



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

## NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>

*"We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which asserts that the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, was preserved free from every stain of Original Sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and, for this reason, must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful."*  
Ineffabilis Deus, Bl. Pope Pius IX

Each year on the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, Msgr. Gilles Wach, solemnly consecrates our entire spiritual family to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, our Patroness and Queen. In preparation of this important feast and in union with the superiors and all canons, we in Shrewsbury will pray the Novena after all Masses, beginning on November 30<sup>th</sup> and leading up to December 8<sup>th</sup>.



### *Novena prayer:*

**O Most Holy Virgin who wast pleasing to God and didst become His Mother. Immaculate in your body, in your soul, in your faith and in your love, we beseech thee to look graciously upon the wretched who implore thy powerful protection. The wicked serpent, against whom the primal curse was hurled, continues nonetheless to wage war and to lay snares for the unhappy children of Eve. Ah, do thou, our blessed Mother, our Queen and Advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of our enemy, receive the prayers that we unite single-heartedly to thine and conjure thee to offer at the throne of God, that we may never fall into the snares that are laid for us, in such wise that we may all come to the haven of salvation; and in the midst of so many dangers may holy Church and the fellowship of Christians everywhere sing once more the hymn of deliverance, victory and peace. Amen.**

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

### Introduction to the Devout Life (XVII) How to Hear and Read God's Word

Cultivate a special devotion to God's Word, whether studied privately or in public; always listen to it with attention and reverence, strive to profit by it, and do not let it fall to the ground, but receive it within your heart as a precious balm, thereby imitating the Blessed Virgin, who *"kept all these sayings in her heart."* Remember that our Lord receives our words of prayer according to the way in which we receive His words in teaching.



You should always have some good devout book at hand, such as the writings of S. Bonaventura, Gerson, Denis the Carthusian, Blosius, Grenada, Stella, Arias, Pinella, Da Ponte, Avila, the Spiritual Combat, the Confessions of S. Augustine, S. Jerome's Epistles, or the like; and daily read some small portion attentively, as though you were reading letters sent by the Saints from Paradise to teach you the way thither, and encourage you to follow them. Read the Lives of the Saints too, which are as a mirror to you of Christian life, and try to imitate their actions according to your circumstances; for although many things which the Saints did may not be practicable for those who live in the world, they may be followed more or less. Thus, in our spiritual retreats we imitate the solitude of the first hermit, S. Paul; in the practice of poverty we imitate S. Francis, and so on. Of course some Lives throw much more light upon our daily course than others, such as the Life of Saint Theresa, which is most admirable, the first Jesuits, Saint Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan, S. Louis, S. Bernard, S. Francis, and such like. Others are more the subjects of our admiring wonder than of imitation, such as S. Mary of Egypt, S. Simeon Stylites, S. Catherine of Genoa, and S. Catherine of Sienna, S. Angela, etc., although these should tend to kindle a great love of God in our hearts.

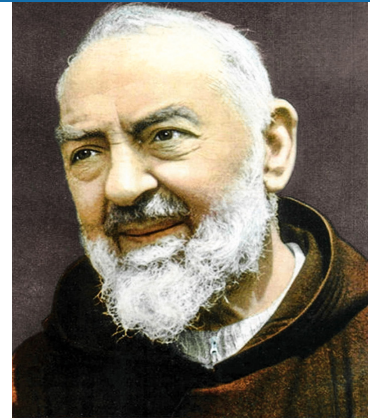
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✦ PADRE PIO GROUP

### December 4<sup>th</sup> – First Saturday Devotions

After Holy Mass at 10:00 am the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Rosary will be prayed together. As an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in consecrating ourselves to the Immaculate Conception, we will remain thereafter in silence in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord. Benediction at approx. 12:00 Noon.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. Winefride's church invites all friends of the Immaculate Heart to join us afterwards during a social hour in the hall for tea, coffee, biscuits and anything you would be willing to contribute.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

24<sup>th</sup> of December (Friday):

10:00 am Vigil of Christmas

25<sup>th</sup> of December (Saturday):

00:00 am Midnight 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmas

12:30 pm Christmas Mass of the day

26<sup>th</sup> of December (Sunday):

12.30 pm Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

### Donations Week 08.11.- 4.11.2021

Collection £147.60

Bank transfer £245.00

Total £392.60

*Thank you very much!*

Institute of Christ the King

Shrewsbury Account Information

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## SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE                 | TIME     | MASS OF THE DAY  | INTENTIONS                             |
|-----|----------------------|----------|--|--|
| Sun | 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 12:30 pm | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  | <b>Vincent McKeown (seriously ill)</b> |
| Mon | 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 10:00 am | Feria in Advent - Mass of First Sunday in Advent<br><b>Begin the Novena in preparation of the feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> | Holy Souls                             |
| Tue | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 6:30 pm  | St. Andrew, Apostle<br>Commemoration of Advent<br><b>Novena Prayers at Benediction</b>   | Seiko Huang RIP                        |
| Wed | 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec  | 10:00 am | Feria in Advent - Mass of First Sunday in Advent<br>Novena Prayers   | Connick family                         |
| Thu | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | 6:30 pm  | St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr<br>Commemoration of Advent<br><b>Novena Prayers at Benediction</b>                                      | Bill Connick                           |
| Fri | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec  | 10:00 am | St. Francis Xavier, Confessor<br>Commemoration of Advent<br><b>Novena Prayers</b>  | Anne Boyer                             |
| Sat | 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10:00 am | St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor<br>of the Church<br>Commemoration of Advent<br><b>Novena Prayers</b>               | Roger Mosley                           |
| Sun | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 12:30 pm | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>Novena Prayers</b>  | <b>PI</b>                              |

**All Masses (also Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday) are at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA.**

**Note: Adoration and Benediction on Tuesdays and Thursdays start at 5.30pm before the 6.30pm Mass.**

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