

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 is on Monday 19th February 2024 and on the following 5 Mondays until Monday 25th 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

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies Today we commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us especially pray for all those who are nearing the end of their lives, that they may experience God’s comfort and peace. We pray too for medical professionals who work in hospice care, that they might continue to safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of all patients who are made in the image and likeness of God. Lord hear us”.

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11th February, 2024 – The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 10 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Sunday 11 th – 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Ashley Smith
Monday 12 th	10.00 am	Mary Henesy (sick)
Tuesday 13 th (Note earlier Mass time)	9.30 am	Mary Kingston
Ash Wednesday (14 th) – with distribution of ashes	10.00 am	The Parishioners
	7.00 pm	Celebrant’s Intention
Thursday 15 th	10.00 am	In Thanksgiving
Friday 16 th	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 17 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 18 th – 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Mary Henesy (sick)

Please Note

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

Bishop Mark writes

"This week I would have been travelling to the Holy Land with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. The cancellation of our pilgrimage is a poignant reminder to pray for the peace of the people of the Holy Land and undertake whatever charitable support is possible to aid the plight of the suffering. I had anticipated celebrating the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood during this pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Alternatively, I will be making a personal pilgrimage to Lourdes for three days of prayer and thanksgiving. It is the first time I have been in Lourdes for celebration of this Feast of Our Lady on which I was ordained. I hope, if God spares me, to have a Diocesan Celebration for my Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood in 10 years' time which is the same year when I must offer my resignation to the Holy Father on my 75th birthday. However, I am very conscious there is so much to be done and strived for in the decade in between!

Please pray I can serve the Diocese with faithfulness and ever greater generosity."

CANTORES OEUMENICA are Presenting "Olivet to Calvary" on **Palm Sunday 24th March 2024 at 4pm** in Holy Angels RC Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HF. The Soloists both have a background of Glyndebourne Opera and all are accompanied by the International Organist Jonathan Scott. Entry is **FREE** with a retiring collection for charity.

ALL donations will go to the named charities. For further details, including directions to venue, follow this link <http://cantoresoec.org/>

Vacancy - Parish Secretary at St. Vincent's, Altrincham

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at the parish of St Vincent's, Altrincham, working as a Job Share with the current Parish Secretary. Flexible working hours: approximately 12 hours per week over 3 days (Monday-Friday) 9am-1pm (days and times may vary). Hourly rate: £14.50.

For further details please see the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Applications in the form of a CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date:** Friday 1st March 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

Brochures and booking forms are now available on the Shrewsbury pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or by ringing 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16 – 22 please email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form to join the youth section of our pilgrimage (Dates: 24th July - 2nd August 2024; Cost £725, Closing Date 31st March 2024). 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.

Ash Wednesday – 14th February

This upcoming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. It is also a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be two Masses in church on this day at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm with distribution of ashes.

Prayer for The King

Bishop Mark writes, "Cardinal Nichols has assured His Majesty King Charles of the prayers of the Catholic community in England and Wales for a "full and speedy recovery" following the diagnosis of cancer. Let us keep the King and the Royal Family in our prayers."

Churches Together in Wilmslow - Lent Lunches

Home-made soup, bread, cheese and fruit. Tuesdays 20th, 27th February, 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

Year of Prayer 2024 – Resources Now Available

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer. The Holy Father announced its launch on January 21st, 2024. The Diocese has created a Year of Prayer page & have uploaded a couple of other resources for both parishes and individuals at the link: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/faith-and-life/year-of-prayer-resources/>

CARITAS – Ukraine Refugee Support

As Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), we are working in partnership with one of our member charities, St John of God Hospitaller Services, to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainian displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK. Our programme is dedicated to providing refuge for those fleeing the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK. We have successfully matched 132 Ukrainian guests with generous hosts across the country since the programme's inception. Nevertheless, nearly two years since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the number of those still wishing to evacuate and find refuge in the UK remains high. In addition to matching hosts with guests, the project has expanded to assist Ukrainians in the UK to find private rented accommodation at the end of their hosting period. The programme has been extended until March 2024 and we would like to request your support to further promote the programme and encourage hosting.

More information can be found at the following links:

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

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