a mask.
- follow the directions of our stewards for Holy Communion. If wearing a face mask, please keep it 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.

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

## MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**(Retiring Collection for World**  
**Communications Day)**

(Church opens at 5pm)

5:30pm Mass (Father Jerome and all clergy)

7pm Mass in the Polish Language

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**(Retiring Collection for World**  
**Communications Day)**

(Church opens at 8:15am)

9am Mass (Kate Brown)

11am Mass (Peter O'Donnell)

12:45pm Mass in the Polish Language

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**The Solemnity of Pentecost**  
(Church opens at 5pm)

5:30pm Mass (Isidoro Alves RIP)

7pm Mass in the Polish Language

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
**The Solemnity of Pentecost**  
(Church opens at 8:15am)

9am Mass (Deceased Victims and suffering people  
of Ukraine and Syria)

11am Mass (Lena O'Connell RIP)

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 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May was £1330.05 approx. This includes standing orders. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of Saint Mary's Parish.

**Parish Priest:** Saint Mary's Presbytery, 13 Gatefield Street, Crewe, CW1 2JP

**Telephone:** 01270 212533

 @stmaryscrewe  St. Mary's RC Church, Crewe

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

### Response to the Psalm

*The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia.*

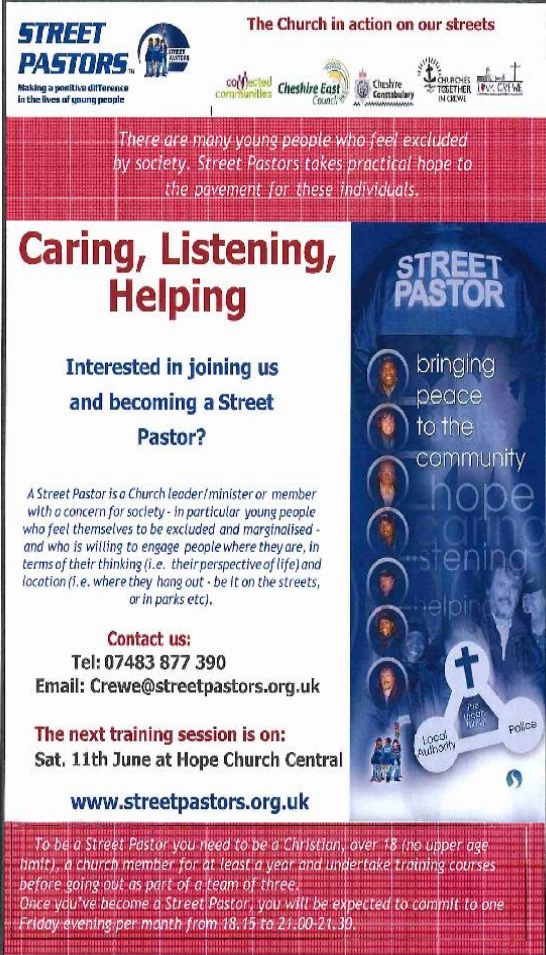
### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN THE AREA

Saint Anne's, Nantwich – Tuesday and Thursday  
10am

Saint Winefride's, Sandbach - Wednesday and  
Friday at 12 noon.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please speak to the Priest before Mass if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**STREET PASTORS**  
Making a positive difference in the lives of young people

The Church in action on our streets

collected communities Cheshire East Council Cheshire Constabulary CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CREWE

There are many young people who feel excluded by society. Street Pastors takes practical hope to the pavement for these individuals.

## Caring, Listening, Helping

**Interested in joining us and becoming a Street Pastor?**

A Street Pastor is a Church leader/minister or member with a concern for society - in particular young people who feel themselves to be excluded and marginalised - and who is willing to engage people where they are, in terms of their thinking (i.e. their perspective of life) and location (i.e. where they hang out - be it on the streets, or in parks etc).

**Contact us:**  
Tel: 07483 877 390  
Email: [Crewe@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:Crewe@streetpastors.org.uk)

**The next training session is on:**  
Sat. 11th June at Hope Church Central  
[www.streetpastors.org.uk](http://www.streetpastors.org.uk)

To be a Street Pastor you need to be a Christian, over 18 (no upper age limit), a church member for at least a year and undertake training courses before going out as part of a team of three. Once you've become a Street Pastor, you will be expected to commit to one Friday evening per month from 18.15 to 21.00-21.30.

### 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.

**Please note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June have been designated Bank Holidays to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The office and church, therefore, will be closed on these days.**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY/SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
RETIRING COLLECTION**

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

Pope Francis has set a theme for this day: Listening with the ear of the heart (or as Pope Francis puts it: The apostolate of the ear). His message can be accessed here:

[www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20220124-messaggiocomunicazioni-sociali.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20220124-messaggiocomunicazioni-sociali.html)

This Sunday, World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. We thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>



**LITTLEWAY**  
HEALING MINISTRIES

**'Freedom through Jesus'**

**We continue to run twice monthly evenings of Praise, Prayer and Healing using Zoom.  
Everyone is most welcome to join us!**

**Our next event dates are:**

**Thurs 2nd June; Tues 21st June; Thurs 7th July; Tues 19th July;  
Thurs 4th Aug and Tues 16th Aug all from 7pm -9pm.**

**Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/98503370245>**

**Meeting ID: 985 0337 0245 Password: 643344**



**LITTLEWAY**  
HEALING MINISTRIES

**Freedom through Jesus**

**Our Healing of Memories Foundation Courses have resumed in 2022 with the following schedule:**

**Mon 16th - Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Mullaghmore, Ireland**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Sun 12<sup>th</sup> June at Clare Priory, Suffolk**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Aug at St Columba's House, Woking and**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct at Clare Priory, Suffolk**

These Courses are for those people who would like to know more about Evangelisation and the role of Healing Ministry within it. They are an initial training for the Healing of Memories Prayer and are intended only for those who either already pray with others or are prepared to learn how to do so.

As well as daily Mass and times of quiet prayer the six-day Course contains times of praise, teaching, reading from the scriptures, and testimonies. Each person will have the opportunity to receive Healing of Memories Prayer led by an experienced team member. Courses start at 5pm on a Monday and end after lunch on the following Sunday.

People are encouraged to come, if possible, with others from their Parish. After a Course, participants may join a local Littleway Cell Group. You will need to be able to attend the whole of the course.

*If you have any questions about the Foundation Course and would like to talk to us before booking, please call us on +44 (0) 7936 269 143.*

[www.littlewayhealingministries.com](http://www.littlewayhealingministries.com)

**THE CATCHMENT MAGAZINE**

Saint Thomas More High School pupils have recently produced and launched their new magazine to celebrate the local community. They will be selling copies after 11am Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at a cost of £4 a copy. Please do all you can to support our local school and to enable them to produce further editions.

**ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON?**

If any Parishioner may be thinking of becoming a Permanent Deacon, the Diaconate Formation team are holding a time of reflection on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Saint Anne's Church, Nantwich at 2pm.

For more information, contact Deacon John Penny: Tel - 07973375422 Email: [johncpenny@gmail.com](mailto:johncpenny@gmail.com) or Deacon David Hill: Tel -07407 407606 Email: [David2007hill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:David2007hill@hotmail.co.uk)

**AN EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, TESTIMONY AND PRAYER**

ON FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2022 7:00PM

AT HANKELow CHURCH & COMMUNITY ROOMS

Hankelow, Nr. Audlem, Crewe CW3 0JE

Free event - light refreshments - a warm welcome to all!

WHEN OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE:  
ROS POWELL

For more information about our speaker see [www.rospowell.com](http://www.rospowell.com)

'At Hankelow' is a series of non-denominational meetings to encourage and strengthen the community in the Christian faith.



The Parish would like to send its best wishes and prayers to Gillian Massey and Clare Meyler who will be celebrating special birthdays this week. We wish them lots of good health.

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES:** Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. PA to the Director of Schools and Team member for the Shrewsbury Youth Mission team. Details for both posts can be found on the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies)

**Closing date Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.** Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the parish rooms. All ladies most welcome.

### THE FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS MORE

The Friends of St Thomas More are welcoming any new members. Come and join our team of parents and community members to help fundraise for our school. We meet four or five times a year and plan and run events such as school discos, tuck shops, teas and coffees for events, and our most recent Band Night event. It would be lovely to have new members from our local communities. Please email [admin@st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will be in touch with you with more information and a friendly welcome.

### GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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.

### LOURDES GROUP

So far this year 30 pilgrims have signed up to go to Lourdes, including 10 youngsters under 18. With rising costs, your donations in your Smarties tubes are now more than ever important. Please do keep them coming in and thank you for your support. If you are interested in going to Lourdes or would like more information, please contact Martin Massey on 01270 567263.

### MISSIO ENVELOPES

Please would all red box owners, who haven't done so already, empty their boxes into the envelopes provided and return them to the office by the end of May. Many thanks for your continued support.

### READING GROUP - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The next Reading Group will meet on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** at 2:30pm at Wistaston Hall. We will be reading and discussing 'I am David' by Ann Holm. All welcome. For further information, please contact: Sheila Kane, 588320.

### SCRIPTURE GROUP

Meets weekly on Thursdays from 10:45-11:45am in the Parish rooms. All are most welcome to attend. Due to the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holidays, the next meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10:45am. Please contact Margaret Hughes 01270 668873 or Sheila Kane 01270 588320 for further information.

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

The SVP will meet in the parish rooms at the Presbytery on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10:30am.

### SYRO-MALABAR QURBANA



Father George Ettuparayil and the Syro Malabar Catholic Community in Crewe will be celebrating Holy Mass in Malayalam on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 commencing at 9:30am in St. Mary's. All are most welcome to attend.

### IT In House Support Closing Date Friday 17 June 2022.

The Diocese is seeking to employ a full time IT In House Support member at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. For more information, please see our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> completed CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### VACANCY: FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

**St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Dane Bank Avenue, Crewe, CW2 8AD**



Would you like to make a difference to your local community and improve the lives of local children? Can you build relationships with a range of people, work as part of a team, and ask challenging questions? If you can answer YES to any of these questions, then why not consider becoming a foundation governor at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

#### What are Foundation Governors?

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the religious character of the school is preserved and developed. They have a strategic role to play as well as providing a source of challenge and support to the Head Teacher.

#### What we are looking for

We are looking for self-motivated, determined and enthusiastic Foundation Governors with a few hours a month to spare to join our team. Foundation Governors will have oversight of the curriculum and are accountable for the performance of the school. A full induction and training programme is available to help support the development as a Governor.

#### What does the role offer?

- A sense of achievement in helping to make a difference to young people's progress and achievement.
- Access to a programme of free governor training and development courses.
- The opportunity to develop your own personal and leadership/management skills.

More information on the role and application forms can be obtained from the school office [admin@stmarysrc.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysrc.cheshire.sch.uk) or via email to the Governor Clerk [sarah.lomas@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.lomas@cheshireeast.gov.uk)