

# St Winefride's RC Church

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Ordinary Time V

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9 Feb	SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Eileen Davies				
10 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Jack Henesy RJ				
11 Feb	MONDAY	Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the sick	10.00 am	Marie Anderson				
12 Feb	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist				
13 Feb	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist				
14 Feb	THURSDAY	Ss Cyril & Methodius	12.00 pm	<b>Funeral Mass Dr John O'Shea</b>				
15 Feb	FRIDAY		10.00 am	John & Barbara Healy				
16 Feb	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Helen Cox				
16 Feb	Next Weekend SATURDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Anna Haimes				
17 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Fr G Courell Joan Higgins Parish Family				
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration morning prayer from 9.00am; then Mass at 10.00am <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm								
			<b>9 Feb / 10 Feb</b>		<b>16 Feb / 17 Feb</b>			
			6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
<b>Readers – Readings</b>	F Byrne	Clark Family	Joseph Family	S Davies	Larty Family	M Slater		
<b>Readers - Intercessions</b>	K Ankers	R Pisarek	T Topping	M Green	T Nolan	Jones Family		
<b>EMHC</b>	M Branch M Green	M Davies S ETTY	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	D Davies F Byrne	T McGlynn R Pisarek	D Pover K Holden A Cropper T Topping		
<b>Counters</b>	Phil Challis & Tony Wright			Fran & Brian Byrne				
<b>Cleaners</b>	L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts			Louise Wilkinson & Celia Kirshen				
<b>REGULAR ACTIVITIES</b>								
<b>Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; Wed: Choir 7-8pm; Thur: Communion Visits; Sun: YSVP 10am in hall</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of month: SPUC 10.45 am in hall; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur of month: CWL 7.30pm in hall</b> <b>Last Sunday's Offering: Thanks for your support!</b>								

**News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:** Last Friday Mrs O'Gorman welcomed back pupils from last year's Year 6 class. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to meet up and see how they were all doing in their new schools. On Monday four current Year 6 pupils took part in the maths challenge held at Neston High School. Mrs O'Gorman was very proud of the students who had to work as both a team and individually to complete tasks and win points. The team achieved second place in the competition which they can be very proud of. Well done and congratulations to them. On Wednesday Year 1 led the school in collective worship. They told the story of Jesus being presented at the Temple with a short play. The children also shared their learning about the world and their senses with some fantastic songs thanking God for the wonderful world we live in. It was a truly joyful occasion with parents, grandparents and governors leaving with smiles on their faces. Thank you to all the children, and to Mrs Ross and Mrs Dee for their hard work in preparing the children.

**Fr Paul writes:** Over the past 35 years as a priest I have had 9 different placements. In each one I have been welcomed. Change can be hard especially when the new priest has come to town. One lesson I have learnt is that the continued formation as a priest carries on after Ordination and predominately comes from the parish community. The priest I am today has been formed by the everyday acceptance of parish life. I am very blessed here in St Winefride's to walk with the many saints we live with and our common prayer life we share building up the Missionary People of God. Together we are called to be His witnesses in our time and place.

I learn daily of the pastoral care you have for one another. The cups of tea or fancy coffee you have in your homes. The meeting up in the many coffee shops of Neston and Parkgate. It is through these meetings you are always looking out for one another. When visitors come to the parish, they often comment to me on how welcoming the parish is. Giving the newsletter and/or the Hymn books and telling them about the refreshments after the 10.45am Mass. It is here that we give our best.

Over the many years that this parish has been open, every generation has given their talents to the service to develop our parish Mission. It would be true to say that many of the parish workers do so much unseen work which we are very grateful for. As you would have read in the newsletter the Church Cleaners are requesting a few more helpers which are required to make their rotas work well. So, I ask if you can help please give your name to Louise on 336 1096 or have a word with myself or Deacon Mike. As a certain saying goes, "every little helps"!

I would like to thank Margaret Davies for her many years organising our Mass cards and piety gifts. Over her many years she has raised an enormous amount of money that has been given to our Children's Society which is part of the diocesan organisation of Caritas. Thank you Margaret, supported by Geoff for all your background gift of time to our parish community. Please keep both of them in your daily prayers.

This **Thursday at 12.00 noon** we have the **funeral Mass for Dr John O'Shea**. Here again we give thanks for the many patients and colleagues he has served through his vocation into the world of Medicine. We offer our support to Maureen his wife and family.

There will be a meeting of the **Pastoral and Finance group** on **Thursday 28th February at 7.00pm in the Presbytery**. Let us continue our prayer for one another over this coming week. **Fr Paul**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Little Church Rota:** If you would like to help with **Little Church**, please do let us know by contacting Jayne in the parish office either by phone or e-mail. Or speaking to Fr Paul.

**SPUC:** Winter Warmer Coffee Morning: **Got the Winter Blues!** Come and be cheered up at our Winter Warmer Coffee Morning **NEXT TUESDAY 12th February 10.30am till 12.30pm**. We will have crumpets and tea cakes, a Raffle, Bring and Buy and a Quiz. All contributions gratefully received. All money raised will go towards sending our young people to this year's Youth and Student Conference.

**SPUC:** This year's Youth and Student Pro Life Conference will take place on Friday 15th March - Sunday 17th March. The theme of the Conference is "Be a Voice for the Voiceless". Age range for the conference is 16 to 35. Two young people from our parish are going, but if anyone else is interested (or your children or grandchildren are) more information is available at [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk) or phone Margaret on 336 2050. All fees and expenses will be paid by our group.

**SPUC:** Monthly Meeting on Thursday 14th February at 10:45 am. All are welcome to attend.

Margaret and Ken Unsworth would like to thank Fr Paul, Fr Chris and all the lovely parishioners of St Winefride's for the flowers, cards, gifts and good wishes we received on our Golden Wedding Anniversary. A Mass will be offered up for you all.

**Piety Stall:** The Piety Stall has now closed. Cards will still be available in the card display unit in the back porch.

**Church Cleaning Volunteers:** In order to continue with a **one week in six rota** for the church cleaning, we need some more volunteers. If you would like to join the team of volunteers and are able to **offer an hour or so, once every six weeks**, please contact Louise on 336 1096 or [louise@wilkinsontowers.com](mailto:louise@wilkinsontowers.com)

**CWL:** Committee meeting at **6.45pm on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>** before the section meeting when Jenny Cash from the U.R.C. will speak about C.A.M.E.O.

**10.45am MASS TODAY** - Parents/Carers who wish their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion should contact Fr Paul or Deacon Mike as soon as possible. Either after mass or via the parish office e-mail. Children whose parents/Carers have already informed Fr Paul will be enrolled for their preparation programme during 10.45am Mass today.

**Please welcome our young people and their families today and remember them in your prayers.**

**Retired Priests Fund** – Annual Collection: The collection will take place on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> February and next weekend, 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> special envelopes will be available for you to take with you.

**Foodbank** – We have received a big thank you from the West Cheshire foodbank. We donated 1507kg of food and supported 117 people.