

Wilmslow Wells For Africa – Upcoming Fundraising Challenge

An inaugural 'Wilmslow Wells Challenge' will leave St Barts at 9.30am on 27th April. A group of 6 ('The Old Crocks') will be attempting to cycle the 210 miles from Wilmslow arriving at Wells Cathedral on the evening of 1st May. Most have hardly been on a bicycle in the last 25+ years and so are now desperately trying to get into shape!

If you would like to support our effort, we would be extremely grateful and have set up a 'Just Giving' page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wilmslowwellschallenge>

Wilmslow Wells For Africa Celebrating 40 Years (1984-2024) – Summer events 2024

5-30 BOOK LAUNCH AND 7-30 CONCERT WATER MUSIC WILMSLOW URC

KEEP THE DATE. SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2024 We are planning a special event to celebrate 40 years since the beginnings of Wilmslow Wells. 5-30 Book Launch, with speakers, presentations, displays and light refreshments 7.30 Concert Water Music with choral music by the Barnby Choir, based around the theme of water – and including Hallelujah Chorus with Audience Participation. Wilmslow Wells founder Brenda Mottershead and her husband Keith were keen members of the Barnby Choir for many years, so it is especially fitting to be able to celebrate in this way. There will be the chance to meet and chat, and to see displays of some of the activities and projects that Wilmslow Wells has supported over these last 40 years and to celebrate the history and activities.

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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10th March, 2024 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 9 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 10 th – 4 th Sunday of Lent	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Fr. Anthony Cogliolo (sick)
Monday 11 th	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 12 th	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 13 th	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 14 th	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 15 th	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 16 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 17 th – 5 th Sunday of Lent	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
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Please Note

- Eucharistic Services only from Monday 11th – Friday 15th March.

The Good Counsel Network

On 23rd March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Pray especially that the Government will not bring in the National Buffer Zones. 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. More information at www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

The Catholic Union

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

"Last week saw the publication of a parliamentary report into assisted suicide. It seems that MPs on the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee are just as divided as the nation, as the report did not recommend a change in the law one way or another. It did not even recommend another vote in Parliament on the matter; something which proponents of a change in the law had been seeking, although that will not stop some parliamentarians from trying. At the back of the report (p. 100) is an interesting table comparing attitudes of responders to the consultation who were in favour or against a change in the law. Those who were in favour sighted personal autonomy and dignity as their main reasons. Those against sighted risk of coercion or devaluing of life of certain vulnerable groups in society. Assisted suicide is becoming another case where the dividing line is based on whether you view what is right through the lens of individual good or the common good. In a society that seems to prize personal autonomy above anything else, arguments for the common good are getting harder to make. But we need to keep making them, and assisted suicide is one area where we might have some success."

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). 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.

Father Anthony Recovery

We are pleased to report that Father Anthony was discharged from hospital recently is now recovering in a care home. This weekend we are pleased to welcome back Canon Michael Gannon (Vicar General) who will kindly supply the Masses for us. Please note that there will 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. The weekend Masses next weekend will be supplied for 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 well recovered.

Bishop Mark Visit

We are grateful for Bishop Mark's parish visit to us last weekend and are grateful to him for saying Mass for us in Father Anthony's absence. Thank you for making him welcome and thank you to all those who helped out in the hall afterwards.

Attention All Gift Aid Donors The current Tax Year 2023/24 will end on the 5th April 2024 and the Parish will then claim back from the Inland Revenue the tax rebate due on your Gift Aid donations. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid scheme) please let Michael Marsden know via the parish email or phone number by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax during the current tax year. Please also inform Michael if your surname or address has changed. **Please note new Envelopes for the new tax year for current donors will be available for collection next week. Please also note your *number* may have changed owing to general housekeeping/tidying.**

Aid to the Church in Need - Burkina Faso: 'Faith has grown' despite killings

Christians in Burkina Faso under threat from jihadists are not afraid to die for their faith, according to a local Church leader, speaking after the brutal killing of worshippers on Sunday 25th February. Bishop Justin Kientega of Ouahigouya Diocese, north-east Burkina Faso, told Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) that the massacre of 12 people during a prayer service was just one of many incidents of terrorism that have led to the displacement of more than two million people. Bishop Kientega underlined that, despite the difficulties and persecution, Christians have defied terrorists' demands to embrace Islam. *He said: "In this situation, some of the Christians accept to die. "Many even refused to remove the crosses they wear. He added that "faith has grown" as the Church has been forced to adapt to the desperate situation. The bishop said: "We know that the Pope is close to us, and we feel the presence of the universal Church. "We get help from ACN, which bring us things that we need. "But the main thing is to pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of these terrorists. We pray for their conversion every day." ACN has supported clergy, religious and seminarians in Burkina Faso with Mass stipends, training fees and vehicles. The charity has also provided emergency aid – including food – to hundreds of people driven out of their homes by the insurgency. You can donate (selecting Burkina Faso for where you donation goes) at <https://acnuk.org/get-involved/donate/>*