

### **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”).

### **Lourdes Hospitality Next Meeting**

A meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will take place at St Columba's Church (meeting room), Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL on Saturday 20th January at 2pm. All members of the Hospitality are welcome to attend.

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#### **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.*

**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 the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us”.

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### **14<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Mass Times & Intentions**

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>The Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Charles Depares</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Celebrant’s Intention</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Ann Calligan
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> (Note evening Mass time)	7.00 pm	Celebrant’s Intention
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – St. Anthony	10.00 am	Kate & Archie Vokes
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Special Intention
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>The Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Celebrant’s Intention</b>
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#### **Please Note**

- Please note that Mass on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January will be in the evening at 7.00 pm.
- Confession available on request after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

### **White Flower Appeal 2024**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend.

SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.

As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

### **Pope renews prayers for people suffering horrors of war (from Vatican News)**

Pope Francis appeals for an end to all wars, and prays that God might sow the seed of peace in the hearts of world leaders.

*As he led his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis relaunched his appeal for peace in our war-torn world. In his greetings to the Italian-speaking faithful, he expressed his solidarity with the people of countries that are enduring the horrors of war. "We renew our prayerful closeness to the dear Ukrainian population so harshly tried and to those who suffer the horror of war in Palestine and Israel, as well as in other parts of the world," he said. The Pope also encouraged all people to pray for nations at war. "Let us pray for these people who are enduring war," he said, "and let us pray to the Lord that He may sow the seed of peace in the hearts of the authorities of the countries."*

### **Papal concern for global crises**

*Pope Francis has made his appeals for peace a near-constant refrain in his public audiences. On Monday, he held his annual "State of the World" address to Ambassadors accredited to the Holy See, detailing his concerns regarding global issues. The Israel-Hamas war in Gaza and Russia's war in Ukraine topped his list of situations that require global attention and concern. At the same time, he condemned the "enormous stock of available weapons" that offer the illusion of deterrence. "The contrary is true: the availability of weapons encourages their use and increases their production," said the Pope. "Weapons create mistrust and divert resources."*

### **Peace Sunday 2024 - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Every year on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Pax Christi promotes Peace Sunday with the support of the International Affairs Department of the Bishops' Conference, England and Wales. This year, Peace Sunday will be on the **14<sup>th</sup> January** and the theme is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace: **'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'**. A copy of a letter from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, President of Pax Christi, introducing Peace Sunday and encouraging us all to mark it in some way in our churches and parishes is available at the following link, along with other resources.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/>

### **Father Anthony Brief Absence**

Please note Father Anthony will briefly be away from the parish after Mass on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January before returning the next day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Mass will therefore be in the evening on that day at 7 pm. Please note access to the church may be limited over this period.

### **Your Prayers are asked for...**

We are sorry to report the death of Eileen Enright. May she rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Her funeral has been scheduled for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 1 pm.

### **Mary's Meals, 'Double The Love' is back until Jan 2024**

Donations will be doubled up to £1m, which means they will reach more hungry children. Please go to [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) for further information on how you can donate.

### **Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)**

**Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life**

**Dates: 16-18 February 2024**

**Location: Liverpool**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

**Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.** If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)**