



**SACRED HEART & ST TERESA'S CHURCH,  
WILMSLOW**



Reg. Charity No. 234025

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Up to 30 people may now meet outdoors. Indoors, six people (or two households) can meet.  
The limit for attendees at funerals is limited to the safe capacity of the church.  
Social distancing continues in church so please ensure that you adhere to the 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. • 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. • 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.

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

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**11<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 – The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Times & Intentions**

<b>Saturday 10th</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>The Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
Monday 12th	10.00 am	Sister Kathleen
Tuesday 13th	10.00 am	Josephine Depares
Wednesday 14th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 15th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 16th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>The Parishioners</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>

- (1) **Weekday Mass returns Mon-Fri and will be celebrated at 10.00 am for the present time.**
- (2) Church now open daily for private prayer after Mass until late afternoon.
- (3) Confession available after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.
- (4) Church at one metre social distancing with compulsory face mask wearing – please see all rules & guidance on adjacent page.

### **Pope at Audience: God transforms our sinful lives to make us missionaries**

At a recent General Audience, Pope Francis reflected on the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians, and says God's grace turned sinful Saul into the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Pope Francis held the Wednesday General Audience in the San Damaso Courtyard, and continued his catechesis on the letters of St. Paul.

The Pope focused his reflections on the Letter to the Galatians and on Paul's self-identification as a true apostle.

He noted that Paul lays out his intent clearly, which is to "reiterate the novelty of the Gospel, which the Galatians have received through his preaching, to build the true identity on which to base their existence."

#### **Getting to the heart of the problem**

The Pope said St. Paul puts aside the empty arguments of his detractors and "flies high" by showing the path to overcome conflicts in the community.

Only near the end of his letter, noted the Pope, does Paul reveal that the core of his argumentation is the question of whether or not circumcision is required for all Christians.

"Paul chooses to go deeper, because what is at stake is the truth of the Gospel and the freedom of Christians, which is an integral part of it."

He goes to the heart of the problem that has arisen in the Galatian community, rather than seeking a quick and easy solution.

#### **Boasting of God's mercy**

Pope Francis went on to recall Paul's assertion that he was called to be an apostle by God, and not by his own merit.

Paul even boasted that he had progressed far beyond others in Judaism, highlighting that he had been a defender of his "ancestral traditions" and ferociously persecuted the Church.

The Pope said St. Paul boasts of his previous way of life only to underline the greatness of the mercy of God. "Paul thus highlights the truth of his vocation through the striking contrast that had been created in his life: from being a persecutor of Christians for not observing the traditions and the law, he was called to become an apostle to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

#### **Using the weak and sinful**

Despite Paul's checkered past, God chose to reveal His Risen Son to him, so that he might preach the Gospel to the Gentiles.

"How inscrutable are the ways of the Lord!" said the Pope. "We experience this every day, but especially if we think back to the times when the Lord called us."

Pope Francis urged everyone never to forget the moment when Jesus entered our lives, keeping "fixed in our hearts and minds that encounter with grace, when God changed our existence."

And he marvelled at how often God makes use of sinners and the weak to manifest His will.

"And yet, none of this happens by chance, because everything has been prepared in God's plan. He weaves our history and, if we correspond with trust to His plan of salvation, we realize it."

#### **God's grace makes us servants of the Gospel**

Finally, Pope Francis recalled that when God calls He also instils us with a mission, which we must prepare for diligently.

"Let us allow ourselves to be led by this awareness: the primacy of grace transforms existence and makes it worthy of being placed at the service of the Gospel."

### **The Holy Father**

Please keep Pope Francis especially in your prayers as he begins a period of convalescence following surgery at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome.

### **DAY FOR LIFE – Retiring Collection**

Last week's retiring collection raised £148.50 Thank you for your generosity.

**Please Pray for...**the repose of the soul of Margaret Smith, who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be in church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00 am.

### **The 11th Annual GK Chesterton Walking Pilgrimage**

The 11th Annual GK Chesterton Walking Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 24th July 2021. You can sponsor Stuart as he raises funds for Good Counsel on this 27 mile walk here; <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk21> You can email prayer intentions to be prayed for along the way, to; [catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk)

You can join us for Mass or part of the walk on the day or even just join us by saying the GK Chesterton Prayer on the day wherever you are. Find details and the prayer in a number of languages here; <https://www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk>

### **Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team - Introducing Holiday Club Online**

We're so excited to announce this week of fun, activities, games & prayer happening in August.

For young people in year 5 to 7. All are welcome to join us!

Email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) to request a booking form.

### **Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies**

*We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Lord hear us"*

### **Weekday Mass Return Monday - Friday & Private Prayer Availability**

Just a reminder that daily Mass has now returned in church from Monday to Friday at 10.00 am (please note there will be no Mass on Saturday morning). The church will stay open after Mass for private prayer until late afternoon. As stated recently, stewarding for weekday Masses is no longer required and worshippers entering church either for weekday Mass or private prayer are to now take responsibility themselves for track & trace by way of scanning the QR code on their phones – you will need to download the NHS Covid-19 App to do this. Worshippers should also apply hand sanitiser as usual on entering & leaving church and should seat appropriately in the allocated seating to maintain social distancing.

For the weekend Masses, the usual signing in procedures will still apply & the church will continue to be stewarded.