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1st Sunday in Ordinary Time – The baptism of the Lord

Sunday 10th January 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week

	Saturday 6pm		
J	Sunday 9.30 am		CHURCH
A	Sunday 11 am		
	Monday 10.00 am		CLOSED
N	Tuesday		UNTIL
U	Wednesday		FURTHER
A	Thursday		NOTICE
R	Friday 10.00 am		DUE
Y	Saturday 6pm		TO
2021	Sunday 9.30 am		ILLNESS
	Sunday 11 am		

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

Daily Rosary

at 9.00 am
apart from
Sunday

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**



Come Sing and Pray

Thursday
8pm

'Come Sing and Pray' evening.

This will be available at the same Zoom address and will be an opportunity on these darker nights to sing along a few hymns, join in prayer and reflection and enjoy the company of fellow Christians.

Please note new day from this Thursday 14th January

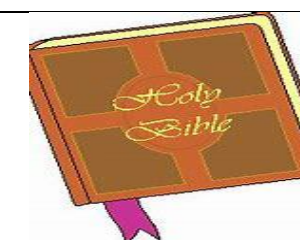


Bible study

Wednesday
4.30 pm

This **Wednesday 13th January at 4.30pm**. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following **Sunday 17th January, John 1: 35-42. This Sunday is Day of Special Prayer for World Peace.**

Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.



Divine Mercy

Friday
3 pm

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.



Coffee
Morning
Saturday
10 am

Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.



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
Pat Hemmington

Patricia Davies
Rosemary Southwell
Sarah Alouane
Brian Byrne
Ted Henesy
Sheila Burrell
John Swann
Joyce & Maurice McAsey
Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle
Barbara Evans



Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing from the prayer list or you have a Mass intention.



I just wanted to send a quick note on behalf of Fr Paul for all the messages that have been sent via me wishing Fr Paul a speedy recovery, offering prayers or asking if there is anything they can do to help.

Also a big thank you to John Kane and Mike Byrne for all the effort they put into getting the church "Covid" ready for the Christmas Masses, which unfortunately, didn't happen.

Jayne – Parish Secretary

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.

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

St Winefride's Parish Church - www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

All times and details of services are available to read

- Church Services TV" on Google

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



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.

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping in at some point to print items etc. The posted newsletter will be a week behind generally.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

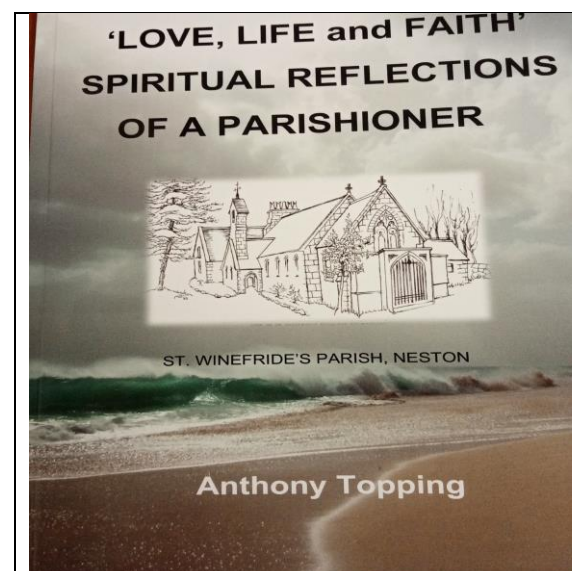
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Mass intentions, which have had to be moved as church is closed are listed below. Once church is open again, I will make sure they are put back in the diary.

Thomas Smith, Larry Duggan, Pat Hemington, Patricia Brown, Monica and Frank McVey, Barbara Evans, Doris Gillies, Sheila Trimmer Dot and Jess Jones, Fr Chris, Diana Phillips, Ruth Doyle Bridget, Ernan, Michael, Bill, Geoff and Grandad Bertie

Please remember in your prayers the family of Dot Davies. Dot sadly passed away on the 21st December at Arrow Park Hospital. Her family are having to prepare for a funeral during yet another lockdown and dealing with their own bereavement.



"Love, Life and Faith"

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

Tony's son has organised for all of Tony's reflections over the years to be put together in a book. The book has now been published and are now available to buy.

If you would like a copy then please contact the office. The books are £7.50 each. Cheques to be made payable to Winefride's Parish Church or you can pay by cash.

ONCE CHURCH REOPENS, I WILL UPDATE YOU ON WHEN THE FOODBANK TEAM WILL START THEIR COLLECTIONS.

SAINSBURYS IN NESTON ALSO HAS A COLLECTION POINT, SO PLEASE USE IF YOU ARE THERE SHOPPING.



FOODBANK - Food items they are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash or tinned potatoes and UHT Milk

Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham

Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots

Pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, instant custard

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

They have plenty of pasta, tea bags, rice

Foodbank try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on their website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood>



The link below is a New Year reflection, that was shared with the children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62ZNM99-XRw>

The prime minister's announcement on Monday night caught us all out; although the general feeling was that a full lockdown was coming!

School responded quickly and places were offered to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. However, the number of requests far exceeded the places available. These children have settled well into their new 'bubbles' and the school,

although quieter, is still alive with children's voices.

Fortunately, the school has a robust remote learning policy and process which was trialled during the autumn term. So, the move to home learning, although there have been a few glitches regarding laptops and iPads, has been quite smooth for most children. Through this medium, children have at least a daily 'live' lesson, where they can interact with their class teacher, see their class friends and continue their education.

The school catering staff have been working hard to organise weekly food hampers and these will be ready for distribution next week and will be provided weekly throughout the lockdown.

We are all hoping and praying that this lockdown is a short one and that the children can all be back in school after February half term, and we can start getting back to normal.

Please remember the children, staff and school community in your prayers. Take care and keep safe.



Lord Jesus, may your light guide our way, as it once guided the steps of the magi. So that we may be led to your presence and worship you. Jesus, the child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the Saviour of the World, to whom be glory for ever. Amen

MESSAGES FROM YOU PARISHIONERS!!

A message from Barbara B in Gozo (Part of the Maltese archipelago) who was sorry to hear I was struggling to compile the newsletter...my heart goes out to you. **"Thank you Barbara".**

Maybe, if folk would like to be inspired, the International Conference June 6 2020. Part 1 and 2, was wonderful with Wirral, Liverpool a Scottish bishop and others giving talks.

Or join in Mon Armitage, ex rector at Walsingham, retreat that he led last May. It was so powerful it is on the Walsingham website.. well worth watching. I can't tell you how much I loved that retreat...it seemed to get better with each day. Both spoke about being uplifted in times of lockdown..etc.

Joe T - May I suggest we follow Pope Francis' declaration of this year as dedicated to St Joseph and has included the prayer to him.

Dear St Joseph

You have shown love and care to the Son of God,

You looked after his mother Mary,

You worked hard for your family,

You led your family to safety,

You never questioned the will of God,

You dedicated your life to the service of God.

May we also show our dedication to the God's Son. May we honour Mary, our

Holy Mother, may we work hard for our families and communities and may we

strive for justice and peace as Kingdom builders in this world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



#NeverMoreNeeded

News wise – Neston Community Youth Centre on Burton Road is advertising a need for volunteers to organise the administration of the vaccine; anyone interested can contact them by phone or following the link below. The contact number – 0151 336 7805

<https://www.nestoncyc.org.uk/post/help-with-vaccine>



New members of our daily Zoom rosary group would be especially welcome; the consistency of our daily meeting and contact with our Mother Mary has brought joy and a stronger faith for everyone in the group as well as a real fellowship at a time when distance and separation are key words.

For those among us who are unsure as to whether or not the Rosary is for them, I would say that a free trial would clarify this and may well surprise you!!! Ring Deacon Jim if unable to use the internet or tap in 252387114 and password AveMaria to join, once or more often, no hard and fast rules!

"Thanks Joe for all the above contribution, well I may have jazzed it up a little!"

Deacon Jim has said he would love to see or hear some new faces or voices!! He suggests you make a cuppa and bring it along and join in. "Prayer in a relaxed atmosphere". Check out the first page of the newsletter for more information on all the weekly activities from the comfort of your armchair!!

Deacon Jim – Jim has been forwarded this message from a neighbourhood watch leader. I think it is important to take note and pass on to anyone you think could be at risk. There are so many of these scams around, please be careful.

Covid-19 Vaccine Text Scam Alert

We have been informed by the Neighbourhood Watch Network about a highly believable scam which starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine and to click on the link in the text message. The user is then led to a webpage, which looks very convincing and asks them to complete some details, in order for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for:

Name
Address
Date of birth
Proof of address
Card payment details

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the rollout to some many people.

For more information please see the article on the Ourwatch website: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/fake-text-identifying-you-eligible-covid-19-vaccine>



Sheila T – Who watches “The Voice”. Well make sure you do tomorrow evening. Sheila’s stepson Joe Topping, nephew of Anthony & cousin of Michael, is on the Voice tomorrow, Sat 9th Jan. Sheila says “As a family we are all excited for him”! *“Thank you Sheila – we will be cheering him on”.*



We had some good news just before Christmas in the Shakespeare household. My son Thomas passed his driving test. Definitely to do with all the hours I had spent in the car with him teaching him with a little help from the driving instructor!!!

Luckily for me Thomas **didn’t do** what Fr Paul’s nephew did first time he filled the car with fuel and that was to reverse at high speed into the car behind!! I will let Fr Paul tell you about that one...

Mary C - I would like to share the following, At this time of lockdown we need to remind ourselves of the fact that God is with us in all things. One of the famous blessings in the Bible is to be found in the book of Numbers. In chapter 6 verses 24-26 we read that "He is for you". It is a blessing about many things but specifically about protecting your family. At the time of the arrival of COVID-19 19 in the USA, musicians from Elevation Church were inspired to write "The Blessing".

It has impact and is powerful. It comforts consoles and encourages. The lyrics and performance can be found on YouTube. In the U.K. worship leaders from most Christian denominations collaborated to record the song under the title "The UK Blessing" during the first lockdown. It is a message that reminds us that Our God shares in all that happens to us and is always here and now! *“Thank you Mary, for reminding us of this blessing”*

The Lord <u>ble</u> ss you And keep you Make His face <u>sh</u> ine upon you And be <u>gr</u> acious to you The Lord turn His Face <u>to</u> ward you And give you peace	As we receive, we agree, amen Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen (amen, amen) Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen
The Lord <u>ble</u> ss you And keep you Make His face <u>sh</u> ine upon you And be <u>gr</u> acious to you The Lord turn His Face <u>to</u> ward you And give you peace	May His <u>fav</u> or be upon you And a <u>th</u> ousand generations Your <u>fa</u> mily and your children And <u>the</u> ir children, and <u>the</u> ir children
Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen	May His <u>pre</u> sence go <u>be</u> fore you And <u>be</u> hind you, and <u>be</u> side you All <u>ar</u> ound you, and <u>with</u> in you He is with you, He is with you
The Lord <u>ble</u> ss you And keep you Make His face <u>sh</u> ine upon you And be <u>gr</u> acious to you The Lord turn His Face <u>to</u> ward you And give you peace	In the morning, in the evening In your coming, and your going In your weeping, and rejoicing He is for you, He is for you.
	In these difficult times may we remember this blessing as we face the challenges of daily life.



“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**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

Standing order – If you would like to start making your weekly or monthly donation to the parish via standing order, then please contact Jayne in the office. She can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete.

Gift aid – Again, if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your contribution, then please let me know and we can arrange to do this by completion of a form.

A big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who continue to pay by standing order or those who have managed to hand in their offertory envelopes before church closed or post through the door.

*Also a thank you also to those parishioners who have been giving via the Giving Page. I have just had confirmation that in December we received **£320 via the Giving page.***

THANK YOU

HELLO MOUTHPEACE READERS

Keith Taylor has asked me to share this invitation with you - anyone from anywhere can join - no travel needed!! Please get in touch with Keith if you are interested and pass the information to anyone else you think might be interested too.

Thank you

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Paths of Peace: the work of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative

A briefing by Joan Sharples

The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative “CNI” is a project of Pax Christi International initiated in 2016 with the support and continuing encouragement of Pope Francis, who has called for “thoughts on revitalizing the tools of nonviolence, and of active nonviolence in particular.”

Thought and dialogue at all levels in many countries have been stimulated, with. Pax Christi England and Wales playing an important role. Already days of action have been held to help parishes celebrate nonviolence through liturgy, discussion and action.

Joan Sharples is a member of the Executive of Pax Christi England and Wales and former Shrewsbury Diocesan J&P Coordinator. Among other things she has led reflections in parishes on the Pax Christi Icon of Peace.

We invite you to a Zoom Meeting to hear more about CNI from Joan on Tuesday 12th January ■ 7.30 to 8.15 pm ■ Doors open at 7.15 ■

To register for the meeting please tell me at SKeithTayl2@outlook.com

With kind regards

Keith

S Keith Taylor, St Alban's Macclesfield Justice & Peace Group

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RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION is next weekend, 17th January. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund> and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund>



BALE OF HAY!!!

With church being closed over Christmas and Fr Paul not well, unfortunately the outside nativity scene, which is normally enjoyed by all, but especially the children didn't happen. However, we do still have a big bale of hay!!

If anyone needs one, wants one, then please contact the parish office via e-mail. A donation towards church would be very welcome. The cost of the bale was around £18.00.



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



Today we hear about Jesus's baptism in the river Jordan. Baptism is the way that we are welcomed into the Church. Let's think a bit more about all this today.

