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Ordinary Time XXVII

7 October 2018

6 Oct	SATURDAY	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Parish family
7 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Priest' intention Fred Cropper and family
8 Oct	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass
9 Oct	TUESDAY	St Denis & Companion; St. John Leonardi; Blessed John Henry Newman	10.00am	Sally Ward
10 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St Paulinus of York	10.00 am	Mass or Service of Word and Eucharist.
11 Oct	THURSDAY	St. Canice; St. John XXIII, Pope	10.00 am	Mass
12 Oct	FRIDAY	St. Wilfred	1.00 pm	Funeral service for Brigid O'Brien
13 Oct	SATURDAY	St. Edward the Confessor	10.00 am	Christopher McParlin
13 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	All the sick
14 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Michael Walsh

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

	6 Oct/7 Oct			13 Oct/14 Oct		
	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers - Readings	S Davies	T McGlynn	T Topping	D Davies	R Pisarek	I Trotman
Readers - Intercessions	M Green	AM Millar	J Braidwood	P Flanagan	Larty Family	Jones Family
EMHC	C Haimes J Gordon	K Garrod K Hughes	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	M Branch M Green	M Davies S ETTY	D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping
Counters	Wyn Penfold and Marie Branch			Kevin Garrod, and Roy Howard		
Cleaners	L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts			L Wilkinson and C Kirshen		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery **Wed:** Choir 7-8pm in church; **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: Envelopes: Thanks for your support!

News from St Winefride's Primary School:

There is a new PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) at St Winefride's Primary School. It is open to all parents, friends of the school and staff. A new elected committee has been formed by enthusiastic volunteers who will be using their time and skills to organise fun events for the children. These events will raise funds for the school and enable the provision of extra resources to improve the children's learning experience. The committee would be grateful for any help you can provide whether it be attending meetings, baking cakes or manning a stall at the fair. The next meeting is to be held at The Royal Oak pub on Tuesday 16th October at 7pm. All are welcome!!

CAFOD Family Fast Day: FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER. This year's focus is on providing clean water supplies for some of the poorest most hard-to-reach people around the world. The donating envelopes can be collected from either porch and then handed in on the offertory plate at any Mass during October. Thank you.

CWL – Thank you for your support at the MacMillan Cancer Care coffee morning which raised **£380**. Next committee meeting this **Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm** in the church hall.

SYMT Youth Leader's Training day – Saturday 13th October. 10.00am – 2.30pm at St Joseph's, Hope Rd, Sale, M33 3BF

Fr Paul writes:

It is good to be home. I've had a very good rest. I even managed a prayer or two. The weather was good except three full days of continuous rainfall. Over the past two days we have had the experience of earth tremors. I think the good Lord is telling me to get home

On Friday this week at 1.00pm, we will be celebrating a funeral Mass for Brigid O'Brien. Brigid was over from Ireland for a holiday visiting her daughter in Willaston along with many other members of the family and friends in London. During her visit she discovered that she had cancer with only a few days to live. I would be very grateful if you were able to come along to her funeral Mass in support of her family.

I thought you might like to read an interview from the Vatican website re the Synod on young people which has just started in Rome:

SYNOD OCTOBER 2018

Pope Frances and Young People of the World

Giving young people a voice

As the Church gears up for the Synod of Bishops, Youth Ministry worker, Megan Cox who participated at the Pre-Synod meeting in March says "young people were at the forefront of that conversation."

By Lydia O'Kane

The countdown maybe on to the Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment which begins on Wednesday, but it was in March that the youth of the world came together in Rome to have their say. Youth Ministry Development Worker, Megan Cox represented the Archdiocese of Birmingham in England at the Pre-Synodal meeting.

Speaking about her experience to Vatican News, she says, "automatically the attention was turned straight to young people, with the idea of, if we are going to talk about young people, we probably need to ask them." "That really impressed me to start with, that the point of the Synod wasn't lost from the get go and actually young people were at the forefront of that conversation."

Megan herself works in Youth Ministry and points out that although youth ministry in her own diocese is very active, that can't be said for other parts of the UK. She adds, that it is in a "revolution period" and is gaining speed but, it hasn't yet reached its full potential.

Global Youth Issues

The Pre-Synod, Megan notes, saw participation from all over the world and she describes this as very important. "If we're talking in terms of a universal Church, it needs to be universal; we need to have the opinions of young people from across the globe. She goes on to say, that it is clear from the document that came out from the Pre-Synod meeting, that there are "issues shared by young people across the world, things that we all have in common."

Social Justice and Social Media

Megan recalls that during the meeting, what came out strongly was the theme of Social Justice and what it meant to young people, depending on where they were from. Another key theme, she says, was the issue of social media in the lives of young people. Megan comments "it is such a great tool but can also be so damaging, so where is the balance...?" What came out of discussions was that, "if you've got a generation looking down at their phones all the time rather than looking up at what is going on around them, what can you do about that?" She says, if that is the case, let's harness that and let's use it as a resource for the Church.

Asked what she would like to see coming out of the upcoming Synod of Bishops, Megan expresses the hope that, they will "remain faithful to what they've heard young people say, the documents that have been given to them from the Pre-Synod meeting, the conversations that have been held around the world, that when they eventually produce their document that it is just true to what they've been told..."

Megan says, the Catholic Church has had its trials and tribulations, but despite that it is an amazing community to be a part of with enthusiastic young people who want it to thrive.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMHC/Readers Rota: A new rota for October to January is now available online.

Piety Stall: Open after each Sunday Mass in the church hall. Cards are also available in the back porch.

Rotary Club Open Evening: Tuesday 9th October at the Hinderton Arms from 6pm. Rotarians will be present to answer any questions and there will be displays illustrating some of their activities and contribution to Neston. For further information contact Alan Brown on Alanmbrown20@ntlworld.com

NDCT are looking for two volunteers to participate in the "Open the Book" initiative. Open the book acts out Bible stories at local schools and community events and is well received by the children. The Open the Book team find it very enjoyable presenting the stories to them. No experience is required, if you want to find out more please contact Mark Branch (336 4287) or Ed Hilditch (elhilditch@aol.com).

Also **NDCT** will be holding their **One World Week Service** at St Winefride's on **Sunday 21st October @ 6.30pm**, please come along and celebrate with our Christian brothers and sisters from across Neston.

Songs of Praise: This October. All welcome to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing. Recording to take place on **Thursday 18 October**, 6:30pm-9:30pm at Christ Church, Oxton, CH43 5RW. To apply, please send your name, postcode, contact phone number and number of people taking part to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv.

Song of Praise: If you are a keen singer, please also include your voice part (SATB). Please include 'Birkenhead Recording' in your subject header. For further information email or call 0161 873 7073.

SVP – Thank you once again for your kind generosity last weekend.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Diocesan Mass to celebrate Grandparents: On Saturday 13th October at 12 noon there will be a mass at St Hugh's and St John's, West Timperley, Altrincham, WA14 5NB. All grandparents and families are welcome to celebrate and give thanks for the part grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Parish Centre. Posters on the noticeboard.

Three Catholic Schools: A Musical Evening. On the **11th October at 7.00 pm** Our Lady and St John, Heswall will be hosting this event as part of the Wirral Arts Festival. **Ladymount Primary School, St Anselm's College, and Upton Hall School** are performing an evening of music, comprising both choral and instrumental pieces. There will also be a guest appearance from pupils of the **Little Actors Theatre**. All are welcome. Admission is FREE, but a collection will be taken during the evening for donations to CAFOD. Do join us and see the outstanding talents of our young people.