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Lent I

10 March 2019

9 Mar	SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Grishelda Horswill		
10 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Clare Pentall Louis O'Sullivan Parish family		
11 Mar	MONDAY		10.00 am	Terry Saunders		
12 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Margaret Davies (belated birthday wishes)		
13 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist		
14 Mar	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Parishioners (Thank you)		
15 Mar	FRIDAY	Way of the Cross	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Rose Hackett Eucharistic Ministers and Readers		
16 Mar	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Patrick Salmon		
16 Mar	Next Weekend SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Lent	6.30 pm	Vic Rhodes		
17 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Dr John O'Shea John Cummins Parish family		
Weekdays: Adoration morning prayer from 9.00am; then Mass at 10.00am						
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm						
	9 Mar / 10 Mar			16 Mar / 17 Mar		
	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers – Readings	C Haimes	T Nolan	T Topping	K Ankers	AM Millar	J Braidwood
Readers - Intercessions	F Byrne	Clark Family	Joseph Family	S Davies	T McGlynn	J Tunstall
EMHC	D Davies F Byrne	T McGlynn R Pisarek	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	J Gordon C Haimes	K Garrod K Hughes	D Pover K Holden T Topping D Barber
Counters	Andrea Williams and Wyn Penfold			Dee and Steve Roberts		
Cleaners	Louise Wood and Fran Byrne			Liz Dolley and Peter Higgins		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; **Wed:** Choir 7-8pm; **Thur:** Communion Visits; **Sun:** YSVP 10am in hall

2nd Thurs of month: SPUC 10.45 am in hall; **3rd Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall

Last Sunday's Offering: Thanks for your support!

News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:

Year 3 celebrated winning the Attendance Cup on Monday. This was the very first time that the Cup has been awarded and was presented to Year 3 for having the best year group attendance in school in the previous week. Congratulations to them!

On Tuesday St Winefrides Primary School held a Fairtrade breakfast to which all the children were invited. There was lots of delicious food to sample including hot chocolate, chocolate spread and banana cake made by Mrs Ormes and Mrs Dee. Louise, from Sainsbury's, also attended the event and brought lots of Fairtrade food with her! The event raised almost £100 which will be given to CAFOD. Many thanks to all involved.

The children received ashes on Wednesday to mark the start of Lent. They also reflected upon what holiness means. One of the definitions shared with the children was "Holiness is made up of little things done with great love for God and for others."

Fr Paul writes: As you know we started the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. It was good to see many of you at Mass and receiving the Ashes as a public sign in support of the Lord's invitation to pray, fast and support the poor. Let us pray for one another during this Holy Season. As is now our tradition the Eucharist will be placed on the altar before our weekend Mass for reflection and prayer. During this time, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Recollection. Unfortunately, I am no longer allowed to use the confessional box as this is a small confined area. It does not fit the criteria of safe guarding. I will be sitting in the hall of the house. In time the Diocese will look at a new area for the Sacrament to place, a new confessional in the church.

Last Tuesday we celebrated the funeral Mass of Cynthia Wainwright. It was good to see many parishioners coming along to this Mass. Please keep Cynthia's family in your prayers.

At our 10.45am Mass on Sunday we welcome our young people who are preparing the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Palm Sunday.

The Church Development: Last week an electrician wired in our new 'heat curtain' over the entrance doors. Hopefully this will help to keep the church warmer. Over the next week the two recesses in the sanctuary will tastefully light to bring a little life to our Patron's statue along with St Joseph. In the well of the altar and the readers desk some lighting is to be fitted where from time to time we can use to highlight our celebration of Word and Eucharist.

This week the main work will begin. The church will be painted and carpeted. The raised area behind the readers desk will be taken out. The sanctuary floor will be extended across to the bench where the Lenten banner is placed. This will take away the sharp corners which have caused many people to fall. I can assure you that when you fall you land on a very hard service! The entrance to the sacristy will be through the old confessional doors. A stonemason is drawing up some suggestions to reuse our Readers desk and shorten it to a common size. So that both tall and small people will be able to use it without vanishing behind it. As you know we won a Neston award for the lights on the church building and its garden. We are going to have fitted internal lights to illuminate the stained glass from dusk to dawn. Once again this will enhance the outside of the Church. At the rear of the Church, where the Sacred Heart statue is, we have removed two benches. Firstly, the bench by the support pole for the organ loft this is seen as a health safety issue. The second bench is covering up one of the blow heaters. Hopefully the church in that area will feel a little warmer. The statue of the Sacred heart will be returned to its place. In this area it will enable us to spend some time in prayer, without felling crushed. I'm very grateful for those who normally use these benches. The statues in the church are to be sent away to be repaired and painted. A new sign will replace the existing one which is on the church wall. The new sign will be placed by the tree so that the church details are easily seen. Just a little point about the church sign on the wall. If you stand by the road at entrance of the church, you cannot see the sign because it is hidden by the tree! Hopefully this work will be completed within three weeks. During this period the Church will remain closed. We will have daily Mass or service of Word and Sacrament in the Parish Hall. I bet you are wondering, where is the money for this work coming from. Simply after meetings with the advisers the Trustees have giving us a budget of £42,000. Now it is looking to be around £50,000. I know when things get changed it can create some anxiety. Hopefully the outcome will put these fears to rest. I am very grateful for those, of our Parish Pastoral and Finance group who are the group who represent our three weekend Masses. Thanks too, to all who came to the meetings last week. Also, to the many parishioners for their suggestions and advice. Let our prayer be, during this first week of Lent to help us all to respect one another so that we are known as a community of faithful love in Christ Jesus. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. **Fr Paul.**

PARISH AND DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you:

Louise Wilkinson and family would like to say, "Thank you for all your kind words and prayers following the death of our mother, Marion Morris".

Margaret Davies wishes to thank everyone who made her Big Birthday so special with all their lovely cards and gifts. God bless!

Kathy Lightfoot & family would like to thank Fr Paul, Fr Ravi and the Choir for Cynthia Wainwright's funeral service. "It was a beautiful service and we are overwhelmed with the amount of family, friends and parishioners who attended. All the cards, flowers and messages have been a great comfort to us". xx

SPUC: We now have five young people going to SPUC's youth and student conference. Christine and Josephin Joseph from our parish and three French girls who are at Liverpool university. Thank you for all your support which has enabled us to sponsor these young people who will learn about pro-life issues and be able to pass on their knowledge and defend the unborn child.

Meeting next **Thursday 14th March 10:45am** after morning mass and pro-life prayers. All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea and to attend the meeting.

Way of The Cross: Keeping with our tradition at St Winefride's, different groups will lead us on Fridays at 7pm during Lent. On Friday 15th it will be Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, followed by SVP on the 22nd. All are Welcome. Contact Deacon Mike for more details.

CAFOD: It is **Family Fast Day** this **Friday 15th March** and envelopes are available to take home with you this weekend. They will be collected in next weekend, 16th/17th March.



LENT LUNCHES 2019

Come and share in good food and warm fellowship
ALL WELCOME

Details of all the lent lunches in the area are on the noticeboard. Lent lunches at St Winefrides, will held every Monday from 12.30 during lent starting this week, 11th March. Helpers are needed with the lunches. If you are free on a Monday and would like to volunteer, then please let Fran or Brian Bryne know or Jayne Shakespeare in the office. Tel - 721 3035. Thank you.