

GENERAL ELECTION 2024 – Bishop Mark Statement

Bishop Mark has issued a statement on the approaching General Election (copies are available in the church porch). The statement recognises that Catholics freely make prudential decisions at election time regarding present issues always informed by their faith. The faithful, of course, freely support a range of parties and hold different political opinions about how best to address the present challenges. However, some moral questions, which transcend party politics, are so central to the Christian foundations of society that we need to remind the faithful at this time of what is at stake. We can have little doubt that the question of removing the legal protections from some of the most vulnerable members of society to allow assisted suicide/euthanasia will be debated in the new Parliament. At least one of the party leaders has indicated that he will prioritise parliamentary time to allow this to happen. My statement for the General Election of 2024 asks the faithful to raise this question with candidates seeking their support conscious that a decision to open the doors to euthanasia would dramatically change society for generations to come. On the Solemnity of the Annunciation this year Bishop Philip Egan wrote an excellent, short letter to the Catholics of Guernsey which I attach for your information. It outlines simply and clearly what is at stake with assisted suicide/euthanasia and provides four clearly stated reasons as to why this is gravely wrong. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales website also provides reflections on the public issues at this election time focusing on criminal justice, domestic poverty, family life and taxation, education, environment, international relations, human rights and peacebuilding, Life issues and migration.

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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9th June, 2024 – The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 8th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 9th – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	First Holy Communicants & Families
Monday 10 th	10.00 am	Patricia Marsden
Tuesday 11 th - <i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 12 th	10.00 am	Patricia Marsden
Thursday 13 th – <i>St. Anthony of Padua</i>	10.00 am	Int’s of the Mattarello family
Friday 14 th	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 15 th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 15th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 16th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Patricia Marsden

Please Note

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions follow Saturday 10 am Mass.
- Confession also available after any Mass on request From Fr. Vijay.

Father Vijay Summer Retreat

Father Vijay will be travelling back to India for a retreat and to see his family over the summer months. The Diocese will kindly be supplying the weekend Masses for us and we look forward to welcoming Fr. Tom Connolly, Fr. Jim Robinson, and Fr. Tony Myers over the coming months.

Divine Mercy Celebration and Veneration of 1st Class Relic of St Faustina

Led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz from Poland, who travels the world proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy devotion and talking about his experience of St Michael the Archangel and Holy Angels. Please join us at St Anne's Rock Ferry from 12 noon to 2.30pm on Wednesday 19th June for Holy Mass and a talk, followed by a Eucharistic healing service with veneration of a 1st class relic of St Faustino. There will also be an opportunity to purchase rosaries and the Angels magazine.

Wilmslow Churches Together – Prayer Walks

The next prayer walk is on Thursday 13th June, meeting in the Memorial Gardens adjacent to St Bartholomew's at 10 am. We will pray in that area and then pray as we walk through The Carrs, leaving the Lord's fragrance as we go. During the summer, there are various events and many families having picnics together in the park and we would like to pray for God to bless the people and the events. Parking available in Waitrose. Please join us if you are available. Future prayer walks: Thurs 11th July & 8th August. Please contact Lynne Leng (Life Church) on 07870 959379 for more information if required.

New Dawn Pilgrimage 2024 This year's New Dawn Pilgrimage will take place from Monday 5th to Friday 9th August at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. New Dawn is a family event with a programme of Liturgy, Sacraments, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, children/youth ministries and more. Further information can be found on the enclosed poster and website at www.newdawn.org.uk

A Lively Musical Evening with The Mercy Brothers

On Friday 21st June, join us for a lively musical evening with The Mercy Brothers; a clergy-based band from Salford and Shrewsbury Diocese. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. The event will finish at 10pm. Venue: Our Lady's Social Club, Flint St, Stockport SK3 8GE. • Bar available • Tombola @ 50p per dip • Musical quiz with prizes
Tickets: £15. Available to purchase online now, and also at the door on the night.
To get a sneak preview of the band, please watch the following YouTube video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exPzl09GAME&t=7s> The funds raised will go towards SVP youth work in Salford and Shrewsbury Dioceses.

Parish First Communion Celebration – Sunday 9th June

Our group of children from the parish who received their First Holy Communion several weeks ago on 19th May will be holding their parish celebration this Sunday (9th June) in the parish hall so please be aware that the front rows of pews will be reserved for their immediate families next Sunday. Also please be aware that the car park may be busier than usual. All are welcome to join them. Congratulations to Matei, Joaquin, Ernest, Harry, Hector, Tom and Darcie! Please continue to pray for them and their families.

Network for a Better World – Appeal Next Weekend (15th/16th June)

At masses next weekend we welcome Sheila Cogley from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work.

Patricia Marsden RIP

It is with sad news that we report the death of Patricia Marsden, who died last week. May she rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Details of her funeral will follow. Michael thanks you for all your kind wishes and prayers.

St. Teresa's Impromptu Garden Party

Many thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way to last Sunday's highly successful and enjoyable parish social. Given just 7 days notice of this event, the attendance and generosity superseded all expectations. God Bless all of you.

Called to the Priesthood?

Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information see our website at shrewsburyvocations.org If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For more resources, see the National Office for Vocation at www.ukvocation.org and www.ukpriest.org

Plant & Flower Appeal

We would like to pass on our thanks to all parishioners who supported our plant & flower appeal for the parish grounds, and also in particular to Steve the Flower Man who generously supplied us with a range of flowers.