

Food Link, Colshaw: Appeal Thank you for your recent donations of food & Easter eggs. Sadly, the need continues. If you are able to help those who are struggling, we would be 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.

Alternatively, you may like to offer a financial contribution to the parish, who will then use your donation to buy food in bulk for the Food Link. (Any cheques may be made payable to "Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Church").

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St. Teresa's Living Flame Prayer Group: Every Wednesday

We will meet in the parish hall between 11.15 am and 12.15 pm for prayer, scripture, intentions, rosary and music. All are most welcome to join us. For further information please contact: Marcelle Perch Tel: 07776343499; Mary Robinson Tel: 07505127451

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies "On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers and unborn children. We pray that we, like her, may have the courage to stand up for the lives of unborn children. Lord hear us"

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1st May, 2022 – The Third Sunday of Easter
Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 30 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 1 st – Third Sunday of Easter	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Elizabeth & Brian Carroll
Monday 2 nd	10.00 am	Jim Dickinson
Tuesday 3 rd	10.00 am	Father Robin Sutton
Wednesday 4 th	10.00 am	Peter Richardson
Thursday 5 th	10.00 am	Intentions of Kathleen Parr
Friday 6 th	10.00 am	The sick & needy of the parish
Saturday 7 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 8 th – Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Intentions of the Parish Priest

Please Note

- Confession available on request after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

Pope at Audience: The beauty of bonds that unite generations (from Vatican News)

In his continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age in the light of God's word, Pope Francis reflected on the figure of the widow Naomi as presented in the biblical Book of Ruth, which he called "a jewel of the Bible."

He told those gathered at Wednesday's General Audience in St Peter's Square that this beautiful story "sheds light on the beauty of family bonds," and invited the faithful to "rediscover the Book of Ruth."

Bonds of love and support

The Pope recounted the relationship of love and mutual support between the elderly Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth.

Naomi, living in a foreign land, is left alone when her two sons die. But despite her grief, she encourages her two daughters-in-law to remain among their own people as she returns to Bethlehem, her native town, a gesture Pope Francis described as an "act of love." Ruth makes the decision not to abandon Naomi, and accompanies her to Judah, telling her: "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." The Pope underlined that "Naomi, moved by Ruth's devotion, will emerge from her pessimism and even take the initiative, opening up a new future for Ruth."

A new chapter

Both women begin a new chapter in their lives with Ruth supporting Naomi, and Naomi, in turn, helping Ruth to find a new husband, Boaz, which will lead to the birth of a son Obed, who was the father of Jesse. "Naomi, in her old age," commented Pope Francis, "will know the joy of having a part in the generation of a new birth." *"Look how many 'miracles' accompany the conversion of this elderly woman. She converts to the commitment of making herself available, with love, for the future of a generation wounded by loss and at risk of abandonment."* In off-the-cuff remarks, the Pope said at times mothers-in-law have the reputation of being difficult; but he added, she is a mother, and she can also be a grandmother which is a "beautiful thing." He also urged families and mothers-in-law to bring out the best in each other.

Uniting generations

Pope Francis explained that the story of Naomi and Ruth demonstrates that in God's providential plan, faith and love enable challenges to be overcome. He went on to say that these bonds uniting the generations can prove enriching for our families and for the growth of a society that respects the dignity and gifts of each of its members, however young or old. In conclusion, the Pope underlined, "If the young open themselves to gratitude for what they have received, and the elderly take the initiative of relaunching their future, nothing can stop the flourishing of God's blessings among peoples." He also recommended that young people talk to their grandparents and to their elders, and that old people talk to young people. This, he said, will foster harmony and forge that "beautiful bridge that we must guard and watch over."

Your Prayers are asked for...

- We are sorry to report the death of Peter Richardson who died recently. May he rest in peace. His funeral details will follow.

- We recently received the sad news that Father Robin Sutton died last week in Nazareth House, Birkenhead. May he rest in peace. Please remember Robin in your prayers.

Father David Peters – Funeral Details

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father David Peters who died recently. May he rest in peace. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Reception of the Body and Vigil Mass: Monday 9th May at 7 pm at Holy Family, Sale Moor

Requiem Mass: Tuesday 10th May at 11.30 am at Holy Family, Sale Moor followed by a private family committal.

Missio Thanksgiving Mass - Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7pm

A Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, to thank God for all those who are praying and supporting the Red Boxes and the work of Missio, will be celebrated at St Michael and All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm. All are welcome including Missio Secretaries, Benefactors, Red Box holders and anyone interested in the mission of the Church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme. Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

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