

### Churches Together in Wilmslow - Lent Lunches

Home-made soup, bread, cheese and fruit. Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 19th March. Soup served between 12 noon and 1.00 pm. Dean Row Chapel Hall, Chapel Road, Wilmslow, SK9 2BX. Suggested minimum donation £5. Proceeds to Christian Aid Week.

### Lent Groups 2024 – Wilmslow Churches Together

Ian Smart from Wilmslow Methodist Church has organised Lent Groups using the material Watch and Pray. The groups will be held at Wilmslow URC Church on all the Monday Evenings in Lent and will start at 7:30 pm. The sessions will be led by the Rev'd Ian Smart with input and assistance from others. The first meeting was on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and on the following 5 Mondays until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The Archbishops said the following about this material **“Watch and Pray challenges us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.”** Everyone is welcome from every church, or none, to come and join us as we Watch and Pray together, and prepare ourselves for the Holy Week to come. For those not familiar with the church, there is a small private car park at the rear. Access to it is from Chapel Lane via Bedells Lane/Hawthorn Lane (Chapel Lane is a one-way street).

### 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.*

### Food Donations Appeal – Hope Central Handforth

Sadly, the need continues. Food Donations we are grateful for: Tinned foods (meat, pies, soups, beans, tomatoes, fruit, veg, etc), microwavable rice, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits and also nappies). 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 Bank. (Any cheques may be made payable to “Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s Church”).

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

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024 – The Third Sunday of Lent Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Fr. Anthony Cogliolo (sick)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Tony Whitehead/Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Piyaseeli Perera/Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Indra Ariyawansa/Eucharistic Service
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention/Eucharistic Service
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention/Eucharistic Service
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
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### Please Note

• Father Anthony is currently unwell in hospital and at time of printing it is not yet known when he can return to us and so there may only be Eucharistic Services from Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH**

In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalization of abortion up to birth (Esther McVey - [esther.mcvey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:esther.mcvey.mp@parliament.uk)). The *Right to Life* website has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* has helpful information under 'Resources.' The Right to Life website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to decriminalizing abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life.

### **Pope at Audience: God's power is made perfect in weakness (From Vatican News)**

Envy and vainglory are dangerous vices, but there are remedies to combat each. Pope Francis suggested this during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday morning in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, as he continued his catechesis series on virtues and vices, this week examining envy and vainglory. Given the Pope's recent flu-like symptoms, the Holy Father opted for an official of the Vatican Secretariat of State, Msgr. Filippo Ciampanelli, to read his remarks on his behalf, as he has done for the Holy Father on other occasions. Speaking first about envy, the Pope recalled the sin, even as early as in the story of Cain and Abel, proved to be a destructive force fuelled by resentment towards others, that often leads to deadly hatred. "Envy," he observed, "is an evil that has not only been investigated in the Christian sphere: it has attracted the attention of philosophers and wise men of every culture."

**God's 'math' is different** At envy's basis, the Holy Father suggested, is a relationship of hate and love. "One desires the evil for the other, but secretly desires to be like him. "His good fortune," he continued, "seems to us an injustice: surely, we think to ourselves, we would deserve his successes or good fortune much more! At the root of this vice, he noted, is "a false idea of God," where "we do not accept that God has His own 'math,' different from ours."

**Remedies to envy and vainglory** The remedy to envy, the Pope suggested, lies in Saint Paul's exhortation: "Love one another with brotherly affection, compete in esteeming one another." Meanwhile, vainglory, which is excessive or ostentatious pride especially in one's achievements, he said, is marked by an inflated self-esteem and "a craving for constant praise," "frequently prone to using other people for one's own ends." This sin, the Holy Father pointed out, goes hand in hand with "the demon" of envy, saying both vices are characteristic of a person "who aspires to be the centre of the world."

**God's power made perfect in weakness** The vainglorious person, the Pope indicated, is completely self-absorbed. To combat this vice, the Pope suggested following Saint Paul's example of boasting of his weakness rather than achievements, which "offers an effective way for overcoming vainglory." Pope Francis urged the faithful to imitate Saint Paul in knowing that God's grace is sufficient, since His power is made perfect in weakness. As we accept and even embrace our weaknesses, the Holy Father suggested, the power of Christ will set us free for a more generous love of others.

### **Father Anthony Illness**

We are very sorry to report that Father Anthony was taken into hospital last week after feeling unwell. At time of printing, it is not yet known when he can return to us. Canon Michael Gannon VG will kindly supply the vigil Mass on Saturday evening & Bishop Mark will say the Sunday Masses. Please note that there may only be Eucharistic Services in church from Monday to Friday next week at 10 am. Please also note that access to the church may be limited at this time. If necessary, the weekend Masses next weekend will be supplied by a supply priest by the Diocese. In case of any emergency, please contact Michael Marsden, our administrator, by way of the parish phone number (overleaf). Please do keep Father Anthony in your prayers. We hope and pray he can return to us soon.

### **Bishop Mark Welcome**

This Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> March) we are pleased to welcome Bishop Mark who is visiting our parish and who will say the Sunday Masses for us in Father Anthony's absence. We are sorry Father Anthony cannot share this day with us but we very much are keeping him in our prayers. Please join us in the hall afterwards for refreshments.

### **Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal**

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations of £407.51, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### **St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Parish Mission – 3 Days of Healing 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Sister Briege Mckenna, O.S.C - born in Ireland and at the age of twenty-four, Sr. Briege was miraculously and instantaneously healed during the celebration of the Eucharist. Some time later she received, in prayer, the gift of healing for which she has become so widely known.

Fr Pablo Escriva De Romani - born in Spain Fr. Pablo has ministered in numerous countries, including pro-life and youth work as well as leading retreats in war zones. He has a special mission to help priests renew their priesthood and has joined Sr. Briege in ministering to Priests & at parish missions.

There will be a talk after the 12 noon Mass each day held here at St Joseph's. Evening sessions begin at 7pm – details below.

3 days of healing: Main Mission Events Evening Sessions start at 7pm

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Day 1: Reconciliation; Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Day 2: Prayer & the Power of the Holy Spirit

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Day 3: The Eucharist "The Source & Summit of our Faith"

Concludes with Eucharistic Healing

(First night talk & confession - all other nights beginning with Mass at 7pm)

All welcome: St. Joseph's RC Church, Tatton Street, St. Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ

We encourage you to bring others with you, especially those who may have drifted away from the practice of the faith. Sr Briege has a powerful presence and testimony. To register your attendance please email us at [stockportshrine@gmail.com](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com)