

**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.

*Father Anthony & Deacon Michael are most grateful for all your good wishes & presents for Christmas & wish you all a very Happy, Peaceful & Holy Christmas!*

**St Teresa's Prayer Group – Meets 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: 07776-343-499 or Mary Robinson Tel: 07505-127-451.

**Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** "On Monday, we commemorated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We ask for the intercession of this patroness of the unborn, saying: 'Let us implore the gift of children for families without children, respect for conceived life and the openness of hearts to Gospel values.' Lord hear us".

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December** "As we reflect on the Word becoming flesh, let us pray for a greater appreciation of the dignity of all human beings, born and unborn, who are made in the image and likeness of God. Lord hear us".

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (Fourth Sunday of Advent & Nativity of the Lord)**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Dalton & Hadfield families
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	The Fox family
	10.30 am	Paul O'Connor
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	The Parishioners
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Christopher Rose-Innes
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Deceased members, friends & benefactors Lomzik family
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Elizabeth & John Riordan
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Mary Moss
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Vigil Mass	8.00 pm	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – The Nativity of the Lord	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	The Parishioners
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Angela Kelly & family
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Deceased members, friends & benefactors Haig family
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	The Whittam family
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Tony Van Steene
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family	10.00 am	John Pochin & family
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Tony Van Steene

• Confessions available on Christmas Eve between 10 am – 12 pm or on request from Father Anthony.

### **Food Link, Colshaw: Emergency Christmas Appeal**

Thank you for your recent generosity. Sadly, the urgent need continues and is now at a crisis level. If you are able to help those who are struggling, we would be very grateful to receive the following food donations: tinned foods (meat, pies, soups, beans, tomatoes, fruit, veg, etc), microwavable rice, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, and biscuits. 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 Link. (Any cheques may be made payable to "Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Church"). Thank you. **We are also grateful to receive children's chocolate selection boxes at this time of year for the children for Christmas.**

### **St. Teresa's Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2022**

The Christmas Party was a great success and enjoyed by all those who attended. We are most grateful to all the helpers who made the party a success both with the planning and setting up, and on the day itself cooking and serving. Thank you.

### **Diocesan Yearbooks Now Available**

These are now available in the church porch – Yearbooks are priced £5 each.

### **Youth Mission Team Events 2023**

#### **Flame Congress**

Join us on Saturday 4th March 2023 at Ovo Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales.

The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon – takes the WYD Scripture "Mary arose and went with haste" and crystallises it into the theme, "Rise Up! "Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith.

Ticket only £25; Ticket with coach travel £85

Book by emailing [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

#### **World Youth Day (31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023)**

World Youth Day was founded by Pope St John Paul II in 1985 to bring together young Catholics from around the world. Next year, we'll be travelling on pilgrimage to Lisbon for WYD 2023!

This is an exciting opportunity to meet other young Catholics, share in times of catechesis, explore faith together and attend Mass with Pope Francis.

If you would like to apply, please email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### **CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND – COLLECTION OVER WKND OF 17<sup>TH</sup>/18<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

Today the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is being held. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund) An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Diocesan website (see previous link). This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how you can take advantage of Gift Aid on donations made using these methods. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends, and I would ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese.

### **Christmas & New Year Arrangements**

Christmas Day this year falls on a Sunday. On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 9.00 am & 10.30 am as usual on a Sunday. The Christmas Vigil Mass will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve) at 8.00 pm – there will be no midnight Mass. During the morning of Christmas Eve there will be confessions available between 10.00 am & Midday.

The feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph will be celebrated this year on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December. New Year's Day falls on a Sunday so there will be two Masses as usual at 9 am & 10.30 am – the feast being that of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

### **Offertory Collections over the Christmas Masses**

Just a reminder that all offertory cash donations over the Christmas masses are offerings for Father Anthony. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

### **Confirmation 2022/23**

We would be grateful if young people wishing to be confirmed would let Father Anthony or Deacon Michael know in writing. Thank you.

### **Christian Icon Exhibition – Continues Next Week**

We are pleased to announce that the icon exhibition will continue next week until Christmas Day. The exhibition introduces viewers to the art and history of icon painting, the symbolism of icons and their role in Christian worship. The exhibition is located in Our Lady's transept.

The artist, and one of our parishioners, Veronica Jane Gatti, has been an icon painter and painting teacher since 2003, working in Italy, Scotland and England. Her art is directed towards the knowledge of early Byzantine artists, the colours of Italian Medieval art and the spirituality of Eastern and Western traditions of Christian art.

The exhibition features icons on wooden panels painted with egg tempera and decorated with gold leaf.