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Trinity Sunday

7th June 2020

Fr Paul is saying Mass behind closed doors and will continue to do so whilst the church is closed. Masses this coming week, are listed below.

Mass Intentions from this Saturday are as follows:

Saturday 6th June	Parish family	Sunday 7th June	Joe Thompson
Monday 8th	Fr Jim McGrath	Tuesday 9th	Rachel & Tom Kay - Thanksgiving
Thursday 11th	Ron & Maureen Jones	Friday 12th	Hilda Haimes
Saturday 13th June	Maureen Bainbridge	Sunday 14th June	Parish family

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
 John Barber
 Dorothy Robinson

Patricia Davies
 Rosemary Southwell
 Sarah Alouane
 Dot Davies
 Ted Henesy
 Sheila Burrell



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

Daily Rosary continues at 10.30am (apart from Sunday) with St Winefride's parish

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; 'If you prefer to join in over the telephone, please ring Deacon Jim just before 10.30am.

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

Bible study - At the above same Zoom address on **Wednesday 10th June at 3pm** please join in for bible study and discussion. This week's bible reading is the **Book of Revelation Ch 1-11** inclusive. There will be a quiz **on Wednesday, 17th June**. No Quiz this week!

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.

Fr Paul writes.... Over the last few weeks, I have been involved with the funerals of several members of our parish community. Death comes to each and every one of us. Yet our faith lets us experience the Lord Jesus, the One who is the cause and summit of the fullness of life. This reality is open to all. It is the meaning of the feast we celebrate this Trinity Sunday. As Jesus says it is the 'will of my Father that I should lose nothing that my Father has given to me'. In these days we remember the Fathers unconditional love, transforming us into Children of light. We are closely united with the Son who has endured pain and suffering in his powerful love and who has conquered death in rising from the dead.

The Holy Spirit consecrates and makes us holy and unites us in the eternal love of God. In these testing times, when suffering is so widespread and beyond our understanding, the power of God will fill our lives with hope and courage.

Please keep Sheila Trimmer and her family in your prayers. Sheila's funeral takes place on Wednesday this week. Can you also keep in your prayers Fr Stephen from OLSJ. His Mum Theresa Coonan died on Thursday. We understand she had been poorly for some weeks.

Please be assured of my prayer for yourselves and your families.

With all good wishes, **Fr. Paul**



Archbishop John wrote to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, over a week ago expressing his understanding of "a growing sense of dissatisfaction" particularly as our churches are not yet permitted to open where a growing number of retail outlet will soon open their doors.

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Archbishop John also wrote to all MP's with constituencies in the Archdiocese.

Letter of Archbishop John Wilson

27 May 2020

Dear Prime Minister

May I, first of all, say how pleased I was by your recovery from Covid-19, and also congratulate you and your fiancée on the birth of your son.

I write as the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark, a Diocese which covers all the Greater London Boroughs south of the River Thames, the County of Kent, and the Medway Unitary Authority. The Diocese comprises 175 parishes and 169 schools, both primary and secondary. Our most recent statistics indicate that over 80,000 people attend church for Mass each Sunday and our outreach into local communities is considerable.

Since the Government's decision, on 23 March 2020, to close places of worship our churches have remained shut. We accepted this as part of the important strategic effort to save lives and contain the spread of Covid-19. Important Christian festivals during Holy Week and Easter all took place behind closed doors, each priest celebrating alone without a congregation.

As restrictions have been lifted, there is growing frustration that churches remain closed for private, individual, visits of prayer. This comes when restrictions on access to other 'non-essential' facilities are being relaxed. For Catholics, access to church buildings is spiritually essential, something recognised by other Governments internationally.

Respectfully, I believe that it is now time for churches to be allowed to open for individual visits for private prayer. Supervision and hygiene regimes can be put in place akin to those in supermarkets and any churches that cannot implement these would remain closed.

At stake here are two paramount principles. The first is freedom of religion and the second is basic equality and justice. Total church closure was justifiable in the initial weeks of the pandemic. However, to enable non-essential shops and services to open, while keeping churches closed for individual prayer, is an infringement of both religious freedom and equity.

I am not requesting special treatment for the Catholic Church. I appreciate that there is a Faith Task Force seeking to address the needs of religious groups and we are represented on this. There is, however, a growing sense of dissatisfaction. I ask that you please take seriously the needs of different religious traditions and, where their place of worship is necessary to their faith, you create parity of access consistent with that for retail outlets.

The long term mental health implications of Covid-19 are as yet unknown. Religious faith can help support people, both directly and indirectly, with respect to their wellbeing. Access to places of worship is integral to this.

I realise that you carry enormous responsibility at this time. I assure you of the desire of the Catholic Church to collaborate in ensuring our country recovers from Covid-19 in ways that are safe and secure. Respectfully, I ask, however, that you please act to enable those places of worship that desire to open, and are able to guarantee proper hygiene regimes, to be able to do so for individual visits for prayer. I receive letters and emails everyday asking for this, but the decision rests with you and I believe that it is now time to make this possible.

With the assurance of prayers

Yours sincerely

✠ John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

We have tonight (Fri 5th) received more news about church opening for private prayer, and details will follow shortly. John Kane our Health and Safety Representative has kindly volunteered to be our "COVID-19 Safety Lead role" but will need volunteers to serve as stewards. Below is the information we had received last week about how we will move forward as a church. Fr Paul

PREPARING TO EMERGE FROM LOCKDOWN – repeated from last week's newsletter

As we await an announcement regarding the re-opening of churches for private prayer, we have been asked by the Bishop's Conference to begin considering who in each of our parishes might be nominated to serve as a "COVID-19 Safety Lead" to help assist with the implementation of safety policies as our churches re-open.

I would be grateful if you begin giving thought as to who might be able to undertake this task at parish level. I would also be grateful if you could begin to give some consideration to those parishioners who might be approached and subsequently trained in public health requirements to serve as stewards facilitating this long-anticipated reopening. It will be important to be conscious that parishioners who fall into a "risk category" could not be invited to volunteer for these roles. The risk categories include those aged 70+, pregnant women, and anyone with underlying health conditions. As part of this process, risk assessments will need to be drawn up and appropriate PPE purchased along with cleaning materials. The Diocesan Health and Safety Officer, Julie Tinsley, will return to work next week to begin drawing up guidance and advice which will be issued in due course.

At diocesan level, we have been able to secure some limited supplies of PPE (face masks, gloves, disposable aprons and hand sanitiser along with barrier tape and floor marking tape) which we will be seeking to increase in the coming weeks working with "churchmarketplace". However, this will be a good time to consider ways of securing more readily available supplies of domestic cleaning materials such as household disinfectant; disposable cloths, disposable or kitchen "rubber" gloves and disposable aprons. Hand sanitiser will also be needed which should be at least 65% alcohol in order to be effective.

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyshaw
- 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>

CHURCH OFFERTORY GIVING


A message from the office:

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


www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email. To join send an email to the office at

parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

	<p>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.</p>
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Update - I now am able to update you with the nursing home Rosemary Southwell is staying in; Windy Knowe Nursing Home, 15, Waterford Road, Oxton, Wirral, CH43 6US. Tel 0151 653 3006.

	<p>Deacon Jim and Carolyn are overjoyed at the birth of their granddaughter Ffion Grace Kay on 30th May.</p> <p>Mother Rachel and their son Tom live in South Wales so Jim and Carolyn are unable to visit but thankfully modern technology allows lots of video contact.</p> <p>Prayers of thanksgiving for baby Ffion and for Her mum and dad!</p>
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From Dorothy Barber - Thank you to everyone who has contacted me after my fall. I broke 2 fingers in my right hand, which is now in plaster, up to below elbow with only my thumb free! So I am slowly becoming well practised in writing with my left hand!! I have some help in each day but I long for my independence!! Many friends have been very kind and I am extremely grateful for the help given.

Some parishioners who use Offertory envelopes have asked how they can contribute at this time.

* Your donation can be put into your envelopes as usual and then put into the collection once Masses recommence. You can just use one envelope to do this if you prefer.

* Alternatively, you could set up a Standing Order. Please contact the Parish Office for details of how to do this. The office can either send a form out or give details of the parish bank if you use online banking. parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

* An online donation page has also been set up by the Diocese to simplify the process of giving online. The webpage allows you to make a one-off donation or a regular monthly payment. You can access this by following the details on the next page. There is a minimum donation of **£5.00**.

A message from The Trussell Trust - During April 2020, food banks in our network saw an 89% increase in need compared to the same period last year, with a staggering **107% increase in emergency food parcels for children**.

You have helped the food banks in our network achieve a great deal in the last few weeks as they face this increased need and adjust to new ways of working. We're proud to have you standing in solidarity with us, food banks, and people in crisis.

But no one should be struggling to keep their heads above water.

We have been seeing rises in food bank use for the past five years but this 89% increase - with the number of families coming to food banks doubling - is completely unprecedented and not right. People need to be able to put food on their table.



FOODBANK

In this time of lock-down and 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.

If you are shopping and would like to donate food items we are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash, Cup-a-soup, bottles of cordial / squash.

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. Donations can be left in Sainsbury's Neston.

<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

Thank you for your continued support

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

Reflection by Tony Topping

PEACE

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.

There is so much unrest in our world; unrest and mistrust between East and West and between neighbouring countries which often leads to war; unrest between religions which often leads to resentment and violence; unrest in families which sometimes leads to separation and divorce. It is always the innocent, the children and the poor, who suffer the most. During the first half of this year, there has been a great deal of anxiety and apprehension brought about through fear of a detestable virus that has killed so many and has isolated us from our family and friends and has even forced us to find a new way of worshipping. Many have experienced a deterioration in their physical and mental health.

The above phrase will be familiar to all who attend mass for it is part of the prayer which follows the Lord's prayer. It is a prayer addressed to Our Lord Jesus Christ asking him for peace and unity in accordance with his will. Every time we pray the Our Father, we say “Thy will be done.” These words are repeated countless times whenever we ask for God's help. Jesus himself, in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed to his father that the chalice be taken from him but he ended his prayer with the words, “not mine but Thy will be done.” He surrendered himself to the will of his father.

Jesus bequeathed to the apostles and to us the gift of peace but not a peace that would banish suffering and persecution, trial and tribulation. It is a peace deep within us. A surrendering of our will to the will of God. St Alphonsus Liguori called it a conformity to the will of God. I know it is easy for me to say, me who has had such an easy life and never had to experience severe pain as others have, yet even so, it is hard for me to put into practice that renouncing of my own will and surrendering to God's. There are so many worldly things that tie us down and prevent us from soaring to that great height which will truly set us free. Each morning when I awake, I thank God for this new day and offer it up to him in thanksgiving and in reparation for my sins. Perhaps because of my age, I feel genuinely grateful and contrite, but as the day goes on there are so many distractions and I am weak, worldly things occupy my mind and I have to consciously turn my thoughts back to God. I think about the holy martyrs who suffered persecution, torture and death yet went to the scaffold singing praise to God. They were able to do so because of the faith and inner peace that Christ had bequeathed. I remind myself of the words from the morning prayers:

As the new day begins let us praise Christ, in whom is the fullness of grace and the Spirit of God.

We praise you Lord and we thank you for all your blessings

Give us peace of mind and generosity of heart, grant us health and strength to do your will.

May your love be with us during the day, guide us in our work.

Lord give us your spirit

Activities for the children - Lynne Vaughan who runs the Sunday school at St Michael's church has put together various activities for the children to get involved in each week. If you would like a copy of the materials or know a family who would like to receive them, then please get in contact with the office via e-mail and the information can be sent over.

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



The Most Holy Trinity
Gospel: John 3:16-18



Show your love for the world. Find activities at cafod.org.uk/primary

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