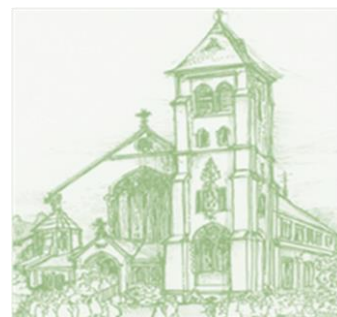


# The Catholic Church in Crewe

## Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish

### THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Fr. Nick writes:

**Welcome to Becky.** It is a pleasure to welcome our local Caritas worker, Becky Hurst, to speak at all the Masses this weekend.

#### Parish Pastoral Team

I have been involved in setting up Parish Pastoral Teams in three of my previous parishes, so it was a real joy to “inherit” one here at St. Mary’s! One of the things I’ve learnt over the years is that it’s important that people don’t feel that serving on one is a “life sentence”. It’s healthy that there is a regular turnover of members: because it brings in fresh ideas and involves more people in the life of the parish.

Please think about who you think would be good on the team (that might include yourself!) and submit nominations by 30<sup>th</sup> September. We are looking for three new members.

#### This Sunday’s Readings

**Jeremiah** We often hear the message that the prophets relay from God, but we don’t often get an insight into what it was like being a prophet. Our first reading is the only extract we get in the Sunday readings of five poems called the Confessions of Jeremiah. Today’s one (20:7-9) is the best one. The others are: Jer. 12:1-3; 15:10-21; 17: 14-18; 18:19-23.

**Romans** We are in the final stretch of this long letter by Saint Paul: only three weeks to go. The last chapters in the letter are easier to understand, full of lots of practical advice.

#### Readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

READING	EXTRACT	REFERENCE
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.	Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm	For you my soul is thirsting. O Lord my God.	Psalm 62
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.	Romans 12:1-2
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!	Cf. Ephesians 1:17.18
Gospel	If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.	Matthew 16:21-27

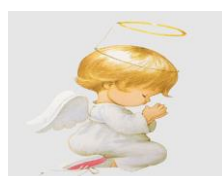
**THANK YOU** - The parish wishes to send its congratulations, prayers and thanks to Father Nick for his first year at Saint Mary’s which fell on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

#### RECENTLY DEPARTED



This week we learnt of the death of Tom O’Shea. Tom’s funeral service will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at St. Mary’s at 11.15am, followed by cremation at Crewe Crematorium and will be led by Deacon Mike Birchall. We send our condolences and prayers to Mary, his wife, and their families. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May he rest in peace. Amen.

#### PRAYERS PLEASE FOR BABY TEDDY CHALLINOR



Teddy’s surgery has been brought forward due to him deteriorating on Wednesday after his appointment at Alder Hey. Please can everyone keep Teds in their thoughts and prayers as he undergoes his surgery on Monday morning, 4<sup>th</sup> September, and for a speedy recovery! We appreciate all the lovely messages we had yesterday whilst he was in alder hey. He’s now home for a couple of days to have non-stop snuggles with his close family 😊.

## MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

11-11:45am Sacrament of Reconciliation  
12pm (Garry McGlincy (RIP Ann))

### THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Church opens at 5pm)  
5:30pm Mass (David Dell (RIP Ann))  
7pm Mass in the Polish Language

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Church opens at 8:15am)  
9am Mass (Patrick Cantwell (LD))  
11am Mass (Martin Fraser (Jnr) RIP Ann))  
12:45pm Mass in the Polish Language

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Church and Presbytery closed.

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

7pm Mass (Mgr Peter O'Neill)

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

12pm Mass (For all children returning to school this week and those continuing in education)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

12pm Mass (Mervin (Sic) Smith (For as successful operation and speedy recovery))

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

#### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12pm Mass (Jenny and Chris Hulse (Sickness))  
(adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4pm.)

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 12 noon Baptisms  
12pm Mass (Sister Mary Regina and Rev Paschal (Pat) Doherty (LD))

### THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

#### Day of Special Prayer for Education

(Church opens at 5pm)  
5:30pm Mass (Fr. Paul Tapley (LD))  
7pm Mass in the Polish Language

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

### THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

#### Day of Special Prayer for Education

(Church opens at 8:15am)  
9am Mass (Mary Hallworth (Belated Birthday))  
11am Mass (Januario Pereira and Carlota De Carvalho (RIP))  
12:45pm Mass in the Polish Language

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS & WELCOMERS ROTA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> September 5:30pm

Maurice Fitzgerald	Word
Deacon Peter Lafferty	Eucharist
Elina Davis	Eucharist
Michael Wilson	Eucharist
Gwen Tapley	Welcome
Joan Walton	Welcome

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September 9am

David Butler	Word
Peter Losa	Eucharist
Liz Smith	Eucharist
Anne Walker	Eucharist
Anne Todd	Welcome
John Kilkenny	Welcome
Tom Kilkenny	Welcome

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September 11am

Helen Backs	Word
Deacon Peter Lafferty	Eucharist
Mariamamma Joshy	Eucharist
Joshy Thomas	Eucharist
Avis Carter	Welcome
Norman Carter	Welcome
Stephanie Fitzgibbon	Welcome

### 9<sup>th</sup> September 5:30pm

Sheila Kane	Word
Peter Losa	Eucharist
Maureen Wildman	Eucharist
Michael Wilson	Eucharist
Liz Duncan	Welcome
Sheila Kane	Welcome

### 10<sup>th</sup> September 9am

Tom or John Kilkenny	Word
Ian Bravey	Eucharist
Thomas Katticaren	Eucharist
Justin Kurian	Eucharist
Angie Naroatham	Welcome
Harish Naroatham	Welcome
Paul Sawko	Welcome

### 10<sup>th</sup> September 11am

Joseph Chacko	Word
Deacon Peter Lafferty	Eucharist
Helen Backs	Eucharist
Joseph Backs	Eucharist
Diana Backs	Welcome
Joseph Backs	Welcome
Colette Cook	Welcome

## RCIA PROGRAMME

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD?

We will be starting a series of meetings in October 2023 in the Parish Rooms, to introduce the basics of Christianity and the Roman Catholic Church. All enquirers will be made very welcome, and will not be subject to any pressure, whatsoever. Feel free to bring along a companion if you find this to be helpful.

For further information contact the Parish Administrator on 01270 212533.

## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CREWE, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023-2024

The registration form to register for the programme this year, with Holy Communion in May 2024 will be available on our website at

<https://www.stmaryscrewe.org.uk> from **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Further information on the programme will also be found on the website at a later date. The closing date for registrations is **13<sup>th</sup> October 2023.** After this date registrations will not be accepted as we anticipate large numbers of children.

Please do keep an eye on our Newsletter for further details at

<https://www.stmaryscrewe.org.uk/newsletters>



### A Weekend Retreat The Shrine, Holywell 27-29 October 2023

#### MARY MOTHER OF THE WORD IN SACRED SCRIPTURE

*"The New is in the Old concealed,  
the Old is in the New revealed"*  
St Augustine

#### ❖ MARY'S PRESENCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Fr Neill Robb, a priest of Shrewsbury Diocese, will help us discover 'echoes' of the Mother of the Redeemer in significant texts and images in the first Testament

#### ❖ MARY'S PRESENCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Miss Barbara Davies, Coordinator for New Evangelisation in Shrewsbury Diocese, will offer a meditative exploration of the Church's faith in and love for Mary of Nazareth

❖ Dates: 18:00 Friday, 27 October →  
16:00 Sunday, 29 October 2023

❖ Venue: The Guest House, 20 New Road,  
Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7LS  
Tel: 01352 712925

❖ Cost: By voluntary contribution

❖ Contact: Barbara Davies M: 07450 252 733  
[barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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LATH GROUP – LOOKING AFTER THE HOMELESS  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1157729

PRESENT  
A GALA  
**AUTUMN  
CONCERT**  
TO BE HELD ON  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**THE SHROPSHIRE BOAT MEN**

BALMERE | STM STARLETS | ST MARY'S RC SCHOOL CHOIR | FR. NICK KERN  
HOSTED BY  
**BERNARD**

AT THE  
**Wistaston Memorial Hall**  
Church Lane, CW2 8ER • Commencing 7.30pm prompt

RAFFLE • FREE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS • BYO DRINKS

Tickets £8, (Concessions £6)  
Call 07880 933 909 or [bernpot@gmail.com](mailto:bernpot@gmail.com)

## CHESHIRE GARDENS TRUST

We invite you to visit our free pop-up museum at Queens Park, Crewe on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 10.30am-4.30pm, as part of Heritage Open Days festival. The pop-up museum will be situated by the café. There will be lots to see and do and activities for children, also an opportunity to learn about other interesting Cheshire Parks. We would love to see your photographs and hear your stories about the park.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch by email at: [info@cheshire-gardens-trust.org.uk](mailto:info@cheshire-gardens-trust.org.uk)

For more about the Trust, visit our website:  
<https://www.cheshire-gardens-trust.org.uk/?Home>  
Phone: 07779 682937

## CARING FOR THE HOUSEBOUND IN THE PARISH

At the Parish Open Meeting it was noted that some of our regular practising parishioners, were no longer practising post-COVID for various reasons.

If this applies to you or anyone you know please provide details – names and contact numbers – to the office.

It is important that we do not lose touch with these people, particularly with a new Parish Priest who would like to visit them!

**APEAL FOR ADULT BICYCLES FOR MEN** Thank you to everyone who has donated a bike so far. There may be more hidden away in the garage or shed that you don't use any more? If you can help, please speak to Helena in the office, or while Donna and Andy are away, Martin Massey. Thank you

### BOOK GROUP – 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

will be meeting at the Oblate Retreat Centre at 2:30pm. We will be reading and discussing the books “War Horse” and “Private Peaceful” both written by Michael Morpurgo. All welcome. For further information, please contact: Sheila Kane on 588370.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The CWL will be resuming in September– details of this years programme to follow soon.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CREWE

Meeting to be held on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 6.45pm refreshments 7pm start. Everyone welcome.  
Venue: YMCA 189 Gresty Rd, Crewe CW2 6EL



### LATH NEWS & AGM

The LATH AGM for 2023 will be held in the Parish rooms (cafe area) at 7pm on Thursday 28th September - all Friends of LATH are invited.

Tickets are now available for sale after weekend Masses – please contact Bernard Potter 07880 933909 for further information.

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.

LATH would like to express deep gratitude to its Friends and supporters for their kind donations, and especially to Greggs who provide cakes and baked goods for our drop-in.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> September**. All mothers in the

parish are most welcome. For any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Anne Walker on 07961 461186.

### SAINT MARY’S PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday from 6.30 - 9.00pm. Rosary at 6.30pm, praise and worship, then silence listening for the voice of the lord... Ministry and intercession. We finish between 8.30/9pm.

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

### REMINDER - REFRESHER TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A meeting will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 10am in church for all Eucharistic Ministers to, amongst other things, discuss the distribution of the Blood of Christ and purification. It would be appreciated if you could confirm your attendance, or not, as the case may be, to Helena. Thank you.

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

The PPT meets once a month with Fr. Nick and Helena to discuss the activities, problems and needs of the Parish. The PPT also plan and participate in Parish events. Most of its members are also active in Parish Groups such as the SVP or the various Sacramental programmes.

Nominations are invited for 3 new members of the PPT. Either leave a note in the Suggestion Box in the porch, or send an e-mail to Helena. Closing date 30th September 2023. If elections are required, these will take place in October.

The PPT would like to thank retiring members Alex Kilkenny, Mary Boyle and Pauline Kowalski for their contributions and for their continuing fidelity to the prayer and work of the Parish.

### ROSARY

We will now pray the Rosary regularly on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm in church preceding Mass at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome.

### SCRIPTURE GROUP

The Scripture Group will resume its meetings again on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September in the ‘Blue Room’ from 10:45am.

### ST MARY’S SVP

The SVP will next meet in the Caritas centre on Wednesday 6th September at 10:30am.

There is a box if you wish to make a request for those parishioners who may need a visit or the blessed sacrament taking to them in both their home or nursing home.

The box is situated on the table in the porch next to the Mothers Prayers/suggestion box.

### SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

This **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**, the RCIA Group will be providing teas and coffee in the Caritas Centre. Everyone is most welcome.

Next **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**, the SVP will be providing tea and coffee. Do go along and have a drink and a chat.

**Privacy Notice:** The parish of St Mary’s sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed, and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/aboutus/privacy-notice](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/aboutus/privacy-notice).

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The total for last weekends Offertory was £1427.92 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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**Email:** [stmarys@stmaryscrewe.org.uk](mailto:stmarys@stmaryscrewe.org.uk) @stmaryscrewe St. Mary’s RC Church, Crewe

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

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