

### **The Apostles Creed**

*I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.*

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**General Guidance & Rules in the Parish** Whilst it is no longer required to stay two metres apart from people you do not live with and there is no limit to the numbers you may meet, the guidance goes on to say "in order to minimise the risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the contact you have with those you do not usually live with and increase close contact gradually. This includes limiting the number, proximity and duration of social events." This is a note of caution for us in returning to parish activities. There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. This allows a return to pre-Covid-19 safety capacities whilst taking into account the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales.

**Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies** "We pray for an end to abortion. We pray especially that the Government would see the harm caused by the temporary 'DIY' abortion scheme, and that efforts to end this practice would be successful. Lord hear us"

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**Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East**

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### **5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 – The Second Sunday of Advent** **Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 4th	6.30 pm	Father Kevin Moorhouse
Sunday 5th – <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Dermot Cullen
Monday 6th	10.00 am	Mabel Fredericks
Tuesday 7th	10.00 am	Intentions of Kathleen Parr
Wednesday 8th – <i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	10.00 am	Madeleine Van Steene
Thursday 9th	10.00 am	Int.CG (RIP)
Friday 10th	10.00 am	Winefride Mullen
Saturday 11th	6.30 pm	Father Austin Smith
Sunday 12th – <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Intentions of Mary Goode

#### **Please Note**

- Church open daily for private prayer after Mass until late afternoon.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

### **Christmas Arrangements**

Christmas Day this year falls on a Saturday. On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 9.00 am & 10.30 am. There will not be a Vigil Mass for the following day at 6.30 pm. On Sunday 26th December there will be Mass at 9.00 am & 10.30 am. On Christmas Eve there will not be a Mass at midnight in the light of current health problems, but there will be a Vigil Mass at 8.00 pm. During the morning of Christmas Eve there will be confessions between 10.30 am & Midday.

### **Christmas Cards for Sale**

Christmas Cards for the benefit of Aid to the Church in Need will be on sale from this weekend. Packs of 10 will cost £5.00, and calendars will be available for £5.25.

### **The Sunday Obligation**

Bishop Mark writes, *"The bishops do not possess the authority to suspend the Sunday obligation. However, since March 2020 the bishops have sought to give guidance to the faithful on the changing conditions in which it is possible to fulfil this obligation. Conditions have clearly moved on since the state of national lockdown last year. Yet, the bishops recognise the uncertainties of the Winter ahead of us and write 'At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in a position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.'* However, the bishops ask every Catholic to honestly review their situation motivated by real love which must be our personal response to Christ's total self-offering in the Holy Eucharist."

### **CARITAS at Christmas**

Thank you for your generosity towards the CARITAS collection which raised £324.62.

### **Annual Return of Red Mission Boxes**

Anyone with a red mission box that needs emptying should please pass it on to Father Anthony, Deacon Michael or Patrick Murphy so that any funds can be banked. Thank you.

### **CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund)

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StTerasasWilmslow>. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations

made using these methods.

### **Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion**

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY) to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

**Food Link, Colshaw** Thank you for your recent generous donations of food. Sadly, the need is increasing— 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 in the box at the back of church.

### **Mary's Meals**

Bishop Mark writes, *"Mary's Meals is a charity providing school dinners for more than two million children around the world, including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. From November 2021 to January 2022, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! For more information, please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)"*