Your prayers are asked for:

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Deacon John Lomas who died peacefully at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, on 23rd November 2019 with his family present. The funeral arrangements are as follows: Requiem Mass at 12 noon at St Gregory's Church, Wellington Road, Bollington, Cheshire, SK10 5JR, on Monday 16th December 2019. Canon Michael Gannon VG will be the chief celebrant. Following the Requiem Mass Deacon John's body will be interred in St Gregory's Cemetery, Chapel Street, off Church Lane, Bollington, SK10 5PY.

Please also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Deacon Joe Norbury who died last week. May he rest in peace. Please pray for Joe's family also at this sad time.

St. Teresa's Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Tuesday 17th December 2019 – Invitations

These are now ready for collection at the back of church – a swift reply would be appreciated. We would be grateful if Eucharistic Ministers & Members of the SVP could help distribute these invites if/when on their rounds of any of the invited guests. Thank you.

Wilmslow Churches Together - Christmas Mass Times - Leaflet Delivery 2019

As with previous years, Wilmslow Churches together have again kindly organised the printing of leaflets detailing the times of masses and services in Wilmslow during Christmas. These have now arrived, and we would be most grateful again for volunteers to help deliver them to the streets we have been allocated – please see the list in the porch for these details.

150th anniversary of our parish in 2021 Provisionally set for 19th June. Arrangements will start early in 2020.

Explore Advent - Shrewsbury Diocese Youth Mission Team

Join SYMT for an evening of faith, food and fun! See posters at the back of church.

Years 5 & 6: 5 - 6 pm; Secondary School students: 6.30 – 8.00 pm:

Tuesday 17th December Sacred Heart & St Peter's, Baguley

Wednesday 18th December Our Lady & St Christopher's, Romiley

Friday 20th December Christ Church, Heald Green

<u>Going into Hospital?</u> If you are, please let Father Anthony know, otherwise the Chaplain will not know you are there. Do not forget to let him know if you change ward & please let Father know if you would like a visit. <u>St Teresa's Living Flame Prayer Group</u> The group meets on Wednesdays at 11 am in the parish hall until 12 noon for prayer, scripture, intentions, rosary and music. All are most welcome to join.

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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8th December, 2019 – The Second Sunday of Advent Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 7th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 8th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention
Monday 9th	9.30 am	(The Immaculate Conception) Special Intention
Tuesday 10th	9.30 am	Marcus Gallagher
Wednesday 11th	9.30 am	James Ellison
Thursday 12th	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving
Friday 13th	9.30 am	Private Intention (M)
	12.00 pm	Funeral Service for Faye Dowling
Saturday 14th	9.30 am	Leo Ellison
Saturday 14th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 15th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Margaret Henriques

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions: Saturdays 10.15 – 11.00 am

General Election Statement from Bishop Mark Davies:

"I commend the General Election Statement of the English and Welsh Bishops to be considered before the choice the nation makes on Thursday. As Christians, we must express the gravest concern that a number of political parties have dispensed with considerations of individual conscience making unequivocal manifesto commitments to deny the unborn child the right to life. I cannot fail to draw your attention to this further radical assault upon the sanctity of human life, presented as a programme for government and the danger of discarding the rights of individual conscience of parliamentarians in determining the right to life of the unborn child. Individual candidates may dissent from their party platforms; however, we could never give support to any policy which denies the most fundamental right to life itself - without which all other rights are without foundation. Let us pray for all who seek a mandate from us on Thursday and for light in making the difficult choices which an election involves."

Copies of The Bishops of England & Wales statement are included with this newsletter and will also be available at the back of church. It may also be read at:

http://www.cbcew.org.uk/2019-general-election-statement-and-bishops-plenary

Looking at Matthew

An introduction to the Gospel of Matthew, our Gospel this year focussed on "the God who speaks" led by Father Michael Coughlan at Sacred Heart & St. Peter's Church, Floatshall Rd, Baguley, M23 1HP on Wednesday 11th December from 7 pm to 8.30 pm

Faye Dowling RIP

It is with sadness that we report the death of Faye Dowling. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be on Friday 13th December at 12 noon in our church.

Shrewsbury Catholic Voice

The latest editions of the Catholic Voice are now available from the back bench of church.

Food Link, Colshaw: Children's Christmas Presents Appeal - List now up!

This year we have had another special request for children's Christmas presents as a previous donator has been lost. A list of children (and their ages) is now at the back of church. If you could donate a wrapped Christmas present for a child of a struggling family, it would be gratefully received. Please leave with Father Anthony or Deacon Michael (and also please tick off the name on the list for that child if you can donate one).

Food Link, Colshaw: Food Appeal

The need to contribute food continues. Could you help to donate food to struggling families? 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 donations in the box at the back of church.

At this time of year we are also very grateful to receive children's chocolate selection boxes.

Cake Sale & Christmas Stall – Sunday 8th December, 2019

Please join us in the hall after 10.30 am mass for a cake sale this Sunday. All proceeds from the cake sale will go towards the urgent and expensive repairs required at the Carmelite Monastery in Birkenhead. Also on the day, the piety stall will be selling Christmas gifts & cards.

Aid to the Church In Need: Retiring Collection This Weekend

There will be an appeal at the Masses this weekend on behalf of this Papal charity which helps Christians who suffer for their Faith. (There will also be a small piety stall with a selection of items from their catalogue).

The Year of the Word 2020 The Bishops of England and Wales have dedicated 2020 as a Year of the Word, to focus on the Bible and on 'The God Who Speaks'. This date coincides with the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death and the 10th anniversary of Emeritus Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation, Verbum Domini. The Bishops' intention is to encourage us to celebrate, live and share the word of God in a more conscious way. They describe this as ".... an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'".

They are also laid out in a brochure, 15 copies of which have been sent to every parish together with 15 copies of the Gospel of St Matthew which is the text for the Liturgical Year A. Please find these at the back of church. (More copies can be requested – please ask).

St. Teresa's Car Park Renewal 2020 - Application Forms now available upon request

Current permits are officially valid until the end of the calendar year (31st December) after which you will need to renew your permit. If you do not apply and pay for a new permit, you will be removed from the system and no longer be authorised to use the car park (except for attending mass). To allow people time to renew over the Christmas period we are extending current passes until **Friday 17**th **January 2020.**

Application forms to obtain a permit for 2020 are now available upon request from the sacristy, after masses. The cost is still just £15 per annum. Please note that applications to use the car park are open only to parishioners! They are not open to other family members or extended family (unless they too are parishioners). Please also note that only one form can be obtained for each parishioner applying and that each parishioner can only apply to use one vehicle.

A reminder of the other terms of use of the car park:

- (i) Please note that use of the car park during mass times is solely for the use of parishioners attending the mass and no other purpose.
- (ii) Use of the car park is for short periods only, to enable parishioners to do shopping.
 It is not for all-day use.
- (iii) It may be deemed necessary to place certain time restrictions on access to the car park, e.g. to give priority to funeral attendees, wedding attendees or at other times the parish priest deems fit. Any restrictions will be notified, where possible, via the parish newsletter and on site.
- (iv) When on foot, please use the pedestrian entry/exit gate as sign posted in the car park DO NOT enter or exit the car park on foot through the vehicle entrance.