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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 9th May 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **		
8 May	Saturday 6pm	Alan Jones
9 May	Sunday 9.30 am	Terry Saunders
9 May	Sunday 11 am	Rodger Hemington
10 May	Monday	
11 May	Tuesday	
12 May	Wednesday	
13 May	Thursday 6pm	Ascension Day – Mass 6pm
14 May	Friday	
15 May	Saturday 6pm	Maureen & Ron Jones
16 May	Sunday 9.30 am	Margaret Davies
16 May	Sunday 11 am	Kath Key
	Sunday 6.30 pm	Christian Aid Service – 6.30pm

Masses are being celebrated each weekend.
Saturday at 6pm
Sunday at 9.30am and 11.00am
Please welcome Fr Phil McGovern who will celebrate Mass for us.

The offertory collection will be taken at the end of Mass and not during Mass. Please place any donations, envelopes or loose change in the basket held by the Steward. If you wish to make a donation, please have your money/envelope ready as you leave. Thank you.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Dorothy Barber	Ted Henesy	Judy Howard
Patricia Davies	Dorothy Robinson	Maureen Grace
Frances Wright	Sheila Burrell	Maureen Adams
Rosemary Southwell	John Swann	Betty Davies
Pat Cummins	Pat Hemington	Barbara Evans
Sarah Alouane	Bill Williams	Eva Bennion
Pat Matthews	Joyce McAsey &	Andy Ablitt
Tony McDevitt	Maurice McAsey	Mary Schofield
Ruth Murray		



Please also remember Fr Paul in your prayers.

Please do get in touch with the parish office via e-mail or phone if you want to add or remove someone from the Prayer list or have a Mass intention. Thank you.

During Fr Paul's convalescence, pastoral oversight of St Winefride's is given by Canon Stephen Coonan of Our Lady and St John's Heswall – 0151 342 6581

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	
Bible study to start again this Wednesday 21st At 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 12th May at 4.30pm . We will discuss the first reading and gospel for the following Sunday 16th May 2021 . Acts 1: 15-17. 20-26, Psalm 102 John 17: 11-19 Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.	
Prayer and Reflection Thursday 13 th May 8.00 pm	Year of Saint Joseph – 2020-2021 Join this week for the second part of the 4 week Prayer and Reflection session. Thursday 13 th May – 8pm. (SEE WEBSITE FOR PART 3 OF THE LETTER) Access as usual via the Zoom address above.	
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.	

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr Stephen Coonan



Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love." Jesus goes on to say this is my commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." He then points out that no one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. This part of the farewell discourse of Jesus clearly echoes what he says and does at the Last Supper, when as the Lord and Master he washes his apostles' feet as an example for us to follow. He wants us to love and serve one another, as he loves and serves us. The immense gift of love comes before and makes possible discipleship.

Jesus then goes on to call his disciples friends. John's readers would immediately recognise friendship as the highest form of love expressed by popular Hellenistic sayings such as "friends hold all things in common," or "friends are other selves," or "friends share a single soul." A strong sense of community united early Christians. Friendship was expressed through hospitality, eating and drinking together and bearing one another's burdens.

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 other services available search Church Services TV on Google ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>



Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

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 into the office each Friday to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

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

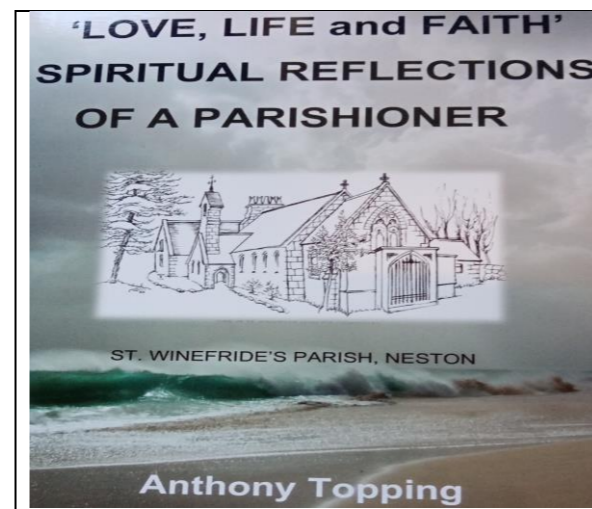
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MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

- Alan Gauller, Michael Halley (birthday)**
- Harold & Marie Thelwell (anniversary)**
- St Jude, St Ann, St Theresa, St Valentine**
- Daniel Healey (1st Anniversary, 27th April)**
- Fred Dutton (Anniversary 12th May)**
- Fr Gerry Courell (Anniversary 19th May)**
- Alan Jones, St Anthony,**
- Beth Taylor, Noreen Morgan**



“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 is 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 St Winefride's Parish Church or alternatively you can pay by cash.



READERS

If you are unable to make a date, then just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. Thank you. Jayne – Parish Secretary
Please check the website for the current readers rota.

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	8th May	9th May	9th May
READERS	Mark Branch	T McGlynn	J Tunstall
	15th May	16th May	16th May
READERS	P & A Flanagan	Clark family	A Cropper
	22nd May	23rd May	23rd May
READERS	I Robinson	AM Millar	T Topping
	29th May	30th May	30th May
READERS	C Haimes	Joseph family	M Unsworth



This is our first weekend this year with three weekend Masses. Hopefully, the extra Mass will mean a little more space in the other two Masses.

Please note this **Thursday is Ascension Day** and there will be a Mass here at **St Winefride's at 6pm**. Church will be open for parishioners to attend.

On **Sunday 16th at 6.30pm** there is a **Christian Aid Ecumenical Service**. This can be reviewed via **live stream only**. If you would like donate to Christian Aid, there are envelopes for you to take and return next week.



Christian Aid week 10th–16th May. *This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.*

There is a Christian Aid Service on **Sunday 16th May at 6.30pm**, here at St Winefride’s church. The church will not be open for parishioners to attend, but the service can be viewed online, via the live stream.

Facing the DoubleThreat of Climate Chaos and Covid.

The twin threats of Covid-19 and the climate crisis are the focus of this year’s Christian Aid Week.

This year we asking our supporters to stand in solidarity with those bearing the brunt of these global crises, specifically with all those forced to walk long distances to collect water for their families. Handwashing in our homes, a key line of defence against coronavirus, is not an option for the world’s three billion people who do not have access to soap and water at home. But while coronavirus has sharpened this issue of a reliable source of water, the impacts of climate change remain the biggest challenge for the communities Christian Aid works with. Unpredictable water sources, triggered by erratic weather, are pushing families into extreme poverty as crops fail, livestock die, and incomes are destroyed.

This year we are putting envelopes in Churches locally if you are able to attend services and would like to donate.

If you prefer using contactless, and have a computer, our Christian Aid group have a new system called Tap Simple. This is the link if you would like to use it:

<https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/neston-and-district-christian-aid-week>

In Church there will be a Christian Aid Poster with our Tap Simple QR code on it – this is for anyone who has a phone that can use a contactless system.

Dates and events during Christian Aid Week:

- Saturday 8th May** Parkgate & Neston U.R.C. - Special Gift Day outside the church from 10.00 to 12noon. If you normally put money in an envelope for a volunteer to collect, you can donate here, by cash or cheque.
- Sunday, 9th May** 6.30pm Christian Aid U.K. Service to mark 75 years of Christian Aid.
Link: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/join/75-anniversary-service-sign> (you need to register)
- Saturday 15th May** Bucket Collection outside Gordale Garden Centre 10.00am – 6.00pm.
- Sunday 16th May** You are warmly welcomed to join us for our Christian Aid Ecumenical Service from St Winefride’s Church, live at 6.30pm.

Speaker - Christel Langdon-Griffiths, Church Engagement & Fundraising Officer. (Wirral, Cheshire & Staffordshire).

This will be a participants only service, **without a congregation** because of Covid restrictions. It will be live, and not recorded, so please make a note of the link and time **6.30pm.** **Link:** <http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/>

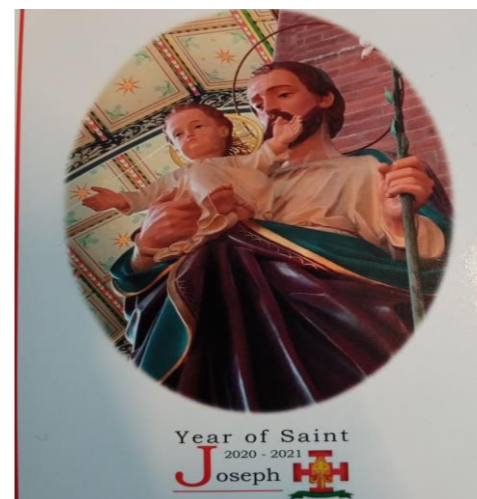
Thank you. Neston & District Christian Aid Committee

THE CARE OF CREATION A message from Bishop Mark

At a time of growing concern for the care of creation, the Church brings to the environmental concerns of our time the perspective of God’s creation and the place of humanity within creation. The Church across the country is taking practical steps with IFM (Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited), based in our Shrewsbury Diocese and supplying all 22 dioceses and over 100 schools with 71% green energy and with a 29% carbon offset. The offset schemes include renewable boreholes in Eritrea and a new energy plant in Bangladesh using household waste (including landfill), to reduce the methane being produced and provide renewable power. IFM is also using its buying power to drive the demand for “green gas” in the UK.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH 2020-2021

To mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter 'Patris Corde' in which he reflects on the life of St Joseph and his intimate role as husband to Mary and earthly father to our Lord Jesus.



The third part of Pope Francis’ letter will be discussed again over Zoom this week. If you would like to be part of the prayer and reflection session, then come along **via Zoom on Thursday evening at 8.00 pm.** See front of newsletter for Zoom address and password.



Foodbank collections have been revised and will now be every fortnight. Food bank collection this Thursday 13th May.

If you would like to make a donation to the foodbank, please leave any items in the boxes under the table as you come into church. Thank you.

Most needed items are as follows; Instant noodles, instant pasta, sweets, chocolate, cup of soup, instant mash, jams and spreads, (i.e peanut butter and chocolate spread).

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 contact the office.



“Online giving to the Parish”

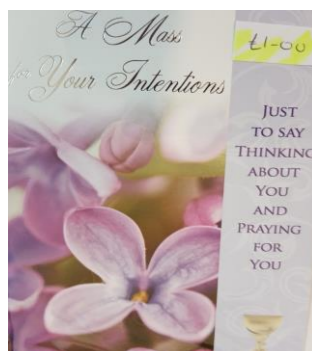
For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

Currently the average weekly standing payments orders received are £423 and loose plate/offertory envelopes average is £235. We also received **£550 in March** from the online giving page for payments made in August, December, January and February.

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



Are you good with figures and have a few hours spare a week? Are you familiar with computers and would like to help the parish, especially, helping to reclaim 25% of contributions made via Gift Aid? If this is you, then please speak to Deacon Jim or Jayne in the office know. Thank you.



A number of parishioners have been asking for Mass cards and I know that the card rack has limited stock at the moment. Stocking of the card rack will be looked at in due course but in the meantime, there are a range of **new Mass Intention cards and sympathy cards**. The new cards are priced at **£1.00 each**. The box for card money is on the left of the card rack.

Please mention to a Steward that you would like to look at the cards, and either come early to Mass or look after Mass when the church is empty of parishioners. Thank you.

Neston District Churches Together - Prayer Breakfast which is being led by Life Church Campus Pastor, Aly Field Baines.

NDCT Prayer Breakfast Saturday 15th May at 8:30am (virtual doors open from 8:15am)
 Join Zoom Meeting co-hosted by Jim and Aly.
<https://zoom.us/j/3954717727?pwd=UldibWwwTzdCUW5XUU1abi96QUVvUT09>
 Meeting ID: 395 471 7727

Passcode: 9uDaxr

LET US PRAY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

The Holy Father has called the Church to pray for an end to the pandemic **“Let us call for the end of the pandemic together with the recitation of the Rosary together with shrines all over the world.”**

Pope Francis specifically calls for the praying of the Rosary across the world during the month of May. In the Holy Father’s vision this worldwide chain of prayer will proceed from the Marian shrines of the world. Our own national shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was given a pre-eminent place following the Vatican on the first day of May. Why not join this worldwide, daily chain of prayer for an end to the pandemic and if 9.00 am is convenient for you, why not join in with our parish Rosary group, you will be very welcome. Details on the front of the newsletter.



The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we invite you to consider joining with parishes across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities.



Prayers

-  Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.
-  The example of Mary's faith was demonstrated in her saying yes to being the Mother of Jesus. We thank you, Lord, for those who continually say yes to supporting the work of Mary's Meals through volunteering throughout the world. We ask that more people may answer the call to demonstrate their faith in action by joining our work to ensure life changing meals for so many children.
-  At the birth of Jesus, Mary was one of the first to welcome the shepherds, men who were considered the outcasts of society at that time. We ask you Lord to pour out your blessings on those who are outcast in their own societies. We pray especially at this time for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and Myanmar as fighting and unrest force so many to flee their homes.
-  Mary demonstrated her love for all and shared her faith when she presented Jesus at the temple. This example teaches us the importance of charity and having love for all humankind. We ask your blessing, Lord, on those who demonstrate the same faith and love within the Mary's Meals feeding programmes across the world. May they know the presence of Your love in their lives and continue to reflect that love to all those they meet.
-  At the wedding feast at Cana, Mary showed the importance of turning to Jesus in times of need, believing in his wisdom and being obedient to his word. In the same way, may we always be open to hearing the Word of God and live out our faith in service to others, in response to what Jesus asks us to do. Bless all those who work in service for the children of Mary's Meals, that they will continually live out their vocation through their little acts of love.
-  Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary suffered as she watched her only son dying. We bring before the Lord all those who suffer in silence in so many parts of the world. May the witness and work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices wisely to change their communities for the better.

Mary's Meals UK Headquarters: Craig Lodge, Dalnally, Argyll, Scotland, PA33 1AR | Registered charity: SC022140 | Limited company: SC265941

PRAYER TO ST JOHN PLESSINGTON

**St John Plessington you showed us how to die
and how to live.**

**Pray for us, you, who from the scaffold forgave those who
betrayed you and their faith.**

**Pray for those who have lost their faith,
that through you they may regain the joy of knowing
our Saviour, Jesus.**

**St John Plessington, martyr and priest, pray for us
through life that we may die in our faith.**

St John Plessington teach us how to forgive as you did.

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



Welcome: Today Jesus asks us to love one another as he loves us. He talks about the importance of looking out for our friends, and how we can all be friends of Jesus. Let's think a bit more about our friends today.

Opening prayer: God of joy, you loved us so much you sent your Son to us. Help us to love each other as you love us. Amen.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 15:9-17*



Find more resources at cafod.org.uk/families

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