



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

## IMPROVING THE MANNER IN WHICH WE ASSIST AT MASS

**Dom Guéranger**



There is no exercise which is more pleasing to God, or more meritorious, or which has greater influence in infusing solid piety into the soul, than the assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If this be true at all the various seasons of the Christian year, it is so, in a very special manner, during the holy time of Advent. The faithful, therefore, should make every effort in order to enjoy this precious blessing, even on those days when they are not obliged to it by the precept of the Church.

With what gratitude ought they to assist at that Divine Sacrifice, for which the world had been longing for four thousand years! God has granted them to be born after the fulfillment of that stupendous and merciful oblation, and would not put them in the generations of men who died before they could partake of its reality and its riches! This notwithstanding, they must earnestly unite with the Church in praying for the coming of the Redeemer, so to pay their share of that great debt, which God has put upon all, whether living before or after the fulfillment of the mystery of the Incarnation. Let them think of this in assisting at the Holy Sacrifice.

Let them also remember that this great Sacrifice, which perpetuates on this earth, even to the end of time, though in an unbloody manner, the real oblation of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, has this for its express aim: to prepare the souls of the faithful for the mysterious coming of God, Who redeemed our souls only that He might take possession of them. It not only prepares, it even effects this glorious advent of Christ.

Let them, in the third place, lovingly profit by the presence of, and intimacy with, Jesus, to which this hidden yet saving mystery admits them; that so, when He comes in that other way, whereby He will judge the world in terrible majesty,



He may recognize them as His friends, and even then, when mercy shall give place to justice, again save them.

We shall now endeavor to embody these sentiments in our explanation of the mysteries of the Holy Mass, and initiate the faithful into



these divine secrets; not, indeed, by indiscreetly presuming to translate the sacred formulae, but by suggesting such acts, as will enable those, who hear Mass, to enter into the ceremonies and sentiments of the Church and of the priest.

The faithful, in assisting at Mass during Advent, should first know whether it is going to be said according to the Advent rite, or in honor of the Blessed Virgin, or of a saint, or, finally, for the dead. The color of the vestments worn by the priest will tell them all this. Purple is used, if the Mass be of Advent; white or red, if of our Lady or the saints; and black, if for the dead. If the priest be vested in purple, the faithful must excite within themselves the spirit of penance which the Church would signify by this color. They should do the same, no matter what may be the color of the vestments; for in every Mass during Advent, with the exception of Masses for the dead, the priest is obliged, even on the greatest feasts, to make a commemoration of Advent three separate times, and thus to make use of the same expressions of repentance and sorrow as he would in a Mass proper to the time of Advent.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✦ LITURGY FUND

As announced last Sunday, we want to set aside funds for the purpose of acquiring more liturgical vestments and other items needed for the celebration of the liturgy. We will publicize the balance of this Liturgy Fund in our weekly Newsletter and will keep you informed about those items that are needed most. We are planning on purchasing 2 copes (in purple and green color) for the Sundays of Advent and Lent and for all Sundays after Pentecost celebrated in green color. The price for these copes will be approx. £1,750.00 each. - Thank you very much for your support of the Institute's work in Shrewsbury and for considering to donate toward the Liturgy Fund.

### 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 22.11 - 28.11.2021

Collection	£165.70
Bank transfer	£415.00
Total	£580.70

Liturgy Fund	£ 0.00
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*Thank you very much!*

Institute of Christ the King  
Shrewsbury Account Information  
Sort Code: **40-45-14**  
Account Number: **61855832**

## SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12:30 pm	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Novena Prayers	<b>T. Henriksson serious illness</b>
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00 am	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor Commemoration of Advent Novena Prayers	Victoria Mosley
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:30 pm	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor of the Church Commemoration of Advent Novena Prayers at Benediction	Poor Souls
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00 am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Commemoration of Advent	Birthday of Joseph Schutzer-Weissmann
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:30 pm	Feria in Advent Mass of First Sunday in Advent	Joan Flynn RIP
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00 am	Feria in Advent Mass of First Sunday in Advent	Poor Souls
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00 am	St. Damasus, Pope & Confessor Commemoration of Advent	Michael Schutzer-Weissmann RIP
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12:30 pm	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>PI RD</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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