

The Catholic Church in Crewe

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish

Newsletter

Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th January 2021



FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Happy New Year!

I hope and pray that it will be a better one than the last.

As we are now in Tier 4, please remember: *You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times.*

The Solemnity of the Epiphany takes place on Wednesday 6th January. There will be one Mass at 12:15pm. The obligation to attend Holy Day of Obligation Mass remains suspended.

We are unable to make any plans to facilitate those whose Sacraments were postponed during 2020. There are also no plans for new Sacramental programmes.

Please remember that if you have coronavirus, cold, or flu like symptoms you must not enter and will not be granted access to Saint Mary's church. If you do not wear a face covering (even for medical reasons) you are not allowed to enter Saint Mary's church.

Keep safe and well.

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

Church Opening Guidelines:

1. Saint Mary's parish church is staffed by stewards when the church is open. Candles can only be lit when you enter the church.
2. Stewards will monitor the number of people allowed in church. (67 is the current limit)
3. Social distancing is to be strictly observed. You must sit in your allocated seat. Please remain in your seat for the duration of Mass.
4. There are no toilet facilities available.
5. Father Jerome will provide you with instructions for Holy Communion at each Mass.
6. There is a clearly marked one way system for entry and exit. Enter only via the main front door and exit only via the disabled access door.
7. Hand sanitizer must be used on entry and exit. Please remove your own gloves when you enter the church and keep them off until you leave. Yours hands must be sanitised.
- 8. Children must remain with and be supervised by adults at all times. It is recommended that children aged over 3 wear a face mask or face covering.**
- 9. If you have any symptoms of the virus, or cold/flu like symptoms, then you must not under any circumstances come to, or visit the church.**
10. For Mass: please bring all your belongings with you to receive Holy Communion as you will be directed by stewards to leave the church once you have received Holy Communion from Father Jerome.
11. Please be aware of the possibility that the pandemic may affect future church opening provision and do continue to pray for all those involved in steering us through this crisis.
12. The Sunday Obligation continues to be dispensed during the Pandemic.
13. Parishioners may only attend funerals if they have been directly invited by the family. Only 30 people may attend a funeral and the guest list is maintained between the family and Father Jerome.

TEST AND TRACE QR CODE

In helping with the national Test and Trace initiatives a QR code has been displayed at our front entrance. This may also serve as a source of additional encouragement indicating that we aim for the highest standards of Covid safety. In the event of a positive test amongst a congregation member this will give some reassurance as the app will alert those in closest contact to self-isolate. If you have the NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace App please scan the QR code **and then turn your mobile phone off when you enter the church!**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The total for 24th/25th December: £2198.36.

The total for 26th/27th December: £1081.06.

Each total includes standing orders. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of Saint Mary's Parish. The collection basket is available at registration table and at the Sanctuary within church.

During the week in Saint Mary's

Saturday 2nd January

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(Church opens at 5pm, closes at 5:40pm)

5:30pm Mass Intention

(Peter and Florence Losa, Olga Sharpe)

Sunday 3rd January

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

First Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 8:15am, closes at 9am)

8:45am Mass Intention

(Penny and Mitch Michelle,

Josephine and Bernard O'Donnell)

Second Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 9:30am, closes at 10:10am)

10am Mass Intention

(Nancy Maguire, Baldwin and Byrne Family)

Third Sunday Mass

(Church opens at 10:45am, closes at 11:25am)

11:15am Mass Intention

(Joe Gilligan, Betty O'Leary, Bennet Family)

Wednesday 6th January

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(Church opens at 11:30am)

12:15pm Mass Intention (Secular Clergy, NHS)

Saturday 9th January
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
(Church opens at 5pm, closes at 5:40pm)
5:30pm Mass Intention (Anne Cantwell, May Carter, Nancy Capraro)

Sunday 10th January
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
First Sunday Mass
(Church opens at 8:15am, closes at 9am)
8:45am Mass Intention (James Boviard, Lily Mahon)

Second Sunday Mass
(Church opens at 9:30am, closes at 10:10am)
10am Mass Intention (Lily James, Paddy Donoghue)

Third Sunday Mass
(Church opens at 10:45am, closes at 11:25am)
11:15am Mass Intention (Private Intention)

CHURCH SERVICES TV

You will find daily and Sunday celebrations of Holy Mass and other devotions throughout the lockdown on <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Father Jerome also recommends the many sources of information and prayer that are available on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated to our annual Appeal to help the SVP in Sudan and South Sudan continue its life-saving work. The total received was £622.

You can be assured your donations will help offer hope and the chance of a better life to these communities in great need.

**MASS PARTS FOR THE
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (YEAR B)
Psalter Week 2 Weekday Cycle 1**

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2.8-12

Response to the Psalm: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 John 3:7-10; Ps 97; John 1:35-42

Tuesday: 1 John 3:11-21; Ps 99; Mark 1:43-51

WEDNESDAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Response to the Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Thursday: 1 John 4: 19- 5:4; Ps 71; Luke 4:14-22

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Ps 147; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16; Ps 18; Mark 2:13-17

**SUNDAY: THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR B)
Psalter Week 1 Weekday Cycle 1**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Response to the Psalm: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:7-11

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