

**Food Donations Summer Holiday Appeal – Hope Central Handforth**

Sadly, the need continues, particularly over the summer holidays when there are no free school meals for children. 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”).

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**11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time)**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Josephine Depares
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – <i>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	10.00 am	Intentions of Wanda Haig
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> - <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 am	Albert Gatt
	7.30 pm	(Holy Day of Obligation) Celebrant’s Intentions
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – <i>St. Bernard</i>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – <i>St. Pius X</i>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – <i>The Queenship of Our Lady</i>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> – <i>St. Bartholomew</i>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant’s Intention

### **Pope at Audience: With God, nothing is impossible (Via Vatican News)**

*Pope Francis resumed his General Audiences after the summer break, reflecting on the work of the Holy Spirit in the Redemption won by Christ.*

*The Pope's General Audiences began again after pausing for the month of June, with the Holy Father resuming his reflections on the work of the Holy Spirit. Having concluded his catechesis on the work of the Holy Spirit in Creation, Pope Francis moved on to the New Testament to consider the Holy Spirit's role in the Redemption won by Jesus Christ.*

#### **The Holy Spirit and the Incarnation**

*On Wednesday, the Pope took up the theme of the Holy Spirit in the Incarnation of the Word, beginning with the affirmation of the Creed that Jesus "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man".*

*This, Pope Francis said, "is therefore an ecumenical fact of faith, because all Christians profess together the same Creed". It is reflected in traditional Catholic piety in the daily recitation of the Angelus.*

*"The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit"*

#### **The Blessed Virgin Mary, a figure of the Church**

*It also provides the basis for the comparison between the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Church, a parallel taken up by the Second Vatican Council: As the Blessed Virgin first conceived than bore Christ, so, too, the Church welcomes Christ "by receiving the Word of God in faith, and becomes herself a mother." Without first accepting the Word of God, the Church's "life and preaching" becomes "sterile".*

*Pope Francis concluded his catechesis by reflecting on Mary's question at the Annunciation, "How is this possible?" The Church asks the same question, he said: "How is it possible to proclaim Jesus Christ and His salvation to a world that seems to seek only well-being in this world?"*

#### **'With God, nothing will be impossible'**

*The answer, then and now, is the same, the Pope said, quoting the book of Acts: "You shall receive power from the Holy Spirit". Without the Holy Spirit, the Pope said, the Church cannot go forward, the Church cannot grow, the Church cannot preach." "What is said about the Church in general applies to every single baptized person", the Pope continued. When we find ourselves "in situations beyond our own strength", he continued, we do well "to resume our journey with this comforting thought," by recalling the words of the Angel to Mary, "With God, nothing will be impossible". "And if we believe this," he said, "we will perform miracles. Nothing is impossible for God."*

### **Second Letter from Father Anthony McGrath – Confirmation of new Mass times**

Our new Parish Priest, Father Anthony McGrath, will issue to us a second letter over the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August to confirm the new Mass arrangements and times for the new parish area of St. Pius X, St. Benedict's & our own church - copies will be available in the porch, please do take one.

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses in church on that day – a morning Mass at 10 am as usual, and an evening Mass at 7.30 pm.

### **Parish Social/Garden Party – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

We are planning to hold a garden party after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September as a parish social event and also to thank Fr Vijay for looking after us so well over the spring and summer this year. He will leave the parish in the days following the garden party. If you can help to organise the party or help on the day, we would be most grateful for your assistance! Please see Fr. Vijay if you can help! Any funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the parish.

### **Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality**

Members are warmly invited to a 'Day of Reflection' on Saturday 14 September, at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Led by Fr Sean Henry, the theme will be, "Martha and Mary: The Hospitality we give to Christ". 9.15am start with a 3.30pm finish. Lunch can be purchased on site, or bring your own. Cost (by anonymous donation). **Spaces are limited so please book early.** For further details, please contact Clare at the following address: [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text Siobhan on 07931574348.

### **Diocesan Vacancy**

A vacancy has arisen for an Administration Support Officer within our Mission and Evangelisation team based in Chester. Hours: 25 per week (to include occasional and weekend duties as required). Rate of pay: £12-£15 per hour depending on experience. More details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's with a covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date: Friday 30 August 2024.