

## The Catholic Union

Catholic Union Deputy Director, James Somerville-Meikle, writes

*“As the missiles fire and bombs fall, most of us at home feel helpless in the face of this escalating war. At times this week I have found myself asking, where is God? Not out of despair, but in hope that in the midst of this darkness there may still be glimmers of light. It is striking that some of the aid agencies still able to operate in Gaza are Catholic. The American group, Catholic Relief Service, has been working to secure humanitarian relief to Palestinian people. Closer to home, CAFOD, has a helpful summary of ways in which people can help. While ACN has published an extremely moving account of a group of religious Sisters in Gaza city who refuse to leave and are standing in solidarity with the people they serve. Friday 27 October was a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East. This builds on the day that we marked on Tuesday last week and the daily prayers that many of us are offering at the moment for people in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. It may be hard to see God in these troubled times, but it’s increasingly clear to see where His Church is.”*

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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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**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** “As the Church commemorates the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls this week, we ask Almighty God to specially care for all the babies who never had the chance to be born. Lord hear us”.

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## 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 – The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Kathleen & Frank Brindle
	10.30 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Joan & John Quinn
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Deceased members of Brindle family
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> – All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)	10.00 am	The Parishioners
	7.30 pm	Deceased members of Penfold family
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – All Souls	10.00 am	The faithful departed
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Deceased members of Maher family
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
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### Please Note

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November is the solemnity of All Saints & is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Confession available on request after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

### **An Introduction to the Second Vatican Council**

In the parish hall this Monday, 30th October between 11.15am and 12.15pm. Please join us for this final discussion about What did Pope John XXIII hope his council would achieve? and What have been the fruits of Vatican II in our own lives and the life of the whole Church today?

For more details ring Robin or Wanda Haig on 01625 409562.

### **CARITAS at Christmas Appeal 2023**

“Without the support, I simply wouldn’t still be here.”

There will be a collection here during the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you for your generosity and support. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. You can also donate online at: [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please speak to Trish Spencer, DCEO.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:andrew.obrien@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### **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.”*

### **All Saints – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

The solemnity of All Saints is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and is a holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses in church – a morning Mass as usual at 10 am and an evening Mass at 7.30 pm.

As Bishop Mark reminds us in his forthcoming pastoral letter to be read out this weekend, *“The first days of November – the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - invite us to lift our sights to the Church in glory and pray for the souls in purification. The Church teaches that “our prayer for them is capable of helping them, but also of making their intercession effective for us”.*

Copies of his letter, titled ‘At the hour of our death’ will be available at the back of church.

### **Father Anthony Upcoming Holiday**

Father Anthony will be in Italy from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We will be pleased to welcome Father Colin Wilson who will supply Masses for us during the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November. More information will follow next week.

### **Your Prayers are asked for...**

- Jeremy Caprio who died last week. May he rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of his soul
- Deacon Bernard Barron who died last week. May he rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

### **World Mission Sunday**

Last week’s collection raised £362.87. Thank you for your generosity.

### **56th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act**

27 October 2023 marked 56 years since the Abortion Act received Royal Assent in 1967. Since then, a staggering 10,256,050 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales and Scotland. Right To Life UK has published an article about this anniversary, which you can read on this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/56years](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/56years)

### **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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date **10 November 2023**.