

The Holy Father's Letter For The World Day Of Prayer For The Sick

Pope Francis's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on 11th February, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes is available to view at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>

Food Link, Colshaw: Urgent Appeal 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.

St. James' Catholic High School – Lay Chaplain Vacancy

St James' Catholic High School, Cheadle Hulme are seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain, all information can be found on their website <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

St Benedict's, Handforth – Science Week The school will be celebrating Science Week during the week commencing 13th March. If you have experience working within a scientific field and would be interested in coming to speak to the children about your work, please contact Hannah McGuire via email: headteacher@stbenedicts.cheshire.sch.uk or call the school on 01625520207.

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 "We pray for all who work in maternity units with expectant mothers, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child. Lord hear us."

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29th January, 2023 – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 29 th – 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention
Monday 30 th	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Nora Pettitt
Tuesday 31 st	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 1 st	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 2 nd – The Presentation of the Lord	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 3 rd	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 4 th – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 5 th – 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention

Please Note

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

St Vincent's Knutsford: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Father David Long, Parish Priest at St. Vincent's Knutsford, is planning a parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the Spring of this year (27th April – 4th May, 2023). He has some spare places and invites anyone from our parish who may be interested to join them, and they would be happy to welcome you. Full itineraries and booking forms can be downloaded from their parish website at the following address: <https://stvincentsknutsford.org/parish-pilgrimage-to-rome-and-assis>

Pope at Audience: Every day is a time of grace (via Vatican News)

For Christ's followers, every day is a 'time of grace' and new opportunity. Pope Francis gave this encouragement during his Wednesday General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, as he continued his cycle of catecheses on apostolic zeal. This week the Holy Father explored how Jesus himself chose to present His message. In the synagogue of Nazareth, at the very beginning of his public ministry, the Pope recalled, the Lord revealed that, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, He came to proclaim Good News to the poor and a year of favour from the Lord. The Pope said Jesus communicated with certain essential elements, especially joy, freedom, light, healing and awe. "One cannot speak of Jesus without joy, because faith is a wonderful love story to be shared..."

Gospel can only be conveyed joyfully

To witness to Jesus, to do something for others in His name, the Pope recalled, witnesses such a beautiful gift "that no words are sufficient to express it." Instead, when joy is lacking, the Pope warned, the Gospel is not transmitted to others, the Good News, by its very nature, is "a proclamation of joy." "A sad Christian can speak of beautiful things, but it is all in vain if the proclamation he conveys is not joyful," he said.

Contagious joy, a new life

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ is, as the prophet foretold, a saving message that brings contagious joy, authentic freedom, the promise of spiritual rebirth as God's beloved sons and daughters, and definitive healing from the oppression of sin and death." We who have put our faith in Jesus and experienced the transformative power of His word, the Pope suggested, are called "not only to give thanks for this wondrous gift," but also "to share it freely and joyfully with others." "For Christ's followers," the Pope insisted, "every day is thus a 'time of grace' and a new opportunity" to bear witness to the Good News of God's mercy, forgiveness, and new life in Jesus.

God forgets everything when we ask forgiveness

The Holy Father underscored how "God forgets everything" when we approach Him asking forgiveness. "He pardons everything," the Pope stressed. "How great is our God!" God is the master of the surprises, the Pope said, noting He is always waiting for us.

The Lord waits for us

To welcome the Lord, we need to make ourselves poor interiorly. Pope Francis concluding by urging faithful to turn to Jesus, admitting we are not self-sufficient. If we humbly express that we need Him, He will be there accompanying us, the Pope suggested.

Appeals

The Holy Father also made another appeal for war-torn Ukraine, saying for the faithful to pray for the country, each and every day. Pope Francis also remembered that later this week International Holocaust Remembrance Day will be observed, and recalled those suffering globally with Hansen's Disease.

SPUC White Flower Appeal 2023 – This Weekend

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's "pills by post" scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

Mass to Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality members are warmly invited to join the parishioners of St Mary's, Crewe, for a Healing Mass to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes **on Sat 11 February**. The Mass will be at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. If you wish to attend, please let our Hospitality Secretary know so that she can collate the numbers to pass on to the parish for catering purposes. Lucy can be contacted at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text 07451 249267 St Mary's is situated at 13 Gatefield Street, Crewe CW1 2JP.

Confirmation 2023 The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated here in our church on Friday 23rd June 2023. We would be grateful if young people wishing to be confirmed would let Father Anthony or Deacon Michael know in writing **as soon as possible please**. Thank you.

CAFOD Volunteering Opportunities

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or help by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk or 07920 232936

Residential Marriage Preparation Course The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe is offering a residential weekend marriage preparation course from Friday 24th March to Sunday 26th March. The course will provide couples with a foundation in the Catholic understanding of Matrimony, as well the chance to reflect on the sacred promises that they are preparing to make. Married couples are also welcome to join this weekend as an opportunity for enrichment. For further details and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/> Or contact: events@christianheritagecentre.com