

### 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.*

**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

**Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies** "For all parents expecting a new child, that they might be blessed with a safe and healthy pregnancy for mother and baby. Lord hear us".

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023 – The First Sunday of Advent Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	Father Austin Smith
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – First Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Joseph Wilcox
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – St. John Damascene	10.00 am	Joan Cadley
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mabel Fredericks
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – St. Nicholas	10.00 am	Int's of Felicity & Michael Cafferata
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> – St. Ambrose	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	10.00 am	The Parishioners
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
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#### Please Note

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

### **The Catholic Union – The Persecution of Christians Worldwide**

Deputy Director of the Catholic Union, **James Somerville-Meikle**, writes

*“Parliament’s Westminster Hall has seen many visitors over the years – including Presidents, Prime Ministers, and even a Pope – but few have made such a difficult journey as the woman I met on Wednesday. Margaret Attah had come from Owo in South-West Nigeria to tell her story as part of ACN’s Red Wednesday events. On 5 June 2022, Margaret went to St Francis Xavier’s Catholic Church in Owo to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. She was in the gallery, singing with the Choir, when gunmen opened fire on those inside. 41 Christians were killed that day, and more than 70 were injured. Margaret was blinded in one eye, and lost both of her legs, simply for attending Mass. Unlike other visitors to Westminster Hall, Margaret didn’t speak on a grand stage with all the fan-fare of a state visit. She sat in her wheelchair in a committee room upstairs as one by one MPs and peers came in to hear her story. They sat with her for a few minutes each before moving on. Again and again, Margaret spoke with quiet courage about the terrible events of that day and why it is so important that the UK Government takes a stand. There is unlikely to be a plaque or statute to mark Margaret’s visit, but the memory will stay in the minds of all those who meet her that day.”*

### **Another 50 Catholic Churches to see before you die**

Bishop Mark writes, *“I include information received concerning this new publication by Elena Curti about historic Catholic churches. This sequel includes three of our own diocesan churches: Shrewsbury Cathedral, Saints Peter, Paul and Philomena, New Brighton, and English Martyrs, Wallasey.”* For more information, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/another-fifty-catholic-churches-to-see-before-you-die/>

### **Lourdes Hospitality Update**

Further to the recent AGM, the officers have been meeting monthly to discuss the issues raised and future plans. A face-to-face meeting for all members will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (venue and time to be confirmed). In the meantime, if you have any questions for us, please send an email to: [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**Friends of The Holy Land Appeal** Bishop Mark writes, *“I received a letter from Brendan Metcalf, CEO of the Friends of the Holy Land asking me to publicise the urgent needs of Christians in Holy Land, especially at this tragic and traumatic time. Parishioners can donate directly via: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/> or by using the charity’s bank details: Name: Friends of the Holy Land. Account: 24591211. Sort Code: 60-05-41 For further information or prayer material, please contact Jen Hill - telephone 01926 512980 email: [jen.hill@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:jen.hill@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)”*

### **CARITAS at Christmas Appeal 2023 – Retiring Collection This Weekend**

*“Without the support, I simply wouldn’t still be here.”* There will be a collection here this weekend (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December) – formerly known as the Christmas Crib Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity and support. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the Diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. You can also donate online at: [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please speak to Trish Spencer, DCEO.

### **Advent Pastoral Letter - Copies Available in the Church Porch**

Bishop Mark writes, *“These words at the end of the synod flow into the preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. Pope Francis is asking us to dedicate 2024 to the renewal of prayer in all our lives. I hope this invitation will be a personal call and prompt opportunities and initiatives in parish and diocese in the year ahead. I enclose a Pastoral Letter to be read at Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December, addressing the beginning of our Diocesan preparations for the Jubilee 2025.”*

### **Food Donations & Children’s Christmas Selection Boxes Appeal**

We would be most grateful to receive the following donations of food, particularly for those families struggling at Christmas at Hope Central Food Bank, Handforth. **(We are also grateful to receive children’s chocolate selection boxes at this time of year for the children for Christmas).**

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”).

### **Garden Plants/Bulbs Appeal for Parish Gardens**

If anybody would like to donate bulbs or plants for the parish gardens, we would be most grateful to receive them. Please leave with Father Anthony if you can help. Thank you.

### **St Teresa’s Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2023**

We are hoping to hold our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party this year on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the parish hall. Invitations are now available for collection in the church porch. Please RSVP as soon as possible. If you have inadvertently been missed off the list or are new to the parish, please let Father Anthony know.