

Day of Prayer for The Victims and Survivors of Abuse – Pope Francis has asked all Bishops Conferences to establish a day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse. In England and Wales, this will take place on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter which is **4th May 2021**.

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies – 4th April 2021

“As we celebrate the ultimate victory Christ won for us on the cross, we pray for victory in all the church's efforts. We pray especially for the church's battle to protect all life and the dignity and wellbeing of all human beings from conception to their natural passing. Lord hear us.”

Coalition for Marriage Churches often preach, pray and discuss marriage. But if activists get their way, this routine work of churches, along with that of other faiths, could be disrupted by a new law. The Government is considering a ban on conversion therapy. However, activists want to go much further. They want their theology to be imposed upon churches and faith communities using the criminal law. This would include teaching on marriage. If they get their way, the effects could be unpredictable. Coalition for Marriage, C4M, stands with people of all faiths and none who support the true definition of marriage. Further information at www.c4m.org.uk where you can join for the latest updates.

Attention All Gift Aid Donors The current Tax Year 2020/21 will end on the 5th April 2021 and the Parish will then claim back from the Inland Revenue the tax rebate due on your Gift Aid donations. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid scheme) please let Fr. Cogliolo or Michael Marsden know via the parish email or phone number by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax during the current tax year. Please also inform Michael if your surname or address has changed. **Please note new Envelopes for current donors are now available in the church porch.**

How to sign up to Gift Aid & Church Offertory Giving Options

If you pay tax and you give to the Church, have you signed a Gift Aid form? Gift Aid only involves giving your name and address on a Gift Aid declaration form and agreeing to make your Offertory donations either by weekly Offertory Envelope, by monthly Banker's Standing Order or by Annual Cheque. No details about your wage, salary or occupation are required. Gift Aid costs you nothing extra but the Parish can claim a tax refund on the money you give and the Inland Revenue gives the Parish 25p for every £1 that you donate. There is no minimum amount or a fixed amount, you don't have to give every week, you can stop and restart donations according to personal circumstances. **BUT you must be paying tax on your income because the Parish is claiming a refund on the tax that you have paid.** If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Michael Marsden via the parish email or phone number. If you are not able to gift aid your donation, you can still donate to the church by standing order. Again, please contact Michael for further information.

Father Anthony & Deacon Michael both wish you all a very Happy & Holy Easter!

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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**4th April, 2021 – Easter Sunday
Mass Times & Intentions**

Easter Vigil (3rd)	8.00 pm	First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday (4th)	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 7th	10.30 am	Private Intention
Thursday 8th	10.30 am	The Quinn Family
Saturday 10th	6.30 pm	The Mattarello Family
Sunday 11th	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Francis Heathcote

NB: Confession available after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

(1) There will be some simplifications for the celebrations of Masses over Easter in accordance with the Bishop's recommendations and those of the Holy See.

(2) Church at one metre social distancing with compulsory face mask wearing – please see all rules & guidance overleaf.

Last week, the government's 'Stay at Home' message was replaced by the rule of six making it permissible to gather outdoors in groups of six or two households.

Please note that inside church you should not interact with anyone outside your household or support bubble. Please also ensure that you adhere to the strict social distancing & hygiene rules in place in church, as detailed below.

Rules & Guidance in church

- Church at one metre plus social distancing.
- Please wear a face mask (unless you are exempt).
- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic.
- Please sign-in to church for the Track & Trace system or please scan the QR code with the NHS App.
- Please sanitise your hands on entering & leaving church.
- Visitors should not touch or physically venerate statues, relics, or the church stoop.
- Whilst in church, or the surrounding grounds, people should adhere to the social distancing rules at all times. People should only interact with members of their own household and once the Mass is ended, participants should move away promptly to minimise the risk of contact and the spread of infection.
- Single use Mass sheets & Parish newsletters are provided and should either be kept or disposed of immediately at the end of each Mass in the bins provided in the porch.
- Readers should apply sanitiser before reading from the pulpit.
- Please note toilet facility is closed in church at this time.
- Maximum safe capacity of church if all worshippers are from a different household: 47 (Max 2 per pew each separated by 1 metre). Maximum safe capacity of church if worshippers from the same household can sit together (Max 4 to a pew, 3 on the front pews): 79.
- Please follow the one-way system & guidance in church.

Extra Care at Holy Communion

- Holy Communion takes place at the very end of Mass.
- Please remain in your seat until you are invited to go forward by a steward.
- Receiving Holy Communion should take place in silence, i.e. the communicant should not say 'Amen.'
- Please unloop the face covering in order to receive Holy Communion & recover afterwards.
- The communicant is advised to place their hands stretched out flat.
- Following Holy Communion, please leave church promptly, not returning to your seat - those sitting on the left side pews/seats should leave by the left aisle/main front entrance door; those sitting on the right side pews/seats should leave by the right aisle/side entrance door.
- Please apply sanitiser on leaving the church.
- Worshippers should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of their group.

Easter Collection

Just a reminder that your personal offerings over the Easter weekend are for the support of the Parish Priest. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Baskets are in the church porch.

Food Link, Colshaw

Thank you for all your recent, most generous donations of food & Easter eggs which have all been gratefully received. Sadly, the need continues – could you help to donate food to those struggling? We are very grateful to receive the following food donations: dried pasta, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, and tinned foods (pies, soups, beans, fruit, veg, meat, fish, etc.). Please leave any donations at the back of church (when open) or please leave outside the presbytery door and then ring the bell.

Summer Ordinations to the Priesthood and the Diaconate

From Bishop Mark: *"It is always a special cause of joy to write to you of approaching ordinations for the Diocese. Arrangements are being made for five ordinations this summer, mindful of many uncertainties regarding public safety measures which may remain in place. I look forward to ordaining three new priests for the Diocese: Deacons Patrick Breeze, Humphrey O'Connor and Stephen Roberts. I also look forward to ordaining to the Permanent Diaconate Dr John McKay from Saint Peter's, Hazel Grove and Mr Wilfred McSherry from Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Stephen Harding, Market Drayton. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers."*

Wilmslow Wells for Africa - Monday 12 April at 7.30 pm - Our Water Engineer Reflects

The meeting will open at 7.15 p.m. so everyone can join before the presentation starts at 7.30. Wilmslow Wells has been in existence for nearly 40 years and David Tonks has given his time and expertise for over half that time. David is a qualified water engineer and has made a significant contribution to Wilmslow Wells success. David will share his insights and thoughts on the Wilmslow Wells story so far, and for the future, including photographs, anecdotes and virtual visits to some of our 250+ projects in Africa. All are welcome. Attend this Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85121801575?pwd=LONTZUJpRGp4L1BXOHh0WGFEVllpZz09>
Meeting ID: 851 2180 1575, Passcode: 086106

Mary's Meals

From Bishop Mark: *"Earlier this month, I received a presentation on the work of the charity "Mary's Meals" which I am happy to draw its work to your attention. I was struck by the simplicity of how for less than £20 a child can be supported for a year; the small scale of the charity's administration; and its collaboration with volunteers and communities such as the Daughters of Charity in one of the most troubled regions of Ethiopia."* For more information please visit: www.marysmeals.org.uk

Canon Brendan Hoban & Deacon Philip White RIP

It is with sadness that we report the death of Canon Brendan Hoban & Deacon Philip White. May they rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of their souls.