

## The Catholic Union

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

“Rishi Sunak mentioned “family” 17 times in his speech at the Conservative Party Conference this week. He was introduced on stage by his wife, Akshata, and began his speech with a glowing tribute to his parents. In perhaps the most personal speech he has made since becoming Prime Minister, he said: “We should never be afraid to talk about the thing that matters most to most of us, family.” Talking about family is an important first step. But a year into taking office, and less than a year before the next General Election, people want to see what support for families looks like in practice. There is no shortage of options for the Prime Minister to consider. Whether it’s making our tax system fairer for families, scrapping policies like the two-child cap on benefits, or giving parents greater choice over where and how their children are educated. These are policies that the Catholic Union has consistently championed. With Labour’s party conference this weekend, Sir Keir Starmer has the chance to set out what a Labour Government would do to support family life. It’s vital that politicians from all parties understand the importance of families for Catholics and wider society.”

## 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.

**Resumption of Food Donations Appeal – Hope Central, Handforth** We would be most grateful to again start receiving the following donations of food: 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”). Thank you.

**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** “Let us pray for politicians and other decision-makers, that they would work to safeguard and increase provisions available to all vulnerable groups, including expectant mothers, newborns and the unborn. Lord hear us”.

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## 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 – The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Clem Ellison
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius of Antioch	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – St. Luke, Evangelist	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Lady Ferguson
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
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### Please Note

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

### **First Sacraments 2023/2024**

Nicola Cowell will again kindly be leading a new programme and asks anyone wishing their child to enrol on the parish First Holy Communion course to contact Father Anthony as soon as possible so that the preparation material can be sent to them. The course is ideally suited to children from Year 3 upwards (aged 7+ at the start of September this year). Classes will be on Friday evenings again, and it is hoped they will start in November this year, so we would like to get the children registered as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Altar Boys Appeal**

We have recently begun the new school year and we now take this opportunity to appeal for new Altar Servers who are willing to commit each week to serve on the Altar. If your son has received his first Holy Communion, we appeal to you to strongly encourage him to become an altar server. It is an opportunity to be of service to others, to grow in respect and reverence for the things of God, and become attentive to Jesus speaking in their hearts. Please contact Father Anthony if you are able to help.

### **October – Month of the Rosary**

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary and Our Lady. St. Padre Pio, *“Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!”*

### **An Introduction to the Second Vatican Council**

In the parish hall each Monday between 11.15am and 12.15pm until 23<sup>rd</sup> October. These small group discussions following the online course initiated by Bishop Mark at the request of many in the Diocese, will be considering Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on The Church, *Lumen Gentium*. Please join us to learn more about Vatican II and its important teachings. For more details ring Robin or Wanda Haig on 01625 409562.

**Free Parish Diaries for 2024 - Now Available in the Porch!** Please feel free to take one!

### **St. Teresa's Car Park – Renewal 2023/2024 – FINAL NOTICE**

Please note car park passes for use of the parish car park ran until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Renewal forms are available only on request from the sacristy after any Mass. New passes will be valid from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. In light of the current economic circumstances, the donation we seek has been held at £15 per annum per vehicle – if you wish to donate more, you are welcome to do so – but please only give what you can. If you do not apply and pay for a new permit, you will be removed from the system and no longer be authorised to use the car park (except for attending Mass). **Please note that applications to use the car park are open only to parishioners! They are not open to other family members or extended family (unless they too are parishioners). Please also note that only one form can be obtained for each parishioner applying and that each parishioner can only apply to use one vehicle.**

### **World Mission Sunday – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. **If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio.** Do not put them in the Church collection.

Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: **missio.org.uk**

### **Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal**

Last week's retiring collection raised £420.10. Thank you for your generosity. Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most. It's not too late to give online at **cafod.org.uk**

### **Requiem Mass for Lady Ferguson**

Please note there will be a Requiem Mass on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October to pray for the repose of the soul of Lady Ferguson, who was a parishioner here for many years (her funeral will be taking place in Glasgow). May she rest in peace.

### **Christian Leadership Formation Programme 2024**

Are you currently in Lower Sixth/Year 12/S5? Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society? The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, inter-personal skills, team-building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed.

More information and applications via our new website [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com) and you can follow us on Instagram (@christianleadershipformation) for all the latest updates!

**Shrewsbury Diocese Catechetical Conference** On Saturday 21st October beginning at 10am, The Shrewsbury Diocese Catechetical Conference - 'A Witness of Faith and a Keeper of the Memory of God' (Directory of Catechesis, 139) will be held at Saint Columba's Church Hall, Chester. This event will be presented by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Mission for Catechesis Team. All catechists from Shrewsbury Diocese are warmly invited to attend. To book please follow: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shrewsbury-diocese-catechetical-conference-tickets-668676157387>