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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **		
1 May	Saturday 6pm	Dr Mike & Gill Azurdia
2 May	Sunday 9.30 am	Frank Power
3 May	Monday	
4 May	Tuesday	
5 May	Wednesday	
6 May	Thursday	
7 May	Friday	
8 May	Saturday 6pm	Alan Jones
9 May	Sunday 9.30 am	Terry Saunders
9 May	Sunday 11 am	Rodger Hemington

Currently there are two Masses being celebrated. Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am but from the 9th May, 11.00am Mass will resume.

Please welcome this weekend Fr Phil McGovern who will celebrate Mass for us.

The offertory collection will be taken at the end of Mass and not during Mass. Please place any donations, envelopes or loose change in the basket held by the Steward. If you wish to make a donation, please have your money/envelope ready as you leave. Thank you.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Dorothy Barber	Ted Henesy	Judy Howard
Patricia Davies	Dorothy Robinson	Maureen Grace
Frances Wright	Sheila Burrell	Maureen Adams
Rosemary Southwell	John Swann	Betty Davies
Pat Cummins	Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Sarah Alouane	Bill Williams	Eva Bennion
Pat Matthews	Joyce McAsey &	Andy Ablitt
Tony McDevitt	Maurice McAsey	Mary Schofield
Ruth Murray		



Please also remember Fr Paul in your prayers.

Please do get in touch with the parish office via e-mail or phone if you want to add or remove someone from the Prayer list or have a Mass intention. Thank you.

During Fr Paul's convalescence, pastoral oversight of St Winefride's is given by Canon Stephen Coonan of Our Lady and St John's Heswall – 0151 342 6581

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

<p>Daily Rosary</p> <p>at 9.00 am apart from Sunday</p>	<p>To join in please download Zoom.us either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the Zoom.us website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below;</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: <u>AveMaria</u></p>	
<p>Bible study to start again this Wednesday 21st At 4.30 pm</p>	<p>This Wednesday 5th May at 4.30pm. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 9th May 2021. First reading Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48, Psalm 97, Gospel John 15: 9-17</p> <p>Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.</p>	
<p>Prayer and Reflection</p> <p>Thursday 6th May 8.00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year of Saint Joseph – 2020-2021</u></p> <p>Join this week for the second part of the 4 week Prayer and Reflection session. Thursday 6th May – 8pm. (SEE WEBSITE FOR PART 2 OF THE LETTER)</p> <p>Access as usual via the Zoom address above.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021</p>
<p>Divine Mercy Friday 3 pm</p>	<p>If you would like to join in with reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.</p>	
<p>Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am</p>	<p>Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">coffee break</p>

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr Stephen Coonan



The vine is one of the most powerful images in the Bible for God's relationship with his people. Israel is the vine brought out of Egypt and a choice vine planted by God. She is also a vineyard planted and tended by God. Jesus builds on this image by calling himself the 'true' vine and his Father the vinedresser. This image is profound, since the vine and the branches unlike a tree trunk and its limbs are often virtually indistinguishable, and since there is a mutual interchange of life between them.

The vine must be both nurtured and pruned, symbolising the inevitable suffering of the disciples in imitation of Jesus. The vines must bear fruit that will lead the full discipleship, and unfruitful vines wither and are used only for firewood. This reflects the double image of vine/vineyard in the Old Testament. Despite the tender care the vineyard owner (God) lavished on the vineyard in Isaiah, sadly it yields the wild grapes of bloodshed rather than justice, and outcries rather than righteousness. Jesus abiding presence is not static but must be nurtured and it can wither. Not even John's great vision of the union of God and humanity takes away the mystery of human freedom and the need to grow in responsive love.

Please welcome Fr Phil McGovern to St Winefride's he will celebrating Mass for us from this weekend.

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

St Winefride's Parish Church - www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonywythenshawe
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

All times and details of other services available search Church Services TV on Google ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>



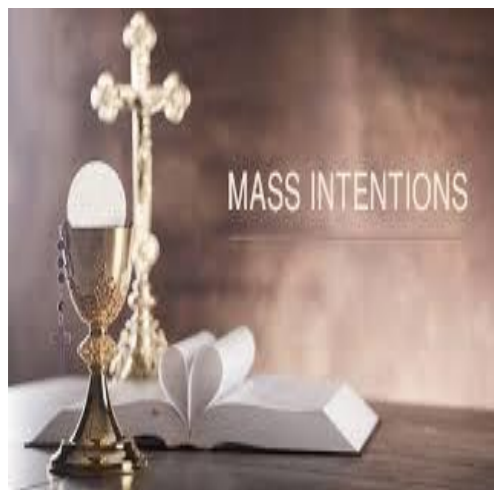
Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping into the office each Friday to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

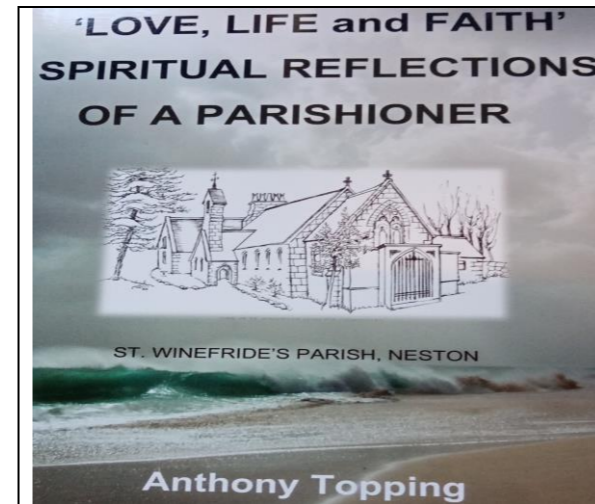
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MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

- Maureen & Ron Jones**
- Margaret Davies, Kath Key**
- Alan Gauller, Michael Halley (birthday)**
- Harold & Marie Thelwell (anniversary)**
- St Jude, St Ann, St Theresa, St Valentine**
- Daniel Healey (1st Anniversary, 27th April)**
- Fred Dutton (Anniversary 12th May)**
- Fr Gerry Courell (Anniversary 19th May)**
- Alan Jones, St Anthony**



"Love, Life and Faith"

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

Tony's son has organised for all of Tony's reflections over the years to be put together in a book. The book has now been published and is now available to buy.

If you would like a copy, then please contact the office. The books are £7.50 each. Cheques to be made payable to St Winefride's Parish Church or alternatively you can pay by cash.



READERS

If you are unable to make a date, then just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. Thank you. Jayne – Parish Secretary
Please check the website for the current readers rota.

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	1st May	2nd May	NO MASS
READERS	K Ankers	R Pisarek	
	8th May	9th May	9th May
READERS	Mark Branch	T McGlynn	J Tunstall
	15th May	16th May	16th May
READERS	P & A Flanagan	Clark family	A Cropper
	22nd May	23rd May	23rd May
READERS	I Robinson	AM Millar	T Topping



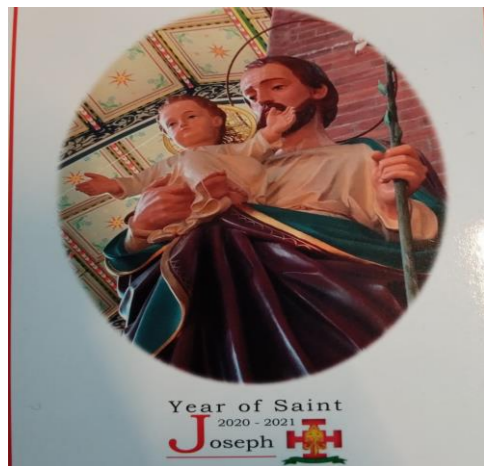
With Mass numbers increasing each week, which is fantastic, it has been decided that the 11.00 am Mass will restart.

Therefore, with effect from next weekend, Sunday 9th May, there will be three Masses once again. The 9.30am Mass has been close to full capacity over the last few weeks, so this should help to alleviate this.



Christian Aid week 10th–16th May. *This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.*

There is a Christian Aid Service on **Sunday 16th May at 6.30pm**, here at St Winefride's church. The church will not be open for parishioners to attend, but the service can be viewed online, via the live stream.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH 2020-2021

To mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter 'Patris Corde' in which he reflects on the life of St Joseph and his intimate role as husband to Mary and earthly father to our Lord Jesus.

The second part of Pope Francis letter will be discussed again over Zoom this week. If you would like to be part of the prayer and reflection session, then come along **via Zoom on Thursday evening at 8.00 pm**. See front of newsletter for Zoom address and password.



SUITCASE APPEAL – Barbara B, one of our parishioners has decided to stay out in Gozo and stop renting her home here in Parkgate. Barbara needs to move all her belongings abroad and needs some suitcases to do this.

She has asked if anyone has a large old suitcase that they no longer want. If you do, can you let me, Jayne in the office know or Joe Tunstall.

Thank you from Barbara in Gozo!!



Foodbank will collections have been revised and will now be every fortnight. We have had our collection this week and they will come again on Thursday 13th May.

If you would like to make a donation to the foodbank, please leave any items in the boxes under the table as you come into church. Thank you.

Most needed items are as follows; Instant noodles, instant pasta, sweets, chocolate, cup of soup, instant mash, jams and spreads, (i.e peanut butter and chocolate spread).

LIVE STREAMING - Please note that camera images and sound of services are now transmitted on the internet but not recorded. This is to help us share our faith with others who are unable to attend in person. If you have any concerns about the use of live streaming during a service or mass, then please contact the office.



“Online giving to the Parish”

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

Currently the average weekly standing payments orders received are £423 and loose plate/offertory envelopes average is £235. We also received **£550 in March** from the online giving page for payments made in August, December, January and February.

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/StWinefrideNeston2218>



Are you good with figures and have a few hours spare a week? Are you familiar with computers and would like to help the parish, especially, helping to reclaim 25% of contributions made via Gift Aid? Then, if this is you, please let Deacon Jim or Jayne in the office know. Thank you.

Mike Jevons who has been the parish accountant for the last 25 years and given a lot of his time and support, **hung up his calculator** last Autumn. Mike did a fantastic job of keeping the financial records in order and we would like to see if someone else would like now to get involved in this important role within the parish.



**Another parishioner is 50 next week!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Do you know her?**

We have just received this announcement from Mark Branch, Chair of Governors at St Winefride's school. The letter is being issued to parents today.



Announcement: Mrs Davies, Acting Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers

In October 2020, I wrote to inform you that Mrs Ormes will be retiring at the end of the current academic year. Following this announcement, the Governing Board started a rigorous selection process for her replacement. However, this was initially delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Further to this, the pandemic and resulting country-wide lockdowns have impacted upon the selection processes and this has resulted in unavoidable delays.

The Governing Board have made the decision to appoint Mrs. Davies to the role of Acting Head Teacher and I am delighted to announce that she has accepted this offer and will be starting as our school Head Teacher in September 2021.

As somebody who has worked closely with her over the last few years, especially in her role as Deputy Head and Year 6 teacher, I can assure all parents that we could not be in better hands. Mrs Davies has shown tremendous commitment to our school over many years. She has a fabulous relationship with our children and is well respected by all members of staff and Governing Board. Governors are confident in the decision to appoint her to the position of Acting Head and will give our full support to her in the role.

The Board are committed to appointing a new Head Teacher on a permanent basis and will continue to follow official advice and guidance. This process will re-commence next academic year.

I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating Mrs Davies and offer her your full support and wish her every success.

Mark Branch
Chair of Governors

Mrs Davies - Can I take this opportunity to say a big congratulations to you on your appointment from St Winefride's parish church.



PRAY IN MAY



The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we invite you to consider joining with parishes across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities.

Prayers



Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.



The example of Mary's faith was demonstrated in her saying yes to being the Mother of Jesus. We thank you, Lord, for those who continually say yes to supporting the work of Mary's Meals through volunteering throughout the world. We ask that more people may answer the call to demonstrate their faith in action by joining our work to ensure life changing meals for so many children.



At the birth of Jesus, Mary was one of the first to welcome the shepherds, men who were considered the outcasts of society at that time. We ask you Lord to pour out your blessings on those who are outcast in their own societies. We pray especially at this time for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and Myanmar as fighting and unrest force so many to flee their homes.



Mary demonstrated her love for all and shared her faith when she presented Jesus at the temple. This example teaches us the importance of charity and having love for all humankind. We ask your blessing, Lord, on those who demonstrate the same faith and love within the Mary's Meals feeding programmes across the world. May they know the presence of Your love in their lives and continue to reflect that love to all those they meet.



At the wedding feast at Cana, Mary showed the importance of turning to Jesus in times of need, believing in his wisdom and being obedient to his word. In the same way, may we always be open to hearing the Word of God and live out our faith in service to others, in response to what Jesus asks us to do. Bless all those who work in service for the children of Mary's Meals, that they will continually live out their vocation through their little acts of love.



Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary suffered as she watched her only son dying. We bring before the Lord all those who suffer in silence in so many parts of the world. May the witness and work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices wisely to change their communities for the better.

Mary's Meals UK Headquarters: Craig Lodge, Dalnally, Argyll, Scotland, PA33 1AR | Registered charity: SC022140 | Limited company: SC265941

Children's Sunday Liturgy Page. Parents, please feel free to print off the page for your children to colour and complete!



Welcome: Today we hear how Jesus is the vine, and how he gives life to us, his branches. Let's think a bit about what that means today.

Opening prayer: Dear Lord, you are the vine, we are the branches. Help us to bear your fruit and follow your word. Amen.

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 15:1-8*

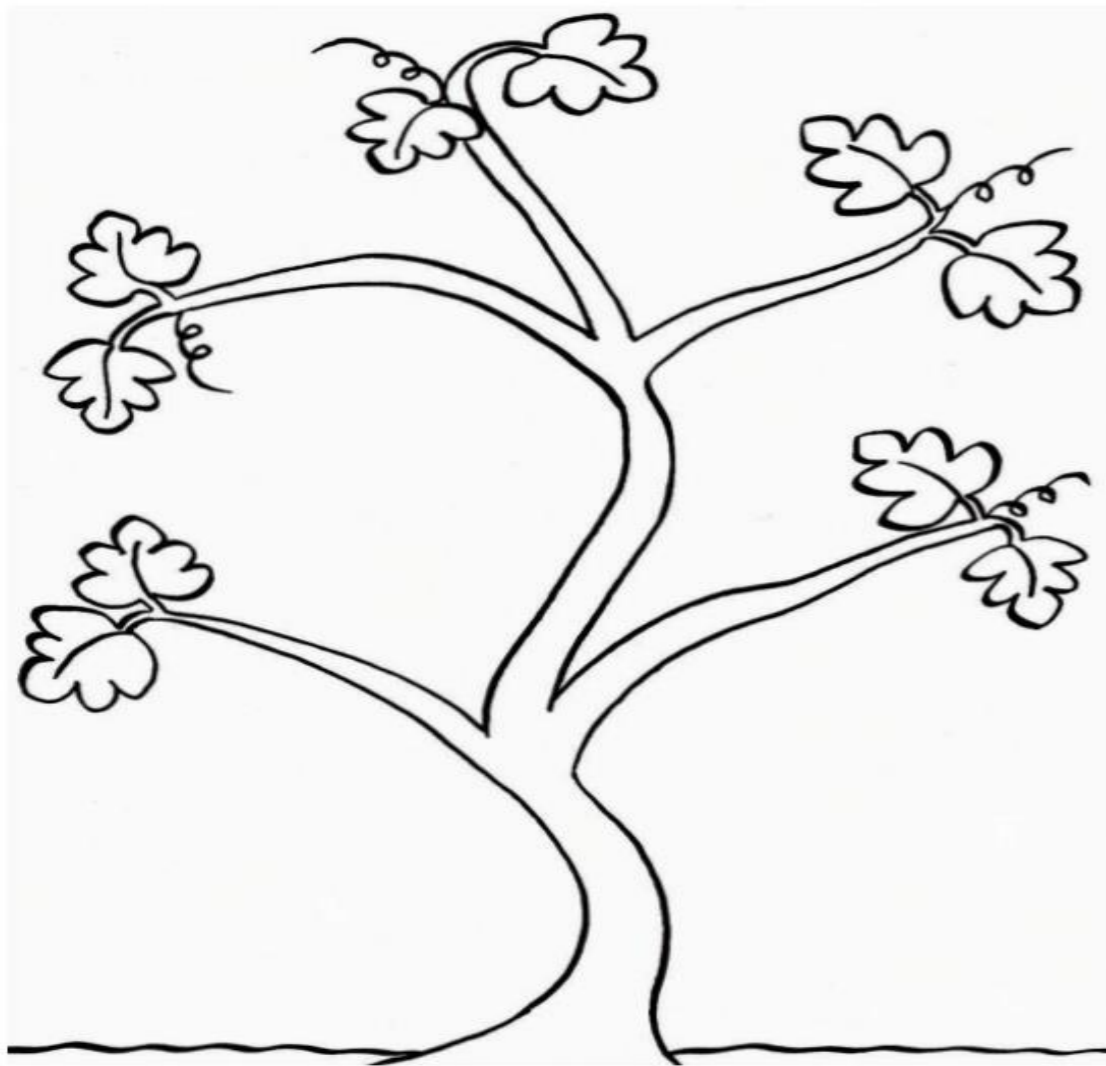


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