

The Catholic Union – Freedom of Worship during the Pandemic

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

“Fundamental human rights should never be taken for granted. Sadly, you don’t need to look very far in the world to see where these rights are ignored or violated. For us in Britain, it is hard to imagine life without these rights. Yet at times during the pandemic, we saw the suspension of some of those rights – including freedom of religion and worship. The doors to our churches were locked, going to Mass was against the law, and in some cases we even saw church services stopped by the police. It was a glimmer of what life is like for Christians in other parts of the world who do not enjoy our precious freedoms. This week, the Catholic Union has launched a new survey to give people their say on the restrictions put on places of worship during the pandemic. The results will shape our submission to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry, which is currently looking at the political decisions made during the pandemic. It is right that this inquiry hears about the impact that closing churches had on people and means that lessons can be learned for any future pandemics. With your help, we can make sure the voices of Catholics are heard loud and clear.”

You can take part in the survey at <https://catholicunion.org.uk/2023/10/catholic-union-urges-people-to-have-their-say-in-covid-inquiry>

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 fathers and mothers of growing families, that their relations and friends, and the wider community, would rally around them with encouragement, support, friendliness and love. Lord hear us”

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22nd October, 2023 – The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 21st – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 22nd – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Janneika Klomp
	10.30 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Monday 23 rd	10.00 am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 24 th	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Wednesday 25 th	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Thursday 26 th	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Friday 27 th – Followed by Exposition	10.00 am	For World Peace
Saturday 28th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 29th – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
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Please Note

- Mass on Friday 27th October will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 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.

The Holy Land Bishop Mark writes, *"We are following day by day the horror of the violence which has erupted in the Holy Land. We pray for the release of the hostages, the protection of innocent lives in Gaza and a peaceful resolution of this most deadly crisis in half a century where the vulnerable and the innocent are so often victims. The Latin and Greek Patriarchs of Jerusalem have expressed their hope and prayer for an end to violence, imploring all political leaders and authorities to engage in sincere dialogue for the people of the Holy Land who, they note, have endured the burden of conflict for far too long."*

Mass for the Victims/Survivors Of Abuse - Tuesday 14th November 2023

The Shrewsbury Diocese Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 6:45pm at Holy Apostles & Martyr's Church, Wallasey, Wirral. For more information, please visit <https://survivorsvoices.org/loudfence/> or contact andrew.obrien@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Bishop Mark writes...

"Saturday 21st October was the fourth anniversary of the death of Bishop Brian and on the last day of this month we will remember Canon Ted Harrington, one of our longest serving priests. At diocesan meetings we often pray for members of the clergy who have recently died. Let us take up the invitation of the month of November to remember in the Mass and in prayer all our departed bishops, priests and deacons of the Diocese that they may rest in peace."

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.

An Introduction to the Second Vatican Council In the parish hall each Monday between 11.15am and 12.15pm until 23rd 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.

Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Friday 27th October. The Holy Father asks us to fast and pray for peace in the Holy Land and for peace in the world. According to local circumstances, let us share in this prayer of intercession in the celebration of Mass that day; in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; in praying the Rosary. An hour of prayer for peace will take place in Saint Peter's Basilica at 6.00 pm that evening.

Please note that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow morning Mass on Friday 27th October in our church from 10.30 am – 11.30 am.

World Mission Sunday – 22nd October 2023

This Sunday, the whole Church unites through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for 'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.' Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. **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 at: www.missio.org.uk**

Diocesan Vacancy – Director of Property

The Diocese is looking to recruit a **Director of Property** due to retirement. The role of the Director of Property within the Diocese is to provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction, to support the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in their oversight and management of the Diocesan Property Portfolio. Further details can be found at: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date **10 November 2023**.

The Catholic Union – Free Speech The Catholic Union recently met Professor Arif Ahmed, Director for Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom at the Office for Students (the "Free Speech Tsar"). He gave his first major speech recently at King's College, London. We discussed with him the findings of our survey on religious freedom in the workplace (including universities) and he expressed his "grave concern". He told us that he would be launching a consultation exercise later this year about a new complaints mechanism which would deal with obligations on universities and student unions to secure freedom of speech. We will be discussing this consultation with the Catholic Student Network and the Alliance of Pro-Life students.