

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

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life; Dates: 26-28 May 2023; 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)

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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.*

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**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** "In this month dedicated to Our Lady, let us pray for the grace to always be close to the Lord as the Blessed Virgin is close to Him, especially in our prayers for our vulnerable neighbours, including the sick and infirm, the widow and orphan, and the unborn. Lord hear us".

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## 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	First Holy Communicants & families
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Dedication of the Cathedral	10.00 am	One sick
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	William & Mary Kingston
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Our Lady Help of Christians	10.00 am	Intentions of Kathleen Case
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Joan Quinn
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Lucile & Allued Fredericks
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday	9.00 am	Intentions of Sally & John Harte
	10.30 am	Henry Coyle

### Please Note

- Confessions available on request after any Mass. Please ask Father Anthony.

### First Holy Communion - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Our group of children from the parish are receiving their First Holy Communion at 10.30 Mass this Sunday morning (21st May). Congratulations to Edward, Annabelle, Holly and Bartek! Please pray for them and their families.

(Please note that the parish celebration will be after 10.30 am Mass on 11th June)

### Love the Stranger

In light of the challenges we face in the UK, advocating for the dignity of refugees and migrants amidst a hostile environment, the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) which Caritas Shrewsbury is a member of, welcomes the teaching document Love the Stranger from the Department of International Affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). The document speaks into this contested space and reinforces Catholic social teaching, offering guidance on a Catholic response to refugees and migrants.

'Love the Stranger' places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story. The document offers 24 guiding principles and has been endorsed by the Holy See, COMECE, CAFOD, CSAN and Caritas Social Action Network members. You can download Love the Stranger at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

Caritas Shrewsbury as part of CSAN want to encourage all Catholics to reflect upon Love the Stranger and have been part of compiling an accompanying call-to-action as a toolkit to inform and assist the community as we aim to fulfil our obligation to love the stranger in the way that God intends. You can download the call to action at [www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/](http://www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/) and we are keen to support the use of call to action use in parishes. Please email [ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) with your ideas and for more information.

### Annual SVP Walk For The Children's Camp In Snowdonia

On Sunday 18th June, there is an invitation from the SVP to sponsor the annual walk in aid of the Ozanam Camp.

### Marriage Enrichment Retreats

A marriage enrichment Loving 4 Life retreat was successfully run for the first time in the Diocese last October. The new dates are 17th, 18th June at Saint Vincent's, Altrincham (Non-residential) and 15th - 17th September at Wistaston Hall, Crewe (residential if required). Couples can book directly at [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk)

### World Communications Day – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Retiring Collection This Weekend

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May as World Communications Day. The theme will be 'Speaking with the heart "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15).' World Communications Sunday is one of the mandated Second Collections in parishes for the work of the Conference Secretariat and so there will be a retiring collection this weekend.

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School** is looking for a volunteer bookkeeper/ accountant who is able to audit the school fund account once a year. If you are able to help, please contact school on [admin@stbenedicts.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stbenedicts.cheshire.sch.uk)

### Reflections on The Church

Having looked at the Council's answer to '*Who is the Church*', we continue our reflections on **Vatican II** with the next question *Lumen Gentium* addresses: '*How is the Church?*' – **what structure did Christ will for her?** The answer is given in **Chapters 3 and 4**, where the immense, complementary vocations of Hierarchy and Laity are explored at some length. Christ is at work in both, in such a way that "*...the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfil his mission for the life of the world*" (# 37). **Podcast 8** and its **handouts** are now available at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org). A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you cannot access this material, or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 07730 526821 or at [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

### Catholic Union of Great Britain

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We need your help so please join the Catholic Union today. For details about how to join (free for students & under 25s) please go to [www.catholicunion.org.uk](http://www.catholicunion.org.uk)

### Discernment of Gifts and Service, Chester

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am – 5 pm, St Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1SA  
You are invited to spend a day of reflection, prayer and discernment about your role and mission in the Church, following Jesus who is Priest, Prophet and King. By looking to Jesus, you are able to understand more about yourself and His plan for you. We will look at three aspects of service: the service of truth, the service of charity and the service of worship. Come and join others who are seeking to understand how they best can serve Jesus and neighbour today, both within and outside the Church. The day will include prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops, to help you know how you can best use your natural and supernatural gifts at the service of God and neighbour. Please bring a packed lunch! For more information contact: Stephen Yates: 07517 906438