



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Rogier van der Weyden,
Seven Sacraments
altarpiece, Royal Museum
of Fine Arts, Antwerp



Dear Faithful,

“The vital role which public worship has for the well-being of hundreds of thousands of people in this Shrewsbury Diocese, together with faith communities across the nation can never allow public worship to be dismissed as something non-essential.” In his recent statement, His Excellency, Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury expressed clearly what we as Catholics think and feel in this dark time of another “lock-down” imposed on us.

We all wish to come close to the Lord, especially in the sacrifice of the Mass and in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Instead, we have to suffer another prolonged time of being separated from the sacraments and the Lord Himself, Who *“is truly, really, and substantially contained”* in the Eucharist, as the Council of Trent is quoted in its teachings by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1374). *“This presence is called ‘real’ ... because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.”* (CCC 1374).

God became man to come close to man. The incarnation of God in Christ is the source of our salvation and of the fruitfulness of our daily life as Catholics. The sacraments are like the extended hands of Jesus Christ Who touches us to strengthen us, to heal us and to allow us to receive the divine life in which we must participate to live forever.

What is true for us as individuals is also true for our families and for society as a whole: Without being rooted and constantly strengthened in the Truth Who became man, the faithful are deprived of something that is as “essential” as the physical bread.

We here at the Cathedral want to offer our priestly services as much as this is possible at this time. Daily Mass in the Extraordinary Form will continued to be live streamed daily at 10:00 am. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email if you need spiritual advice and support. In the case of an emergency, we will be available as much as this is possible.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families. In this time of insecurity and difficulties, we should make a distinct effort to perform acts of faith, hope and charity. By doing so, we make the fortress of our soul more resistant against the temptations of the evil one who wants to discourage us from being serene, and filled with supernatural hope and peace, that peace which the world is not able to give us.

With my sincere best wishes and the assurance of my priestly prayers for you,

Canon Michael K. Wiener

NOVEMBER 9: FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF OUR SAVIOUR – OF THE CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN

Why do we celebrate the feast of the consecration of the St. John Lateran in Rome on November 9, 324? What makes this date for the whole Church so important?

The Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope.

The large Latin inscription on the façade reads in English: “Pope Clement XII, in the fifth year of his reign, dedicated this building to Christ the Saviour, in honour of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist”. As the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, it ranks above all other churches in the Catholic Church, including St. Peter’s Basilica. For that reason, unlike all other Roman Basilicas, it holds the title of Archbasilica.

It is located outside of the boundaries of Vatican City. However, it enjoys extraterritorial status as one of the properties of the Holy See.

Being the first church that had been publicly consecrated as a place of divine worship, St. John Lateran stands also in the first place among all churches in its historical importance: Built by Emperor Constantine and consecrated by Pope Sylvester I on November 9, 324, this church is the first building which was recognized by all as the place of public worship of the one true and triune God through the solemn celebrations of the Roman liturgy.



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To consecrate a building, its stones, its mortar and all its other parts made of matter means more than simply to designate it for a certain function. A legal decree, recognized by the state and the Church, could fulfill the same purpose: to simply determine that the church building would have a certain religious functionality. To consecrate the church building is much more than that:

The consecration of a church affects - above all - the ontological status, that is, the nature of what the consecrated building is. Through the consecration of a church it turns into a building

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which is reserved for sacred actions and sacred things and it is put into service in the interest of God: His own glory and the sanctification of man.

Terribilis est locus iste – terrible is this place: it is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

Catholic churches breathe the purifying power of the Holy Ghost, the presence of God. Their nature forbid anything that is contrary to the holiness of God and the life of Christ and the life of His Church. The mysterious atmosphere in Catholic churches – this is not a sentimental ambience created by man and their use of smells and bells. On the day of the consecration of a church the Lord takes possession of it and brings the fruits of salvation to those who dwell therein, as He brought salvation to the house Zacheus on the day Christ was in it.

Catholic churches are holy places and spaces in which our Lord gives Himself to us and the world in the sacrifice of the Mass and the liturgy, in holy baptism, in holy confessions, in the moments when the faithful soul opens itself to the grace of Christ in prayer and contemplation. *His “kingdom is opposed to none other than to that of Satan and to the power of darkness.”* (Quas Primas, Pope Pius XI, 1925)

To use churches for any other purposes other than the divine worship means to deny and contradict their sacred nature.

The feast day of the consecration of the mother church of all churches, St. John Lateran, moves us to pray for the restoration of the public worship that, by its sacredness and holiness, guides us to acknowledge all consecrated churches as the dwelling place of the Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASSSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND SUPPORT OF THE PRIESTS OF THE INSTITUTE DURING THE LOCKDOWN

To request Masses for the Faithful Departed, please do one of the following: Post your requests to: Canon Michael Wiener, St Winefride’s Presbytery, Mynd Close, Shrewsbury SY2 5R. Alternatively, you may either deliver your request by hand to the presbytery or hand in your envelope - *clearly addressed to Canon Wiener* - at the sacristy in the Cathedral.

If you are able to support the apostolate in Shrewsbury, please consider to send us a cheque to the address indicated above, or donate directly via bank transfer:

HSBC UK Sort Code: 40-45-14 Account Number: 61855832 For the credit of: ICKSP/St. Winefride

OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

During the coming days the Cathedral will be open for private prayer only on Sundays 12 noon - 3 pm and on weekdays 11 am - 2 pm. Masses will be streamed online.

STREAMING ONLINE

Our Masses will be streamed online live at the times indicated on the weekly schedule below. Go to <https://icksp.org.uk/shrewsbury/streaming-service/> on the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest website.

KEEP INFORMED BY VISITING THE ICKSP WEBSITE

This newsletter and all new announcements and information will be published on the Shrewsbury pages of the ICKSP website. The website address is: <https://icksp.org.uk/shrewsbury/>

SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
SUN	8 Nov	9.30	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Private Intention	Private Intention
MON	9 Nov	10.00	Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour St. John Lateran in Rome	Margaret Kelly (Birthday)	Private Intention
TUE	10 Nov	10.00	St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor	Jane Gillett (Birthday)	Private Intention
WED	11 Nov	10.00	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop & Confessor	Renate Wiener RIP	Private Intention
THU	12 Nov	10.00	St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr	Joseph Schutzer-Weissmann	Private Intention
FRI	13 Nov	10.00	St. Didacus, Confessor	In Honour of St. Anthony	Private Intention
SAT	14 Nov	10.00	St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	Private Intention	Private Intention
SUN	15 Nov	9.30	24 th Sunday after Pentecost; Collect, Epistle and Gospel of 6th Sunday after Epiphany	Private Intention	Private Intention

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