

**Wilmslow Wells for Africa – Souperweek** Thank you making Souperweek week such a success. We hope that you enjoyed the recipes. It raised an amazing £1300 - a wonderful result which will help towards the funding of recent proposals that have come in. Sadly, the Charity Christmas Card Shop cannot open but our Christmas card, designed by Rosemary Stubbs, is still for sale. Please go to our website [www.wilmslowwells.org](http://www.wilmslowwells.org) to find the buying options for the cards, with also details of the card including a photograph of the design.

**Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot** Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

#### Local Live-streaming Weekend Masses

(Weekday Masses also available – please check appropriate schedules):

##### **St. Albans, Macclesfield**

**(Vigil Saturdays: 6.30 pm; Sunday Masses: 9.30 am, 11.00 am)**

<http://www.stalbanmacc.org.uk/stalbanslivestream.html>

##### **Christ Church, Heald Green**

**(Vigil Saturdays: 5.30 pm; Sunday Mass: 11.00 am)**

<https://christ-church.click2stream.com/>

##### **Holy Angels, Hale Barns**

**(Sunday Mass: 10.00 am)**

<http://www.holyangelslive.co.uk>

##### **Shrewsbury Cathedral**

**(Sundays: 8.00 am, 9.30 am (Extraordinary form), & 11.00 am)**

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>

**Parish Updates – Parish updates can also now be viewed at our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/StTerasasWilmslow>

(No Facebook account required to view page)

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

*Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1LD*



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### 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 – The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please note that there will be no public Mass celebrated in church until the new restrictions are lifted (currently expected to be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December). However, the church will again be available for private prayer on the days & times listed below. The church will also be reverting back to 2 metre social distancing, with a limit of no more than 10 people in church at a time, and with a time limit of 15 minutes in church for each worshipper. All worshippers must continue to wear face coverings & adhere to the strict rules in church at this time, including sanitising hands on entering & leaving. Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic. Until further notice, the church will be open for private prayer on the following days & times:

**Wednesdays from 10 am – 12 pm**

**Sundays from 10 am – 12 pm**

*Father Anthony continues to celebrate daily Mass privately in church and prays for all of us. Please also keep him in your prayers.*

#### New Rules & Guidance in Church at this time:

- Church at two metre social distancing with compulsory face mask wearing.
- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic.
- Short private prayer permitted (15 minutes per person).
- The maximum number of visitors able to attend at any one time to be no more than 10 visitors.
- Please sanitise hands on entering & before leaving church.
- Visitors should not touch or physically venerate statues, relics, or the church stoop.
- Whilst in church, or the surrounding grounds, all should adhere to strict social distancing rules at all times.
- Please follow one-way system & guidance in church – please enter by the church side door & leave by the left aisle & main entrance door. Please wait to be seated by the stewards who will seat you safely in designated areas.
- People from the same household can sit together but those not from the same household should maintain social distancing while in church. Children may attend, but parents or guardians must manage them appropriately, particularly ensuring that they touch as few surfaces as possible. Please also note toilet facility is closed in church.
- Visitors should take away with them any printed material that they have picked up while in the church.

### **Father Anthony's Homily for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

*"In celebrating the Thirty-third Sunday of the Year we are coming close to the end of the Church's year, the keeping of which is an annual reflection on the history of our salvation. The final celebration of this year will be next weekend with the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, which feast looks forward to the Lord's second coming. We are reminded in today's reading from Matthew's Gospel that the life of each of us should be understood as a getting ready for that event. The parable of the Talents illustrates this call. Talentum, as understood in New Testament times, was a large sum of money, so large that it was never minted. The drachma, one of which was a labourer's day's wage, was so. In the parable the Talentum symbolises the immensity and gratuity of the Lord's gifts to his followers. We sometimes call these gifts God's grace. We are called upon to make use of those gifts firstly to further our own salvation and also to help bring about that of others. We shall be judged on what we have done in this life at death and all shall know the fulness of God's justice at the end of time. Only if we fail to use God's generosity - indicated by burying the talent in the ground - shall we deserve exclusion from heaven. Such would be the consequence of our own serious sin and a failure to repent of it. It would never be the will of God that we fail to gain salvation."*

### **Father Anthony on the Resumption of Public Worship & Spiritual Need in the Parish**

While we hope to resume public worship after 2nd December there is no guarantee that we shall be able to do so. It is disappointing that there has been no public response from the Government to the request of the Bishops that evidence justifying the prohibition of public worship be produced. It is good that a number of Members of Parliament, including those for Congleton and Tatton, have shown opposition to the Government in this matter. Arrangements for Christmas services will have to remain on hold until Government policy is known.

Father Anthony is grateful for the spiritual support of the parishioners during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact him, especially in an emergency.

**'Making a Place for Christ'** A leaflet has been issued by the Diocese. It contains a set of home crib devotions and can be found on the table at the entrance to the church. This has also recently been published on our Facebook page.

**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 when open or please leave by the presbytery front door and then ring the bell.

**Caritas at Christmas – Collection** The Bishop has asked that a collection be taken for the support of the poor of the Diocese before the end of November. This collection, formally known as the crib appeal, will take place this week on 15<sup>th</sup> November and helps to provide food and gifts for those most in need in the Shrewsbury Diocese this Christmas. ***If you are visiting Church for private prayer, please leave your donation in the basket provided near the entrance. You can also donate online at <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/> towards the bottom of the page.***

**Leslie Burgess RIP** It is with sadness that we report the death of Leslie Burgess, who died last week. May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will take place in church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am. (Please note as per the government guidance, funerals are currently limited to 30 people).

### **Aid to the Church in Need – Christmas Cards for Sale**

We are being deprived of Mass once again, but it's unusual for us – whereas for many fellow Catholics the persecution they suffer makes it a regular occurrence. Help ACN to support them by buying Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc from our website [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org) or by ringing 0345-241-6068 and asking for a catalogue.

**Parish Online Donation Page** For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been added to the Parish website and is also linked here: <https://app.investmycommunity.com/sacredheart&stteresawilmslowdioceseofshrewsbury2178> Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further. If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

Thank you for your support.

**The Eucharistic Congress** scheduled to take place in Bucharest in 2020, has been deferred to September, 2021. As part of the preparation for this event, the International Organising Committee is inviting all Catholics to mark the Feast of Christ the King by joining in a time of adoration and prayer on Saturday, November 21st, 2020. All the information needed to do so can be accessed via the following link below: <https://www.iec2020.hu/en/news-press/7th-worldwide-adoration-and-prayer-21st-november>