

## The Catholic Union

Director of the Catholic Union, Nigel Parker, writes:

*"I was watching the announcement of the results of the by-elections this week and reflecting that, for at least those few moments, there is a valuable element of courtesy in the proceedings. The candidates thank the Returning Officer and unsuccessful candidates shake hands with the winner. The contrast between democracies and autocratic regimes in the way that those in power deal with political opponents was highlighted yesterday in the dreary sense of inevitability surrounding the death in a Siberian prison camp of Alexei Navalny. The elements of civility in our democracy cannot be taken for granted and need nurturing. If any proof of that were needed after the murder of Jo Cox, it was provided in the most brutal way by the murder of Catholic MP Sir David Amess. We are also told of MPs regularly reporting threats of death or sexual violence and that 88% of local councillors surveyed in 2022 had experienced abuse and intimidation. That is why the Catholic Union has endorsed the helpful and practical recommendations of the Jo Cox Civility Commission in its recently published Call to Action. The Catholic Union also has its part to play in the way that we act and report on politics, arguing strongly but keeping to the facts and presenting information fairly. Thanks to all those who support us in this work."*

### 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.*

### Food Donations Appeal – Hope Central Handforth

Sadly, the need continues. Food Donations we are grateful for: 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").

**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** *"We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us".*

*Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1LD*



## SACRED HEART & ST TERESA'S CHURCH, WILMSLOW



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### 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 – The Second Sunday of Lent Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.00 am	Lena Gatt
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – St. Gregory of Narek	10.00 am	Tony Whitehead
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Private Intention
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mary Kingston
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> – St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	10.00 am	Alan Parry
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
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### Please Note

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

### **Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment**

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!

### **Churches Together in Wilmslow - Lent Lunches**

Home-made soup, bread, cheese and fruit. Tuesdays 27th February, 5th, 12th and 19th March. Soup served between 12 noon and 1.00 pm. Dean Row Chapel Hall, Chapel Road, Wilmslow, SK9 2BX. Suggested minimum donation £5. Proceeds to Christian Aid Week

### **Lent Groups 2024 – Wilmslow Churches Together**

Ian Smart from Wilmslow Methodist Church has organised Lent Groups using the material Watch and Pray. The groups will be held at Wilmslow URC Church on all the Monday Evenings in Lent and will start at 7:30 pm. The sessions will be led by the Rev'd Ian Smart with input and assistance from others. The first meeting was on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and on the following 5 Mondays until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The Archbishops said the following about this material **““Watch and Pray challenges us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.”** Everyone is welcome from every church, or none, to come and join us as we Watch and Pray together, and prepare ourselves for the Holy Week to come. For those not familiar with the church, there is a small private car park at the rear. Access to it is from Chapel Lane via Bedells Lane/Hawthorn Lane (Chapel Lane is a one-way street).

### **Year of Prayer 2024 – Resources Now Available**

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year ‘Pilgrims of Hope’, 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer. The Holy Father announced its launch on January 21st, 2024. The Diocese has created a Year of Prayer page & have uploaded a couple of other resources for both parishes and individuals at the link: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/faith-and-life/year-of-prayer-resources/>

### **Vacancy - Parish Secretary at St. Vincent's, Altrincham**

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at the parish of St Vincent's, Altrincham, working as a Job Share with the current Parish Secretary. Flexible working hours: approximately 12 hours per week over 3 days (Monday-Friday) 9am-1pm (days and times may vary). Hourly rate: £14.50.

For further details please see the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Applications in the form of a CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### **The Pope's Intentions for February**

For the terminally ill. Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

### **Bishop's Visit to our Parish Next Sunday**

The Bishop intends to visit our parish for the two morning Masses next Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. We look forward to welcoming him to the parish.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal – Lent Collection at Masses This Weekend**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### **St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Parish Mission – 3 Days of Healing 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Sister Briege Mckenna, O.S.C - born in Ireland and at the age of twenty-four, Sr. Briege was miraculously and instantaneously healed during the celebration of the Eucharist. Some time later she received, in prayer, the gift of healing for which she has become so widely known.

Fr Pablo Escriva De Romani - born in Spain Fr. Pablo has ministered in numerous countries, including pro-life and youth work as well as leading retreats in war zones. He has a special mission to help priests renew their priesthood and has joined Sr. Briege in ministering to Priests & at parish missions.

3 days of healing: Main Mission Events 7pm

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Day 1: Reconciliation; Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Day 2: Prayer & the Power of the Holy Spirit

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Day 3: The Eucharist “The Source & Summit of our Faith”

Concludes with Eucharistic Healing

(First night talk & confession - all other nights beginning with Mass at 7pm)

12 noon Mass as normal followed by talk. All welcome: St. Joseph's RC Church, Tatton Street, St. Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ, [stockportshrine@gmail.com](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com)

### **Room for Rent in Wilmslow Wanted**

A female parishioner is looking for a room to rent for three months from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 within walking distance of Wilmslow Station. For further information please refer to Father Anthony.

### **Plant & Flower Appeal for Parish Grounds**

We were most grateful last year for your generous response to our flower appeal for the parish grounds. With spring now approaching, we are again eager to bring some colour back to the parish grounds outside the church, presbytery and hall. If you are able to donate any colourful plant or flowers they would be most gratefully received. Please leave with Father Anthony. Thank you.