



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria – Doctor of the Church ON THE INCARNATION OF THE WORD



Christmas at Gricigliano

You are wondering, perhaps, for what possible reason, having proposed to speak of the Incarnation of the Word, we are at present treating of the origin of mankind. But this, too, properly belongs to the aim of our treatise. For in speaking of the appearance of the Savior among us, we must needs speak also of the origin of men, that you may know that the reason of His coming down was because of us, and that our transgression called forth the loving-kindness of the Word, that the Lord should both make haste to help us and appear among men. For of His becoming Incarnate we were the object, and for our salvation He dealt so lovingly as to appear and be born even in a human body. Thus, then, God has made man, and willed that he should abide in incorruption; but men, having despised and rejected the contemplation of God, and devised and contrived evil for themselves (as was said in the former treatise), received the condemnation of death with which they had been threatened; and from thenceforth no longer remained as they were made, but were being corrupted according to their devices; and death had the mastery over them as king. (Romans 5:14)

For transgression of the commandment was turning them back to their natural state, so that just as they have had their being out of nothing, so also, as might be expected, they might look for corruption into nothing in the course of time. For if, out of a former normal state of non-existence, they were called into being by the Presence and loving-kindness of the Word, it followed naturally that when men were bereft of the knowledge of God and were turned back to what was not (for what is evil is not, but what is good is), they should, since they derive their being from God who IS, be everlastingly bereft even of being; in other words, that they should be disintegrated and abide in death and corruption. For man is by nature mortal, inasmuch as he is made out of what is not; but by reason of his likeness to Him that is (and if he still preserved

this likeness by keeping Him in his knowledge) he would stay his natural corruption, and remain incorrupt; as Wisdom (Wisdom 6:18) says: *The taking heed to His laws is the assurance of immortality*; but being incorrupt, he would live henceforth as God, to which I suppose the divine Scripture refers, when it says: *I have said you are gods, and you are all sons of the most Highest; but you die like men, and fall as one of the princes*.

For because of the Word dwelling with them, even their natural corruption did not come near them, as Wisdom also says: God made man for incorruption, and as an image of His own eternity; but by envy of the devil death came into the world. But when this had come to pass, men began to die, while corruption thence-forward prevailed against them, gaining even more than its natural power over the whole race, inasmuch as it had, owing to the transgression of the commandment, the threat of the Deity as a further advantage against them.

For even in their misdeeds men had not stopped short at any set limits; but gradually pressing forward, have passed on beyond all measure: having to begin with been inventors of wickedness and called down upon themselves death and corruption; while later on, having turned aside to wrong and exceeding all lawlessness, and stopping at no one evil but devising all manner of new evils in succession, they have become insatiable in sinning. For there were adulteries everywhere and thefts, and the whole earth was full of murders and plunderings. And as to corruption and wrong, no heed was paid to law, but all crimes were being practiced everywhere, both individually and jointly. Cities were at war with cities, and nations were rising up against nations; and the whole earth was rent with civil commotions and battles; each man vying with his fellows in lawless deeds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ LITURGY FUND

As announced recently, 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

24th of December (Friday):

10:00 am Vigil of Christmas

25th of December (Saturday):

00:00 am Midnight 1st Mass of Christmas

12:30 pm Christmas Mass of the day

26th of December (Sunday):

12.30 pm Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

Donations

Week 6.11 - 12.12.2021

Collection	£147.00
Bank transfer	£295.00
Total	£442.00

Liturgy Fund £1280.00

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	19 th Dec	12:30 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent	PI KS
Mon	20 th Dec	10:00 am	Feria in Advent Mass of Fourth Sunday in Advent	To implore God to purge the errors of his sheep
Tue	21 st Dec	6:30 pm	St. Thomas, Apostle	In Thanksgiving
Wed	22 nd Dec	10:00 am	Feria in Advent Mass of Fourth Sunday in Advent	Anne-Marie Beasley RIP
Thu	23 rd Dec	6:30 pm	Feria in Advent Mass of Fourth Sunday in Advent	Dylan Price RIP
Fri	24 th Dec	10:00 am	Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord	Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King
Sat	25 th Dec	Midnight	Midnight Mass	The Institute of Christ the King
		12.30 pm	Christmas – Mass during the Daytime	PI
Sun	26 th Dec	12:30 pm	Sunday within the Octave of Christmas	PI

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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