



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Every Friday from 11.00 am – 12 noon
and after Mass until 3.00 pm
Also Saturday from 11.00 am – 12 noon

OUR DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETING

Is held every Wednesday at 3.00 pm



Please let us remember our sick parishioners in our prayers :

Angela Crowe, Terry Halpin, Arthur Wright, Anne Daly, Kath Heffernan, Barbara Edwards, Kevin Roberts, Margaret Davis, Hilary Linty, Patrick Hannah, Elle Mae Dunne, Elaine Bruce, George Jones, Colin Williams, Cristopher Browne, Gill Wright Christina North, Emma Noble, Marie Charlesworth, Veronica Comerford, Julia Milan and Eleanor Milan.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st Dec	Vigil Mass	6.30	Doreen Bowker RIP
Sun 2nd Dec	POLISH MASS	8.00	A.J.K. Intention
		9.45	Parishioners
		12.00	Intention of Donor
		4.30	Intention of Donor
Mon 3rd Dec		12.00	Peter Jackson RIP
Tue 4th Dec		12.00	Ann-Maria Stevenson RIP
Wed 5th Dec		12.00	Winifred Kilroy and Family
Thu 6th Dec		12.00	Arthur & Jill Wright
Fri 7th Dec		12.00	Elizabeth & Jessica
Sat 8th Dec		12.00	Friars and Benefactors

THE ROSARY

The custom of praying the Rosary as a family is strongly encouraged, even if it is just to say one decade. In our Parish, the rosary is recited at 11:30 a.m., Monday to Thursday, and all are welcome to join in.

COLLECTION

Collection	502.10
Gift Aid	333.78
Total	835.88



Prayers are requested for those whose anniversaries occur this week - May they rest in peace

Priscilla Hassall
Mary Agnes Cotter
John Ledsham

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

NEWSLETTER



Brs Jarek (Parish Priest & Guardian) Patrick (Vicar) Adrian – Jim- Jinson
www.stfrancischester.co.uk

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 2nd Dec 2018
Jeremiah 33:14-16 ; Psalm 24 ;
Thessalonians 3:12-4.2 ; Luke 21:25-28:34-36

St FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CHESTER

VIGIL MASS
SATURDAY 6.30 pm
SUNDAY
8.00 AM AND 9.45 AM
MASS IN POLISH
12 Noon & 4.30 pm
WEEKDAYS
12 noon

THE SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Friday and Saturday
11.00 am – 12 noon
and Saturday
4.00 – 4.30 pm

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During Advent The church makes an appeal for an improvement in our lives and for a new depth of sincerity to our religion. It calls on us to make a fresh start at building a closer relationship with Christ. As a pilgrim people we celebrate in our Sunday Eucharist Christ's presence among us until he comes in glory. What type of a welcome are we giving Christ in our hearts if we are neglecting prayer, squandering money, bickering in the family or drinking to excess? Are we not a bit of target and failing to make progress in good christian living? Unless we are imitating gospel standards there is no room to congratulate ourselves cosily on the birth of Christ at Bethlehem because he is not born into our hearts. Advent provides an opportunity to look around at what needs to be put right, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. If prayer has been neglected, now is the chance to begin anew. There are so many ways in which all of us can improve. It's remarkable how easily we settle for idleness, carelessness and indifference. Our fallen nature is our slump factor, pulling us down and leading us to sin. Whatever our past, God is only too willing to look lovingly upon us. His arms are always outstretched to welcome us home. We are the masters of our own destiny. Prayer, penance and works of mercy are necessary preparations for our personal meeting with the Lord.

During Advent and Christmas Time we are asked to pray for these intentions : Openness to the Word of God : Migrants and Refugees : Expectant Mothers

Sun 2 nd Dec	-	Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees
		Feast Days
Mon 3 rd Dec	-	St. Francis Xavier – c 1506- 1552
Tue 4 th Dec	-	St. John of Damascus - c 675 – 749
Thu 6 th Dec	-	St. Nicholas – c 270 – 343
Fri 7 th Dec	-	St. Ambrose – c 340 - 397

Carol Service in our Parish will be held **on Sunday the 23rd December at 2 pm in our parish hall**, followed by tea, café and cakes. Please come and join us. Everybody is welcome.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE S.F.O. WILL BE ON SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2018 AT 2.15 PM IN THE FRIARY.

HOSPITAL MASS The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 6th December 2018 at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel.

Adverts for the positions of **Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer for the Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Academy Trust**, are displayed on our notice board.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER BUT NOT TEACHING IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL? YOUR DIOCESE NEEDS YOU !!!

The Department for Education wants to recruit as many Catholic teachers to its schools as possible, and is aware that across the Diocese there are a number of Catholic teachers who are not currently or have never worked in a Catholic school. Sometimes making the transition back to Catholic education can be perceived as being difficult and therefore we would like to offer support to those teachers who are considering returning to the Catholic sector or would like more information on the appointment process in our schools.

We are holding an informal session on Tuesday 15th January at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, Capenhurst Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7AQ from 6 – 7.30 pm. If you would like to attend or want further information about returning to Catholic education, please e-mail Sue Jenkinson on sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Carol Service – A Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 18th of December at 6:30 pm at the Catholic High School, followed by refreshments, a Christmas raffle and musical entertainment by the School Jazz Band. Free entrance Everybody is welcome

GROUPS THAT MEET IN OUR PARISH

The Rosary is said in the Church: Monday to Thursday, 11:30am.

WEEKLY

Scripture Group: Monday 7pm in the friary

Divine Mercy Prayer Group - Wednesday, 3pm, in the Church.

****Journey in Faith (RCIA)** Group:** Wednesday at 6.45pm –

Young Adults' Prayer Group - Friday 6.30 pm in the Church

Parish Coffee Morning - Sunday after 9.45 Mass

Prayer Group - Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm in the Friary

MONTHLY

Monday Club: 1st Monday of the month at 2pm (Hall)

*******Secular Franciscans:** 1st Sunday of the month, 2:15pm (Friary) –

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Monday of the month (Hall), 7:30pm (1pm - winter).

SPUC group: 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm. Meetings to be held at their new venue.

NOTICE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

Caritas at Christmas
1st/2nd December 2018

Church Cleaning Rota
Team C – 6th Dec
Team D – 13th Dec
Team A – 20th Dec
Team B – 27th Dec

Time for Jesus – Friday 7th December 2018

It will begin at 11.00 am with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation then at 12 noon there will be Holy Eucharist followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will be held until 9.00 pm. During this time there will be: Midday Prayer of the church after Mass ; Divine Mercy Prayer at 3.00 pm following by the Holy Rosary ; Mass in Polish at 6.30 pm. All the time there will be a Priest available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation All are welcome.

Adoremus Revisited: By popular demand, there will be two further possibilities to revisit Bishop Robert Barron's talks on the Mass. Open to everyone, all Catechists are invited to attend. In the West: St Anne's, Rock Ferry. Sat 8 Dec. Starts 09:15; ends with 12:15 Mass. In the South: Shrewsbury Parish Hall. NB: Sat 19 Jan 2019. Starts with 9:30 Mass; ends 12:30. Information and Registration: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration

Our third **Night Fever will be on Friday 14th December**. We will start with a Mass at 18:30 at St Francis' Church Chester. Immediately followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The night will conclude with Benediction at 21:30. We would like to warmly invite all parishioners to come along for as long or as little time as they feel they can give. If anyone wishes to volunteer as a street minister or musician please contact Ant Hunt on 07714160268.