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**XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### Mass Intentions for this coming week

5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Saturday 6 pm	Parish family	
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sunday 9.30 am	Sr Anthony Wilson S.N.D	
	Sunday 11 am	Ken O'Leary	
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 10 am	Sheila Trimmer	
	<b>Mass in church</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tuesday	Agnes Malone	Private prayer 1.30-2.30pm
9 Sept	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>3pm via Zoom see newsletter</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thursday	Lilian & Joseph Rabbitt	Private prayer 1.30-2.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Friday 10 am	Frank Morgan	
	<b>Mass in church</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Saturday 6pm	Parish family	
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sunday 9.30 am	Thank You to parishioners	Thank you, for prayers from parishioners – Dot Davies
	Sunday 11.30 am	Fr Chris Lightbound	Belated birthday wishes

**Please do let us know if you would like a Mass said for someone by e-mailing the parish office.**

### Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Dorothy Barber  
Frances Wright  
Pat Cummins  
Pat Matthews  
Tony McDevitt  
Dorothy Robinson  
Judy Howard  
Maureen Grace  
Maureen Adams

Patricia Davies  
Rosemary Southwell  
Sarah Alouane  
Dot Davies  
Ted Henesy  
Sheila Burrell  
John Swann  
Joyce & Maurice McAsey



Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing.

**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 speak to Fr Paul or Deacon Jim.

Daily Rosary continues at 9.00 am (apart from Sunday) with St Winefride's parish

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO ROSARY TIME DUE TO MORNING MASS  
TAKING PLACE AT 10.00 am**

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;

<https://zoom.us/j/252387114>

password: AveMaria



**Bible study** – This **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September**. It will be about the gospel reading for the following Sunday 12/13<sup>th</sup> September i.e. the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

**Access as usual on Zoom or on 07746743921 for audio only.**

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.



**Monday Mass – 10.00am in church**  
**Tuesday – Private prayer 1.30pm – 2.30pm**  
**Wednesday – Bible study via Zoom**  
**Thursday – Private Prayer 1.30pm – 2.30pm**  
**Friday Mass – 10.00am in church**

**Please note the new times of weekend Mass**  
**Saturday - 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday - 9.30 am and 11.00 am**

**Please do read on the website "How Covid 19 has changed Mass - FAQ".**

## Fr Paul writes.....

Our youngsters have returned to school, let us pray for their well being and the staff of the school.

Below you will see a coming together of the reopening of our church. You will have seen most of the rules of safety in previous Newsletters or spoken by me over the recent months.

I would like to respond to some concerns which I believe you may have regarding our Celebration of Mass and prayer.

You will know that there are guidelines both from Government and our own Diocese which we have been asked to follow. Each Parish Priest is asked to ensure that the church is 'Covid' to prevent any infection. The physical layout of our church has been adapted for this purpose.

I can assure you that guidelines are being rigorously followed in full and this has been recognised by the Diocese.

Part of this was to limit the amount of time groups remain in an area. When we opened church for the celebration of Mass, we had no idea how many people would be coming and so we were planning for about half an hour in church.

We were also asked to ensure social distancing in the sanctuary area. This means rearranging the area and limiting movement within the sanctuary.

I am indeed anxious to include readings from the Old and New Testaments, but in order to do so we would need to ask Readers if they would be prepared to take part in the current situation. Hopefully, some will be willing and so we shall be able to include more readings and prepare the sanctuary accordingly. I am grateful to those who have volunteered to be Stewards as they play an important part in our safety procedures.

The times of Masses have also been amended to allow a reasonable time for cleaning and preparing the church before and after Mass. To start Mass at 8.45 am would mean asking Stewards to be at church for 8.15 am which I feel would be unreasonable. The same goes for the 11 o'clock Mass. Again, we are allowing time for these preparations.

As regards concerns about consecrated hosts being returned to the ciborium possibly by unsanitised hands, it would be a mistake to think that I would approach the celebration of Mass without thoroughly cleaning and sanitising my hands. This of course happens in the Sacristy and not in public view. Also, I or one of our Deacons sanitise our hands and put a mask on before administering Holy Communion so please be assured in this regard.

I want to assure you that, as your Parish Priest, I am making every effort to ensure your safety and the safe celebration of Holy Mass.

It is through the celebration of Mass that we strengthen our unity with Our Lord and with one another. It is He who binds us together in charity and compassion. Please say a prayer for our parish Deacons and for me as we try, through the Lord's Word as he opens the Scripture and as we all greet him in the 'Breaking of Bread'.

Please keep too our House bound parishioners in you daily prayer. I too keep you in my prayers and at the celebration of Mass. **Fr Paul**

**TRACK AND TRACE IN CHURCHES – This is still under review by the Bishops about how it will be done and when it will start. In the meantime, if I could ask you to write the following information on a piece of paper and bring with you when you or you and your family come to church. The full details are only needed the first time you visit and complete a form. After that, date, time and name and number will be sufficient.**

Date and time of mass attended	
Full name or names in your group	
Address inc postcode	
Contact number	
E-mail address	

Stewards are still needed to ensure we can open for private prayer or weekday and weekend Masses. If you would like to volunteer, **and you are under 70, are not pregnant and do have any underlying health conditions** then please contact Fr Paul or Deacon Jim via their parish e-mail or Jayne on the parish office e-mail. **Thursday afternoon is especially short of volunteers.** Thank you.

### LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- Fr Denis McBride: rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online
- Bishop Robert Baron: wordonfire.org/daily-mass/
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy (This is a fantastic resource for children.)

**You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>**



## A message from the office:

Newsletters **will not be printed** up for Mass at the moment to avoid any unnecessary risk. However, if you know someone **who does not have** access to the internet and needs a paper copy then, please let me know and I will arrange for one to be sent out to them next week. Thank you. Jayne – Parish Secretary.

**Contact details** – If you have moved home in the last three or four years and are not sure if we hold your correct contact details, please either telephone or e-mail the office with your up to date information. Thanks. Jayne Shakespeare – Parish Office

**Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News - Visit the parish website**

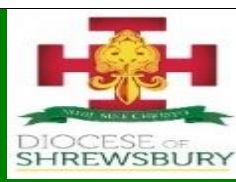
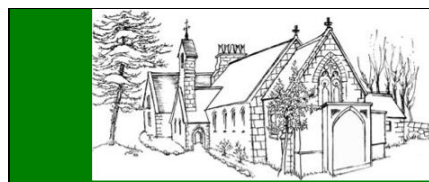
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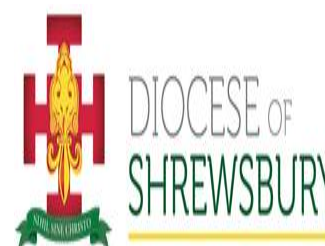
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**News items:** Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share, here in the Parish Newsletter? Are you celebrating a special birthday, anniversary? Birth of a child/grandchild? Do let us know and spread the happiness! Send your good news story and a photo (only if you want) to the parish office e-mail above.



**Health and Safety** – You may see as you come into church a few new items on the noticeboards. One in particular is relating to Fire Safety. We aren't encouraging you to stand around looking at the noticeboard at present, but if you are able to have a brief look when it is quiet, it explains what needs to happen if you discover a **Fire!** Please note that should there be a fire, the fire assembly point is the grassed area to the rear of the church. There will be a sign displayed in this area very shortly.



**READERS** – As Fr Paul has mentioned, we are hoping to have a new rota up and running by the last weekend in September, 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>. If you do not want to be included on the rota, if you could let the office know either by calling or e-mailing the parish office.

CCRS - Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies is resuming once again from 17<sup>th</sup> September. There is a course in Altrincham on a Thursday morning or a Saturday in Ellesmere Port, starting Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. People taking the course do not need to take the assessments, unless they want to gain the qualification. If you would like to any more information you can contact Fr Michael - [frmichaelcourhlan@hotmail.com](mailto:frmichaelcourhlan@hotmail.com) or [ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)



**FOODBANK** - In this current time and with social distancing please do not go out especially in order to obtain food donations for us. Text and on-line financial donations are just as welcome.

Food items we are currently high-lighting a priority for:

**Instant mash or tinned potatoes**

**Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham**

**Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots**

**Pasta sauce, tinned vegetables**

**Cup-a-soup, Small bottles of cordial / UHT juice**

We try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on our website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them.

**Update - collection by the Foodbank volunteers has resumed and will be every Thursday morning. Please leave any donations in the back porch. Thank you.**

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood>

## NEW “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**.



Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

### Things to note:

- \* You will need to use a password each time they donate – this is created the first time that they make a donation.
- \* All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from **InvestMyCommunity**.
- \* Please also be aware that donations appear on the bank/credit card statements of the donor with the narrative “Invest My School”.

**Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mike Jevons – [mike\\_jevons@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_jevons@hotmail.com)**

**Thank you for your continued support**

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

## Reflection – by Tony Topping

### PRAYER, PENANCE AND MEDITATION

*Father, son and Holy Spirit  
Heaven sings your praise  
Mary magnifies your name  
Through eternal days.*

I listened to a beautiful homily about Our Lady and the Magnificat. The priest interpreted the word as to magnify, to enlarge, to make greater; “My soul magnifies the Lord”. At first, I was puzzled. Surely that was a contradiction for how can a being that is Omnipotent, almighty be made greater and how can we, mere human beings make God greater than he is? But then, as I have said once before, I think that God is a helpless God. His love is a love beyond our understanding; a love that is unconditional and freely given. He wants us to love him in a similar way but he cannot force us. He cannot make us love him for that would take from us the great gift he gave to us, the choice to love him or reject him. That is the choice we have to make. God loves everyone and wants everyone to be saved, but that depends on free will. The catechism teaches us that God “has created the human person to be free and responsible; And he respects our decisions. Therefore, it is the human person who freely excludes himself from communion with God if at the moment of death, he persists in mortal sin and refuses the merciful love of God”,

I do not believe that we can literally make God greater but we can help him in his plan to bring fallen mankind back to him. Mary, by her acceptance of God’s request that she become the mother of Jesus, made salvation possible. Her acceptance made God’s creation, mankind, greater for only Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection could atone for man’s initial rejection of God. In that sense, Mary magnifies the Lord. We too can magnify the Lord by turning to him with an open and contrite heart and a firm spirit of amendment.

During this dreadful pandemic, scientists have been desperately searching for a solution. They have been studying the virus under microscopes which enable them to see and examine what cannot be seen by the naked human eye. They have been testing and experimenting, trying to find a vaccine. I think that Our Lady is enabling us to find an answer to our human weaknesses and failings. Since the assumption of Mary, body and soul, to Heaven, she has appeared in numerous apparitions urging us towards prayer and meditation. She is like a microscope in reverse, not making God bigger but showing us aspects of God, which help us to see him more clearly, follow him more closely and love him more dearly. She has shown us the antidote to sin, prayer, penance and meditation.

When Our Lady appeared to the children at Fatima in 1917, she clearly foretold the events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; the end of WW1 but warning us of another great war, the rise of communism and the persecution of the church. She told the children that these things could be prevented if we stopped offending God and prayed earnestly to him. I think, perhaps, during WW2 and for a time afterwards, people did take notice but soon the world became greedy and selfish again. I think that during this crisis, we have begun to realise the need for change. We must determine to keep in mind the good that has come from it and go forward with hope and the determination to bring about a new world.

Through the children of Fatima, Our Lady urges us to pray the rosary and to renew and practice the custom of celebrating the first Saturdays of five consecutive months. Because of the state the world is in, I think it is time to start listening to her.



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



"If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that 'every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses,' as the scripture says. And if he will not listen to them, then tell the whole thing to the church. Finally, if he will not listen to the church, treat him as though he were a pagan or a tax collector.

