

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

“Last week it was revealed that the proportion of people in England and Wales who are married or in a civil partnership has fallen below 50 per cent for the first time. The figure dropped to 49.4% in 2022, according to the latest estimates from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This statistic is just one of a number of indicators that points to people living more individualistic lives, fearing making a commitment to anything or anyone. It is into this headwind of individualism that the seeds of vocation to so many callings are being blown off course. We see that not only in the declining marriage rate, but in the problems that some Catholic schools are having in finding good teachers, and in the number of empty rooms at our seminaries. In a recent interview with the Catholic Truth Society, Fr Nicholas Crowe from the Dominican Friars in Blackfriars, said that what we face is not a vocations crisis, but a “formation crisis”. The headwinds we face to the mission of the Church are unlikely to subside any time soon. All of us – young and old – will need to redouble our efforts to be formed and be formators of our faith so that we can say “yes” or “I do” whenever God calls.”

**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

**Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies** “We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us”.

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**4<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 – The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Mary Kingston (sick)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – St. Agatha	10.00 am	Private Intention
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – St. Paul Miki & Companions	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
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**Please Note**

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

### **The Good Counsel Network – National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life**

On Saturday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support.

[www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### **Mass of The Sacred Chrism**

We look forward to coming together in Holy Week for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. This year the Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch at 7.00 pm.

### **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

24<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. Cost £725. For information and an application form please email - [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date 31st March 2024.

### **Betrothed – Sacramental Marriage Preparation Course – March 2024**

Betrothed is a Marriage Preparation Course offered by the Shrewsbury Diocese which will help to prepare you both from a spiritual/ faith perspective and relational perspective. You are welcome to attend the course whether you are to be married at the parish where it is being run or not. When: Two Consecutive Saturdays 2nd & 9th March 2024 9.30 am - 5.30 pm both days.

Where: St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Parish Hall Westleigh. Address: Groby Road Altrincham WA14 2BQ . To register please contact Jane Deegan at: [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### **Loving 4 Life – Human Love in the Divine Plan – Upcoming Retreat**

Shrewsbury Diocese Ongoing Formation for Sacramental Marriage "Take time out to turn your marriage - into a great marriage" Overview: Presentations on both the relational (scientific findings) and spiritual (the Good News of Jesus Christ) aspects of marriage, to strengthen, heal and enrich your relationship There is no group sharing. Next Retreat: - 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) - 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) PLACE: Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre 89, Broughton Lane, Crewe CW2 8JS. Information and Bookings: Booking is essential - Go to the website at [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk) or Contact: Jane Deegan [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07517 906435

### **Confirmation 2024**

We would be grateful if any young people wishing to be confirmed this year would let Father Anthony know in writing as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **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 7:30pm. The sessions will be led by the Rev'd Ian Smart with input and assistance from others. The first meeting is 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).

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024**

Brochures and booking forms are now available on the Shrewsbury pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or by ringing 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16 – 22 please email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for an application form to join the youth section of our pilgrimage. This year our pilgrimage dates are: by air is from Friday 26 July to Thursday 1 August, by coach Thursday 25 July to Friday 2 August and for our young people Wednesday 24 July to Friday 2 August. If you are a first time pilgrim or a returning pilgrim we look forward to you joining us in Lourdes this year.

### **Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality**

You are invited by the Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at St Mary's, Crewe CW1 2JP on February 10th at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be available after Mass.