

Friends Of The Holy Land

The Friends of the Holy Land have contacted us regarding their national crib offerings appeal at Christmas. We have already had our annual appeal for Caritas at Christmas. The Friends of the Holy Land have suggested to me that Epiphany might be an appropriate feast to 'offer gifts' to the most vulnerable Christian families in the Holy Land. We are aware of how many calls there are upon the generosity of parishioners, but if you are able to help this appeal, please visit the following website where you can make a donation: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Christian Leadership Formation Programme for Sixth Formers

Christian Heritage Centre ~ Stonyhurst Applications for are now open for 2023's Christian Leadership Formation Programme. The programme (Catholic in content and liturgy although open to students of any Christian denomination) is a unique opportunity for students currently in Lower Sixth, who are committed to their faith and who wish to pursue public-facing careers. It provides philosophical and theological formation around fundamental themes that underpin the common good, as well as spiritual accompaniment and training in practical skills. It aims to prepare them to become passionate defenders of the faith in the vocation they choose. Application forms are available on the programme's website: www.christianheritagecentre.com/clf

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.*

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 "As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that, as a society, we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Lord hear us.

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27th November, 2022 – The First Sunday of Advent **Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 26th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	Sister Maureen Moorhouse
Sunday 27th – First Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Christopher Rose-Innes
Monday 28 th	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tuesday 29 th	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Wednesday 30 th	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Thursday 1 st	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Friday 2 nd	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Saturday 3rd – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	Intentions of Kathleen Parr
Sunday 4th – Second Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	The Van Steene families

Please Note

- Eucharistic Services only from Monday 28th November – Friday 2nd December.
- Access to the church may be limited until 10th December.

An icon exhibition at St Teresa's Church, Wilmslow 11-18 December 2022

The exhibition introduces viewers to the art and history of icon painting, the symbolism of icons and their role in Christian worship. The exhibition will be located in Our Lady's transept. Opening times: 7:15 am-6:00 pm.

Mr Vincent Roper R.I.P

Bishop Mark writes, *"We have received the sad news of the death of Mr Vincent Roper who served our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for so many years as Chief Brancardier. Please remember Vincent and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace."*

Your Prayers are asked for... Mgr Canon Peter O'Neill who recently died. Please remember Mgr. Peter and his family in your prayers at this time.

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.

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.

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.

Churches Together in Wilmslow – Helping Ukrainian Refugees

If anyone from the churches in Wilmslow is 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 Deacon Michael.

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.**

Father Anthony Upcoming Holiday

Father Anthony will leave for his annual holiday shortly after this Sunday's 10.30 am Mass (27th November) and he will not return to the parish until Friday 9th December. We wish Father Anthony a peaceful and restful break. There will be Eucharistic services during the weekdays next week in his absence and we look forward to welcoming Father Dermot Byrne, a Mill Hill Missionary Priest, who will supply Masses for us next weekend (3rd/4th December). Father Byrne will also carry out an appeal on behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Please note that access to the church may be limited over this period. In case of any emergency, please contact Deacon Michael by way of the parish phone number (overleaf).

Advent Pastoral Letter A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop will be read out during the homily for the First Sunday of Advent. Copies are available at the back of church.

Relic Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis

We, the LPA 21, are immensely glad to invite you all for Relic Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who, 'the only saint in JEANS' is surely a model and inspiration for our Children and Youth today. We are hosting it in St. Alban's Parish Hall, Liscard, Wallasey from December 3rd to 4th 10.30am till 5pm. In view of making the Exhibition a Eucharist-led journey, we have organized Holy Hour, Benediction, Witnessing, Eucharistic Teachings and Veneration of the Relic with special emphasis on the Spirituality of St. Peter Julian Eymard, the Apostle of the Eucharist from 3pm to 5pm at St. Alban's Church, Liscard on December 3rd and the same will be at St. Joseph's Church, Seacombe on December 4th. There will be some activities and workshops for children and teenagers as well. We look forward to your support and co-operation.

Cost of Living Campaign

Bishop Mark writes, *"Caritas Shrewsbury are supporting the new Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) Cost-of Living Campaign and are inviting parishioners to write to their MP to amplify the 'asks' of Government issued by the Bishops' Department for Social Justice on 5th September.*

If Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury can support you in this initiative in any way please do get in touch via mobile: 07824 329 344; or email: ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk and claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

Bishops statement on the cost-of-living crisis

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/briefing-cost-of-living-crisis/>

Advent Launch of New Diocesan Website

Bishop Mark writes, *"A new Diocesan Website is to be launched this week. The website offers a window into the life and work of the Diocese and is an invaluable source of information. The transition from the old to the new website has involved painstaking work.*

I wish to record our thanks to Mrs Catherine McLaughlin (formerly the Director of our Youth Mission) for undertaking this task. The new site should be available from the First Sunday of Advent."

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org>