The Catholic Church in Crewe
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)
Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th April 2023



Fr. Nick writes:

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. This coming week, Holy Week, is undoubtedly the most important week in the Church's year. We twice hear (and take part in) the story of the Passion Jesus underwent for our salvation. This Sunday we read Matthew's account. On Good Friday we hear John's account.

In particular the three services on the evening of Maunday Thursday, the Memorial of the Lord's Passion at 3pm on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Holy Saturday constitute a "Three Act Drama" that form a whole. I understand that work patterns and family commitments often mean that we cannot attend all three, but - if you are able to - do try and do so. You will derive great benefit.

Resumption of Holy Communion under Both Kinds. The medical experts advising the Bishops Conference of England & Wales have judged that conditions are safe enough to offer the chalice once again and the bishops have suggested that we begin on the evening of Holy Thursday, when we recall how Jesus instituted this Great Sacrament.

Please be clear about five things:

• The Risen Christ is received whole and entire when we receive Holy Communion under only one species. There is no obligation to receive from the chalice.

• On the other hand, this is how Jesus instituted the Sacrament (as we recall at every Mass) so receiving in both ways recalls more fully what Jesus did. We partake in a way that is richer to the senses in the outward Sign of the Sacrament

• If you have a cold sore, if you have Covid or any other infectious disease, you should on no account receive from the chalice.

• It is not irreverent for anyone to by-pass the chalice.

• The correct terminology is "to receive the Precious Blood" or "to receive from the chalice". Never talk about 'the wine' after it has been consecrated.

Readings for Sunday 2nd April 2023

READING	EXTRACT	REFERENCE
1st Reading	I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.	Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?	Ps 21
2nd Reading	He humbled himself, but God raised him high.	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.	Philippians 2:8-9
Gospel	The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.	Matthew 26:14-27:66

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR OUR LATE DEACON PETER BRAVEY. TUESDAY 4TH APRIL AT 7PM. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE CARITAS CENTRE AFTERWARDS.

ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II:

Part III The Church. The first podcast on Lumen Gentium is now available at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. together with 3 handouts for downloading or printing: An Introduction to LG; A visual presentation of its 8 chapters; An outline of issues addressed in it. A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts in the series is available on the table in the porch. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, please don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.

VACANCY – SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO) The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit a MSO for the Shrewsbury Diocese. A part time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between local Conferences and National Office. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Own transport essential and travel expenses are paid. For further information and details of how to apply, contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk
Closing date for applications is Sunday 16th April 2023.

YOUTH MISSION TEAM VACANCY

The Diocese is looking to recruit a Youth Mission Team Member to engage with young people in schools and parishes across the Shrewsbury Diocese, based in Stockport. The full-time employee will be a key member of the team led by the Director. Salary £19K to £22K depending on experience. For more information please visit https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/ For application form please contact Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 7th April 2023.

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday 1st April
9:30am Syro-Malabar Qurbana
12pm Mass (Joao Manue Calado (RIP); Berta Maruela Calado (RIP))

VIGIL MASS OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
(Church opens at 5pm)
5:30pm Mass (Hugh O'Reilly (RIP Ann))
7pm Mass in the Polish Language

Sunday 2nd April
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
(Church opens at 8:15am)
9am Mass (Jose Soares, Fifo, Romaldo, Henrique, Carlito, Natalina, João Maria Rosavera (RIP))
11am Mass (James Durack and Bernadette Dunning (RIP Ann))
12:45pm Mass in the Polish Language

Monday 3rd April
Church and Presbytery closed.
6pm-8pm Polish Penitential Service

Tuesday 4th April
7pm Memorial Mass for Deacon Peter Bravey RIP

Wednesday 5th April
12pm Mass (Tom Lacey (LD)

Thursday 6th April
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
5pm Mass in the Polish Language

7:30pm Mass (Nora Boyle (RIP Ann); Gerard Boyle and Martin Boyle (RIP Ann) followed by watching at the altar of repose until midnight.

Friday 7th April
GOOD FRIDAY
DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
10:45 Prayers before Walk of Witness
11am Walk of Witness in town
12pm Stations of the Cross (in church)
led by Deacon Peter Lafferty

RETIRING COLLECTION HOLY PLACES
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Polish

Saturday 8th April
10am-12pm Polish Święcone

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL
(The Sacraments are not celebrated during the day as we await in prayer at the lord's tomb. The church opens at 6:30pm for the Easter Vigil)
8pm mass (Easter flowers intentions)
(commences in the presbytery garden)

Sunday 9th April
Easter Sunday
7am Mass of the Resurrection in the Polish language
9am Mass (Frances and Tom Byatt (RIP))
11am Mass (Liam Baldwin (RIP))
12:45pm Mass in the Polish language

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS & WELCOMERS ROTA

1ST April 5:30pm

Michael Wilson	Word
Deacon Mike Birchall	Eucharist
Mary Boyle	Welcome
Liz Duncan	Welcome

2nd April 9am

Seamus Rooney	Word
Deacon Peter Lafferty	Eucharist
Maggie Schiavone-Young	Welcome
Tracy Schiavone	Welcome
Anne Todd	Welcome

2nd April 11am

Joseph Chacko	Word
Deacon Peter Lafferty	Eucharist
Dianna Backs	Welcome
Joseph Backs	Welcome
Colette Cook	Welcome

8th April 8pm

Sheila Kane	Welcome
Mike Hassall	Welcome
Gwen Tapley	Welcome
Joan Walton	Welcome

9th April 9am

Anne Walker	Word
Deacon Peter Lafferty	Eucharist
Harish Narotham	Eucharist
Justin Kurian	Eucharist
Peter Losa	Eucharist
Liz Smith	Eucharist
Anthony Binnie	Welcome
Ian Bravey	Welcome
Ruth O'Brien	Welcome

9th April 11am

Angel Cyriac	Word
Deacon Peter Lafferty	Eucharist
Helen Backs	Eucharist
Jenny Forti	Eucharist
Cyndy Jackson	Eucharist
Mariamma Joshy	Eucharist
Stephanie Fitzgibbon	Welcome
Patricia Gardner	Welcome
Mariamma Joshy	Welcome

Offertory Collection
The total for w/e 25th /26th March was £1379.05 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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APPEAL FOR ADULT BICYCLES FOR MEN

Do you have an old bike but in good condition hidden away in the garage or shed that you don't use any more? There are some gentlemen who are somewhat less fortunate than we are and would be greatly appreciative of a bicycle to use as transport. If you can help, please speak to Helena in the office. Thank you.

SAINT PATRICK'S NIGHT

A total of £488 was raised on the night, and a good time was had by all. Thank you for your support.
Watch this space for further events.

ST MARY'S CARITAS CENTRE UPDATE

So we are coming up to 6 months of being open and there are lots of things going on and even more coming up.

With the help of pupils from St Thomas More Eco Club 15 tree saplings have been planted at the centre, the trees were given to St Mary's as part of the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy.

There are regular activities now in the centre, a typical week at the centre looks like:

Sunday – First Sacraments Progamme and refreshments
Monday - Catherine Fraser School of Dance
Tuesday - Looking After the Homeless (LATH) Drop-in
Wednesday - Afternoon Club (Dementia Cafe) - fortnightly
Thursday - Looking After the Homeless (LATH) Drop-in, Funky Choir Practice

There are often one-off and party bookings and we are looking to set up a weekly coffee morning on a Wednesday morning - and we need volunteers to help make a warm and welcoming space, contact Becky for more information and to get involved.

We have also received funding to establish an Incredible Edible garden in the grounds - again if you are interested in volunteering to help get our planters set up and full of yummy food and helping us to grow throughout the year contact Becky.

You can find more details about our volunteer roles here: https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/

If you have any ideas for who the centre could be used for or just want to chat about what is happening then please pop in for a visit, check with Becky to check she'll be there.

We look forward to continuing our work together.
Contact: Becky Hurst:
becky.hurst@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk (Community Builder)

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita France and for her family. Rita's funeral will take place on Thursday 13th at 11am, preceded by a Vigil Service on 12th at 6pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Kehoe. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MARY EVELYN STANWAY REST IN PEACE

Mary Stanway, a former student of St Tomas More High School, passed away on the morning of 24th March.

We pray for her family during this sad time.

Funeral arrangements for Mary are as follows, funeral to take place at Saint Anne's Church Nantwich, Tuesday, 18th April at 12 noon followed by cremation.

GIFT AID/NON-GIFT AID BOXES

Are now available at the back of church for collection. Please look for your name, not your number.
I must start with an apology however, firstly that they are late, that was out of my control sorry as the labels only arrived 2 weeks ago.
Secondly, the boxes have been re-numbered and re-arranged as a cost saving exercise to remove boxes that were no longer being used. Again, this was out of my control. Therefore, it is more than likely that you will have a new number. Apologies again, I was not advised that this would be happening.

WALL BOXES

A little reminder that the boxes on the walls in the porch as you leave church are for various charities/needs of the church to help support the work they do. The funds collected help greatly with financing various initiatives. Thank you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in church every Friday after midday Mass until 4pm. Why not take some time out of our busy schedules and spend it with Jesus? After she had had a vision of the Lord, Blessed Dina Belanger said: "If souls but understood the Treasure they possess in the Divine Eucharist the churches would overflow with adorers no less by night than by day."
Spending some time with the Lord may help you on your Lenten journey.
Jesus told Blessed Dina Belanger that through Holy Hours of prayer a multitude of souls go to Heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell. Can you spare an hour?

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TALK ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7pm, Sister Ruth Agnes Evans, who is a consecrated sister living in Middlewich will be giving a talk on the Sacred Heart in the Caritas Centre. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to attend.

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 Tuesday to Friday) or in the Offertory Collections by **Wednesday 5th 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 9th April.**

BOOK GROUP CHANGE OF DATE – 13TH JUNE 2023

will be meeting at the Oblate Retreat Centre at 2:30pm. We will be reading and discussing the book "The Marmalade Diaries; The story of an odd couple" by Ben Aitken. All welcome. For further information, please contact: Sheila Kane on 588320

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 19th April** at 7pm. Sue Sarson who is the Parish Safeguarding Officer will give a presentation on her role in the Parish.
All ladies of the Parish are most welcome to attend.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CREWE,
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022-2023

There will then be a break for Easter and the next meeting will be on **Sunday 23rd April** from 10am until 10.50am. Please ensure your child/children are at St Mary's Caritas Centre, 65 Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2JX for 9:45am and collected promptly at 10.45/50am.

LATH NEWS

The LATH drop-in centre is open every Tuesday and Thursday in the Caritas Centre, from 10 am to 1pm, providing a wide range of facilities to help homeless and needy people, including morning coffee and teas, and a light lunch. You could help by becoming a Friend of LATH.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Mothers Prayers meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month after 12 noon Mass and will finish at approximately 1.30pm. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 6th April.** All mothers in the parish are most welcome.
The Mothers Prayers request box is on the table in the church entrance porch, please place your prayer requests in an envelope. The box will be emptied before each meeting and placed in the basket during the meeting.
For any enquiries please do hesitate to contact Anne Walker on 07961 461186.

Copies of the latest PPT minutes can be found at: **http://www.stmaryscrewe.org.uk/ppt-minutes**

SCRIPTURE GROUP

Meets weekly on Thursdays from 10:45-11:45am in the blue room. Please note we will break for Easter on 6th and 13th April and return at the usual time on Thursday 20th April. All are most welcome to attend. Please contact Margaret Hughes 668873 or Sheila Kane 588320 for further information.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

This Sunday, **2nd April 2023**, Children's Liturgy Team will be providing teas and coffee back in the Caritas Centre after both the Sunday Masses.
Next Sunday, **9th April 2023**, the CWL will be providing teas and coffee in the Caritas Centre.

ST MARY'S SVP

The SVP will next meet in the Caritas centre on Wednesday **5th April at 10:30am**.

