Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2 pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. The EGM is being held to discuss constitutional change (as discussed at the AGM) and any proposals need to be received by no later than 14 days before the meeting. Agenda items for the General Hospitality Meeting need to be received no later than 7 days before the meeting. Papers to be sent to the Hospitality Secretary. Please pass on the information to other Hospitality Members. Can you please register your attendance/apologies to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

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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.

<u>St Teresa's Prayer Group – Meets every Wednesday</u>. 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.

<u>Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies</u> "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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# <u>20<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</u> Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30 pm	Father Kevin Moorhouse
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Christ the King	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	The Ellison & Williamson families
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Intentions of Kathleen Parr
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Margaret & Elizabeth Henriques
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 am	Father Austin Smith
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Thanksgiving
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	The Holy souls of our parish
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30 pm	Sister Maureen Moorhouse
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Christopher Rose-Innes

#### **Please Note**

- Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the earlier time of 8.00 am.
- Confession available on request after any Mass please ask Father Anthony.

## Pope at Audience: Catechesis on Discernment (via Vatican News)

Pope Francis continues his catechesis on the theme of discernment and invites the faithful to accept desolation and healthy sadness, indispensable for progression through life.

Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis resumed his catechesis on the theme of discernment, noting how from the reading of the day "we have seen how important it is to *read* what stirs within us, so as not to make hasty decisions, spurred by the emotion of the moment, only to regret them when it is too late".

#### The importance of desolation

In this sense, the Pope explained, "even the spiritual state we call *desolation* can be an occasion for growth". Pope Francis noted that "desolation causes 'a rousing of the soul' and keeps us alert", because without this healthy sadness "we risk always remaining on the surface of things and never making contact with the centre of our existence".

The Holy Father then went on to note that desolation is also an invitation to *gratuitousness*, "to not acting always and solely with a view to emotional gratification". In fact, he continued, "being desolate offers us the opportunity for growth". He then asked those present to think back to their childhood, as it often happens, as children to "look for our parents to obtain something from them". "We look for them not for themselves, but for gain", said the Pope, adding "and yet, the greatest gift is them, our parents, and we understand this gradually as we grow up".

### Converse in prayer

Pope Francis recalled that many of our prayers are also somewhat like this: "they are requests for favours addressed to the Lord, without any real interest in Him", he said.

It may seem strange, to ask the Lord how he is, said the Pope, but it is actually "a beautiful way to enter into a true, sincere relationship with Him, He who wanted to share His life with us to the full", stressed the Pope.

#### Enter a relationship with the Living One

Bringing his catechesis to an end, Pope Francis reminded those present that "the spiritual life is not a technique at our disposal, it is not a programme for inner "wellbeing" that it is up to us to plan". Instead, he continued, it is *the relationship with the Living One*, who cannot be reduced to our categories". Desolation, he reminded everyone once again, "is the clearest response to the objection that the experience of God is a form of suggestion, a simple projection of our desires". "Those who pray realize that the outcomes are *unpredictable*: experiences and passages from the Bible that have often enthralled us, today, strangely, do not move us.

And, equally unexpectedly, experiences, encounters and readings that we have never paid much attention to or preferred to avoid – such as the experience of the cross – bring unexpected peace", stressed the Pope. Finally, Pope Francis urged all the faithful to never be discouraged, even when faced with difficulties. "Confront the test with determination", stressed the Pope, "with the help of the grace of God, which is never lacking".

## **Red Mission Boxes**

For those who keep a red mission box in their homes – if you could please bring it to church over the next few weeks for emptying and counting we would be grateful. Please leave your box in the sacristy. It will be available for collection after a few weeks.

## **Father Anthony Upcoming Holiday**

Father Anthony will leave for his annual holiday shortly after next Sunday's 10.30 am Mass ( $27^{th}$  November) and he will not return to the parish until Friday  $9^{th}$  December. There will be Eucharistic services during the weekdays in his absence and we are grateful to have a Mill Hill Missionary Priest supplying for us over the weekend of  $3^{rd}/4^{th}$  December.

## Churches Together in Wilmslow - Helping Ukrainian Refugees

If anyone from the churches in Wilmslow are able to help support the Ukrainian refugees on a Tuesday evening at the United Reformed Church on Chapel Lane from 5.40 - 8.30 pm, we would be grateful to hear from you. It will involve helping to set up with members of the Town Council, making tea and coffee, and clearing up. If you can help, please contact Father Anthony.

<u>Your Prayers are asked for...</u>Mgr Canon Peter O'Neill who is gravely ill in Wythenshawe Hospital. He has received the sacraments of the Church and his family are with him. Please remember Mgr. Peter and his family in your prayers at this time.

#### 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.

# St. Teresa's Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Tuesday 13th December 2022

Please note there are still several invitations awaiting collection in the church porch – please do check that you have collected yours. If you have inadvertently been missed off the list or are new to the parish, please inform Father Anthony.

### **CARITAS at Christmas – Retiring Collection**

Last week's retiring collection raised £341.10. Thank you for your generosity.

## Food Link, Colshaw: Urgent Appeal & Children's Chocolate Selection Boxes

Thank you for your recent generosity. Sadly, the urgent need continues. 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.