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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3 December 2017

2 Dec	SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Parish Family	
3 Dec	SUNDAY	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES	8.45 am 10.45 am	Geoff Wylie Hugh Schofield	
4 Dec	MONDAY	St John Damascene	10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist	
5 Dec	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Una and Michael O'Shea	
6 Dec	WEDNESDAY	St Nicholas	10.00 am	Geoff Wylie	
7 Dec	THURSDAY	St Ambrose	10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist	
8 Dec	FRIDAY	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am	RIP: Mary White	
9 Dec	SATURDAY	St John Diego Cuahlatatzin	10.00 am	Glyn Shone	
9 Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday	6.30 pm	RIP Stella Donegan	
10 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	For a Grandchild Fr Paul's Intention	
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					
PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER New requests will be printed in the newsletter each month (please email them to the newsletter editor or let Fr Paul know).					
	2/3 December			9/10 December	
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am 10:45am
Readers - Readings	M Wilkie	Clark Family	T Topping	S Davies	K Ankers I Trotman
Readers - Intercessions	D Davies	T Nolan	Joseph Family	P Flanagan	Larty family J Braidwood
EMHC	K Powell M Branch	K Hughes K Garrod	D Pover K Holden	J Gordon M Green	T McGlynn M Davies M Slater D Pover
Counters	Colette & Justin			Kevin & Roy	
Cleaners	F Byrne & L Wood			E Dolley & P Higgins	
REGULAR ACTIVITIES					
Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; Wed: Choir 7-8pm; Thur: Communion Visits; Sun: YSVP 10am in hall 2nd Tues of month: SPUC 7:30pm in hall; 3rd Thur of month: CWL 7.30pm in hall Last Sunday's Offering: Thank you for your support!					

Fr Paul writes...

This weekend we celebrate the start of the Season of Advent. Here we have an opportunity to 'Stand awake and be ready' for the Lord is coming. At Mass you will notice our Advent wreath. Each week another candle will be lit. This light will help us safely journey to the anniversary of the Lord's birth. As you come into the church you will notice that the BLESSED SACRAMENT is on the altar. It is here that we are called to be in His presence, to lay before him our hopes and dreams, our sadness and our sin. Please allow this short time of stillness and quiet for all those who wish to place their concerns before the Lord. During this time of adoration, I will be available for confession.

Date for Diary: Our LPA Reconciliation Service which takes place this year on **Wednesday 13 December at 7pm** is at **Our Lady and St John's Heswall. All are welcome.**

Holy Communion: This weekend, at the Saturday Vigil Mass and at the Sunday 10.45am, we will introduce the opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both forms of Bread and Wine. There will be two places in the church where this Sacrament will be available. Firstly, at the front of the church. Secondly in the extension by the church door. The parish stewards will direct you. For those of you who receive Communion seated, you will be able to receive in your seats. I know that this addition to our weekend Mass will take a little bit of time to bed down, so please be patient with one another!

Our Primary School: I was delighted to be able to take part in our primary school's Service of Remembrance. At this service we brought an end to our time of remembrance for those who have died over the last year. We were invited to pick a glass stone and place it on the display as a token of all those who have gone before us 'marked with the sign of faith.' Our young people are simply amazing in the way they enter into 'this time of reflection'. You could feel an atmosphere of deep silence leading to Peace. Many thanks to all who prepared this celebration, especially Mrs Banister for all her hard work. Our school is blessed with so many gifted teachers and staff!

Have a good week, stay warm and look out for one another. With my prayers,

Fr Paul

Parish Christmas Meal: at Kri Kri on Thursday 7 December 7pm for a 7:30 start. Last minute changes contact Tony 07889063579.

SPUC: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Unborn) is on Tuesday 12th December. We will be having a short pro-life service after morning mass and afterwards invite you for tea/coffee and seasonal refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome! (PS We are taking over from the SVP for this week only).

EMHC/Readers: A new rota for Dec - Mar is available online and in the sacristy.

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal: If you would like to contribute to the appeal this year (perhaps as a Christmas present), please contact Marie Branch tel: 336 4287 leaflets are available in both porches. Cheques should be made payable to "SVP Twinnage". Certificates can be provided if requested in the name of the recipient. It costs just £1 per week to feed a baby. Over recent years between 4,000 and 10,000 small children have been fed at any one time depending on need in 13 centres on the outskirts of the capital and they are struggling to keep up with demand.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carols by Candlelight: This year's Carols by Candlelight will be held at St Michael's Church, Woodchurch on Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm, when choirs, singing groups and children from our different parishes come together for a Christmas celebration. Retiring collection and seasonal refreshments.

NEW STARTERS AT ST WINEFRIDE'S SCHOOL

Do you have a child, or know someone who has a child, due to start school in September 2018? If you have a child with a birth date between 1st Sept 2013 and 31st Aug 2014, you need to register with Cheshire Admissions and Transfer Team at www.cheshire.gov.uk/admissions or use the Registration Form that should have been sent directly to your home during July. If you have not received a form, please speak to Mrs McCann at St Winefride's Primary School.

'Children get off to a good start to their education in the Early Years Foundation Stage and make good progress in the well-structured environment.' (Ofsted 2014)

'An air of calm and friendliness permeates the whole school. This is evident in all lessons and outside on the playgrounds. As a result, the school provides an orderly working environment for all.' (Ofsted 2014)

Music during Advent: We will be singing a new setting of the Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation during the 10:45am Mass from this Sunday. It has been written by a local composer in Liverpool and will enable us to expand our choice of settings as we sing and pray the Mass. As the advent candle is lit we will sing our Candle Song as we have for the past years:

Like a candle flame
Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes

*God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Alleluia!*



ST WINEFRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday the whole school celebrated the beginning of Advent with a wonderful assembly led by Mrs Bannister. The school hall was decorated with the traditional advent alphabet, several advent calendars including an amazing knitted one, an advent wreath and a beautiful new lectern tapestry made by one of the pupils' grandmothers. The children were reminded of the story of Christmas and that advent is the period leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The children will continue to prepare for Christmas by having special daily assemblies throughout Advent.

Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting.

Henri Nouwen