

Red Mission Boxes If anybody needs their red mission box emptying & counting, if you could please leave this with a steward, they will arrange for it to be counted. Thank you.

Monsignor Christopher Lightbound, former parish priest of St. Teresa's, has recently moved from Hallwood Court in Neston to Nazareth House, Manor Hill, Claughton, Prenton, Wirral CH43 1UG. Please keep Canon Christopher in your prayers and while visiting is restricted at this time I am sure he would appreciate receiving letters and cards. Canon Christopher was delighted to receive more than 150 following his birthday in July.

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

"This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love would be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God. Lord hear us." <https://righttolife.org.uk/standupandmile>

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team: Explore Advent YouTube channel We'll be live streaming evenings of prayer, reflection and fun from around the Diocese on our YouTube channel. (Search "Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team" on YouTube). We're going to be exploring how the characters of the Nativity story can help us live out the Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace. Join us on Tuesdays in Advent from 7.30pm! 1st December, live from Shrewsbury Cathedral; 8th December, live from St John Henry Newman Warrington; 15th December, live from Our Lady & the Apostles Stockport; 22nd December, live from St Michael & All Angels Woodchurch.

Church Stewarding and Cleaning Appeal

If anyone else would like to volunteer to help steward and clean the church at Mass times we would be most grateful to hear from you as we are looking to help share the burden of the work with our current stewards. It's a great way to get to know other parishioners and it is also plays a crucial part of the church being available for public Mass for the community in these times. Training & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to ensure everyone is kept safe. Just a reminder you should not volunteer if you are in the vulnerable groups - e.g. over 70, are pregnant or have underlying health conditions.

If you can help us at these times of Mass (Wednesday morning, Saturday evening & Sunday morning), please contact us via the parish telephone number (01625-523-584) or email us at sacredwil@gmail.com with your details and times you are available to help. Many thanks.

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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6th December, 2020 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 6th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Nicola Osanna Mattarello
Wednesday 9th	10.30 am	Requiem Mass for James Brian Rorke
Thursday 10th	10.30 am	Lilian Heapy
Saturday 12th	6.30 pm	Intentions of Pat Smith
Sunday 13th	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	The Ellison & Williamson Families

General Rules & Guidance in church at this time

- Church at one metre plus social distancing with compulsory face mask wearing.
- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic. Please sanitise your hands on entering & leaving church.
- Visitors should not touch or physically venerate statues, relics, or the church stoop.
- Whilst in church, or the surrounding grounds, people should adhere to the social distancing rules at all times. People should only interact with members of their own household and once the Mass is ended, participants should move away promptly to minimise the risk of contact and the spread of infection.
- Single use Mass sheets & Parish newsletters are provided and should either be kept or disposed of appropriately at the end of each Mass. Please also note toilet facility is closed in church at this time.
- Maximum safe capacity of church if all worshippers are from a different household: 47 (Max 2 per pew each separated by 1 metre). Maximum safe capacity of church if worshippers from the same household can sit together (Max 4 to a pew, 3 on the front pews): 79
- Please follow the one way system & guidance in church – on leaving church, those sitting on the left side pews/seats should leave by the left aisle/main entrance door; those sitting on the right side pews/seats should leave by the right aisle/side entrance door.
- Following Holy Communion at the very end of Mass, please leave church promptly, not returning to your seat.

The Return of Mass in Church

From Bishop Mark...*"I am happy to report the Government's decision that communal worship will be able to restart from Wednesday 2nd December. The Diocese will once again be divided by local authority and regional tiers where varied restrictions will apply. However, the Mass will be able to be publicly celebrated across the whole Diocese from the first Wednesday of Advent onwards. The Government's decision that communal worship must be permitted across all tiers of restrictions, recognises the importance of communal worship to which our parishioners have given witness and the considerable work undertaken to ensure our buildings are safe environments. I very much hope that there will be no further restrictions imposed upon the Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments. However, much will now depend on our continued vigilance and putting into practice of the guidance we have received."*

Please note for our parish, Mass resumed last Wednesday in church (with 1 metre social distancing with mandatory face coverings). The Thursday Mass & Weekend Masses follow on as usual (as was the case before the recent national lockdown). Cheshire East came out of national lockdown and entered Tier 2 restrictions from last Wednesday (2nd December). These restrictions mean you can only interact indoors with your own households, but outdoors you can interact in groups of up to 6.

Readers Rotas & Sanitiser Notice

Again, whilst we are in reduced capacity in the Church, it is necessary to create another new Readers Rota to ensure that it is not just left to one or two people doing all the reading. If again, you would indicate on the lists in the porch as you leave at the end of Mass, whether you would like to continue reading or to give up reading or if you would like to change the Mass to which you currently attend. New readers are welcome, if so - please indicate by adding your name to one of the lists and include your telephone number. Instruction will be provided if necessary. The list will be prepared and emails to all those who have put their names forward. Also, for current readers, sanitiser is now available at the pulpit for you to apply before reading. Thank you.

Christmas Piety Stall We are currently selling a limited amount of various Advent & Christmas gifts from our piety stall in the church porch including books, advent calendars & nativity figurines. Please do not form gatherings around this stall – if you would like to look at or buy anything, please wait until after Mass has finished before being allowed back in by the stewards. Please apply sanitiser before & after visiting the stall & please avoid contact with any goods. **Please note the stall will not be open after 9.00 am Sunday Mass.**

Food Link, Colshaw – Food & Christmas Selection Boxes Appeal The need to contribute food continues. Could you help to donate food to struggling families? We are very grateful to receive the following food donations: dried pasta, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, and tinned foods (pies, soups, beans, fruit, veg, meat, fish, etc.). Please leave donations in the box at the back of church. **We are also grateful to receive Christmas children's chocolate selection boxes at this time.**

Confession – This is available on request from Father Anthony after any Mass.

Christmas Mass Booking 2020

Many people want to come to Mass at Christmas and normally there is no problem in welcoming everyone. This year circumstances are likely to be different, as numbers who can be accommodated in the church are limited. Father Anthony will therefore be celebrating four Masses over Christmas, two on Thursday 24th Dec (Christmas Eve) at 3.00 pm and at 5.00 pm, no Mass at midnight, but Mass at 9.00 am and 10.30 am on Friday 25th Dec (Christmas Day). Booking forms for each Christmas Mass are in the church porch – please sign up to the Mass you would like to attend and the total number in your household that will be attending.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish Facebook page. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

James Brian Rorke RIP

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of James Brian Rorke. His Requiem Mass will be in church on Wednesday 9th December at 10.30 am. May he rest in peace. (As per the current government rules, funerals are currently limited to 30 people).

First Holy Communion Mass Upcoming Mass Notice

Please note that next Sunday (13th December) at the 9 am Mass our next three First Communicants: George, Charlie & Dylan will be receiving their First Holy Communion along with their families – **this will increase the numbers at this Mass so if you able to come to either the 6.30 pm vigil Mass or 10.30 am Mass next weekend, that will help us to keep the congregations within our permitted safe limit.** Please pray for the candidates and their families as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. **Please be aware that during these First Communion Masses, the candidates and their families will receive Holy Communion during Mass & will return to their seats afterwards. Everyone else will receive Holy Communion at the very end of Mass as usual and are then asked to leave the church promptly, not returning to their seats.**

Car Park Pass Renewal Extension

Owing to the pandemic and the fact that not everybody will currently be attending church at this time, we have extended all car park passes to the end of June 2021, so the renewal process will now take place next summer.

Diocesan Yearbooks & Shrewsbury Advent/Christmas Catholic Voice Now Available

These are now available in the church porch – Yearbooks are priced £5 each, Voice copies are free.