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Advent I

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1 Dec	SATURDAY	First Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Parish family
2 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Jane Kendall Hugh Schofield
3 Dec	MONDAY	St Francis Xavier	10.00 am	Sister Theresa Special Intention Mass will be in the house
4 Dec	TUESDAY	St John Damascus	10.00 am	Sister Hannah Mass will be in the house
5 Dec	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	NO MASS TODAY
6 Dec	THURSDAY	St Nicholas Funeral	12.00 pm	Kevin O'Brien
7 Dec	FRIDAY	St Ambrose	10.00 am	Marie Pugh Karl Pisarek
8 Dec	SATURDAY	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am	Ruth Brookes
8 Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Second Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones Parish family
9 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Peter William Edward Stowe Sister Laurice McMullan

Weekdays: Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

	1 Dec/2 Dec			8 Dec/9 Dec		
	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers – Readings	K Ankers	T Nolan	T Topping	D Davies	AM Millar	J Braidwood
Readers - Intercessions	S Davies	Clark Family	Joseph Family	P Flanagan	T McGlynn	J Tunstall
EMHC	J Gordon C Haimes	T McGlynn R Pisarek	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	M Branch M Green	K Garrod K Hughes	D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping
Counters	Kevin Garrod, Roy Howard			Andrea Williams, Wyn Penfold		
Cleaners	W Morgan, A-M McLean			Brian & Veronica Casey		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; **Wed:** Choir 7-8pm; **Thur:** Communion Visits; **Sun:** YSVP 10am in hall

2nd Thurs of month: SPUC 10.45 am in hall; **3rd Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall

Last Sunday's Offering: Thanks for your support!

News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School

The children of Year 5 and 6 recently had a visit from Colonel Manuel who gave a talk about the values of the army and the values that people should display in their everyday lives. Colonel Manuel taught the children about physical and moral courage, selfless commitment, integrity, loyalty and respect for others. These are all values that are important in armies but also in everyone's own lives too.

Last week Year 5 enjoyed making lanterns with the help and support of the Neston CAN group. Mrs Milner, Chair of governors and Year 5 class governor, also came into school to help the children and get to know them. All the children's lanterns were amazing and some of the children will be taking theirs to the parade in Neston on 1st December.

Fr Paul writes: Neston Civic Society entered Neston and Little Neston in the Cheshire Best Kept village competition, jointly with Neston Town Council. At an awards ceremony in November they were runner up in their category. Each village is also given a Little Gem Award and the judges chose the gardens of St Winefride's church, in particular, the church floodlighting. I want to say a big thank you to Claire Jones for her continual hard work in making the front of the church so welcoming.

During Advent Sacrament of reconciliation will also be available before both Sunday masses in addition to the Saturday morning and evening times.

Please also remember in your prayers the family of Kevin O'Brien whose funeral is here on Thursday.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Little Church rota: If you think you could help with Little Church, please do come forward.

Piety Stall: Open after each Sunday Mass in the church hall. Cards are also available in the back porch. If anyone has any special requirements there are catalogues on the stall in the Church Hall available after Sunday Mass for your perusal. Please fill all details on the order forms provided, ie item, no', quantity and colour etc. I shall be ordering in about two weeks' time. After then will entail paying extra for postage. **Is any parishioner willing and able to assist Margaret with a view to taking over responsibility for running the Stall? It would be very much appreciated.** Margaret and Geoff wish to thank everyone for their support over the years. All profits go to the Children' Society. If anyone has a Children's Society collection box, please return it to the stall on a Sunday

SPUC: Christmas Cards now on sale in the church hall. Lovely cards and all with the traditional Christmas message.

Library: Due to space restriction and lack of use, the library is closing down forthwith. If anyone who can make use of the books, please take what you want of free of charge. If you wish to make a donation to The Children's Society, which would be appreciated, please place your money in the Card money box or pass it to Margaret Davies. A few copies of **Fr Denis' booklet on the life of Wilfred Owen** are still available at £1 each in the back porch.

Wirral Ark: Christmas cards can now be purchased from Wirral Ark. This charity raises much needed money for homeless people across the region. Full details are on the noticeboards.

CWL: The C.W.L will be selling raffle tickets for two luxury Christmas food hampers on the weekends of **the 8th/9th and 15th/16th December**. The draw will take place after the 10.45 mass on the 23rd December. **Tickets are £1.00 each** and all proceeds will be given to local charities.

Soup & sandwiches: Unfortunately, due to the hall being used during the day, we will start again Monday 4th February.

Christmas flowers: This weekend there will be a second collection for flowers and poinsettias for the church.

Parish Volunteer Safeguarding: The names of parish volunteers who need to renew their Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) certificates are listed in the church porches. Kindly collect an application set from the table in either porch and sign the list on the noticeboard to confirm collection. You may choose an online or paper application according to preference. Please come to the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, 12th December** at any convenient time between 7pm-8pm. Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Andy O'Brien and Parish Safeguarding Representative, Terry Nolan will be on hand to complete the process. In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact Andy on 652 9855 or Terry on 336 3890.

DIOCESAN EVENTS



Open invitation to **The Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December at St Winefride's Primary School**. The church choir will be singing carols and the local ukulele group will also be performing. There will be a refreshment stall and a variety of games and crafts for the children. We are asking for any (homemade or shop bought) cake donations to be taken to the school during the day, as well as donations for the tombola (bottles or chocolates). If you would like to help with the set-up for the event or on a stall, we'd be very grateful. Please contact Andrea Jones on 07554 441787. Also, we are holding a raffle and are looking for prizes that we can offer. Please join us between **3.30 – 5.30pm**.

Neston Singers Carol Concert: The Neston Singers will be performing their annual carol concert at the URC Church, Moorside Road, Parkgate on Friday 14th December at 7:30pm. Tickets are £6 and available from Allisters Opticians, Evans Shoes or at the door. All proceeds going to Northern Lights charity.