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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 December 2017

9 Dec	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	RIP Stella Donegan		
10 Dec	SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday	8.45 am 10.45 am	Geoff Wylie Hugh Schofield		
11 Dec	MONDAY		10.00 am	Eileen Perryman		
12 Dec	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Special Intention		
13 Dec	WEDNESDAY	St Lucy	10.00 am	Mary White		
14 Dec	THURSDAY	St John of the Cross	10.00 am	Health: Special Intention		
15 Dec	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist		
16 Dec	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist		
16 Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	3rd Sunday of Advent Anointing of the Sick	6.30 pm	Maureen Bainbridge		
17 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish Family Larry Duggan		
Weekdays: Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm						
		9/10 December			16/17 December	
		6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am 10:45am
Readers - Readings		S Davies	K Ankers	I Trotman	A Flanagan	T McGlynn T Topping
Readers - Intercessions		P Flanagan	Larty family	J Braidwood	P Flanagan	AM Millar J Braidwood
EMHC		J Gordon M Green M Branch D Davies	T McGlynn M Davies	M Slater D Pover T Topping J Tunstall	D Davies K Powell C Haimes J Gordon	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber
Counters		Kevin and Roy			Andrea, Wyn and Maria	
Cleaners		L Dolley & P Higgins			L Dee, A Williams & D Roberts	
REGULAR ACTIVITIES						
Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; Wed: Choir 7-8pm; Thur: Communion Visits; Sun: YSVP 10am in hall 2nd Tues of month: SPUC 7:30pm in hall; 3rd Thur of month: CWL 7.30pm in hall Last Sunday's Offering: Thank you for your support!						

NEW EMHC and Reader Rotas: These are now available online and in the Sacristy to reflect the additional Ministers at Sunday Masses. Please do take one or check online.

Shoe boxes: Thank you to all who contributed to the shoe boxes, 48 were filled and sent to TEAMS4U. These will be sent for children in Eastern Europe.

SPUC: Tuesday 12 December is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Unborn) we will be having a short pro-life service after morning Mass which will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. (PS We will be taking over from the SVP for this week only).

Meeting Tuesday 12 December in the Church Hall 7 30pm. All are welcome

St Winefride's School: From the Chair of Governors - The Parents Association of St Winefride's would like to thank all those who supported the School's Christmas Fair which was held last Friday.

The school is now looking forward to the nativity performances next week which will be performed by children from reception, year 1 and year 2. The older children are currently rehearsing for their carol service, to be held in the last week of term.

Fr Paul writes...

As I write the carpark is covered in snow. And with our Christmas lights sparkling we begin our second week of the Season of Advent. I don't know where the past week has gone. The 'rush' to Christmas seems to go faster and faster. On Wednesday our SVP invited myself and Sr Laurice to have lunch with some of our senior parishioners. The food was very good. Yet it was the food of companionship that blessed the day. It was wonderful for our VIPs to have a chance to catch up, face to face with their friends. There was great laughter, good chatter and wonderful singing. I even got to sing with my 'too girlfriends' in a song about a hole in my bucket... Many thanks to the SVP and fellow helpers who brought our VIP'S to and from this wonderful afternoon.

On Thursday night Sr Laurice and myself went to the Parish Christmas meal in our local Greek restaurant. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners of all ages. Again, there was great good conversation and singing. Many thanks to Tony for all his hard work. We wish Tony well, as he has gone to Germany to meet his twin grandchildren, both of whom are boys, for the first time.

Many thanks for your cooperation as we introduced Holy Communion in the form of bread and wine for the first time at Sunday Mass. I'm sure, in a few months, we will feel that we have always revived Holy Communion in such a manner. Once again thank you.

Date for Diary: Our LPA **Reconciliation Service** which takes place this week on **Wednesday 13 December at 7pm in Our Lady and St John's Heswall. All are welcome.**

Next weekend I will be offering the sacrament of anointing of the sick at all our Masses. This will be an opportunity to come before the Lord and seek healing from sickness and from the sickness of sin.

As you leave church today you will be handed a leaflet with Christmas Service times 2017-2018. There is one change in timing. **Midnight Mass will start at 11.30pm.** Many thanks to Santa's men who have placed the Christmas lights all around the building. I thank them too for the decorating inside of the church. I think you will agree that the Christmas tree looks wonderful.

Many thanks for the collection for our **Church Students Fund.** We raised **£594.91** I have passed this onto the Diocese.

Have a good week, stay warm and be careful not to slip! With my prayers,

Fr Paul



CANDLE SONG

At the 10:45 am Mass, as the advent candle is lit we will sing our Candle Song as we have for the past years, please do join in.

Like a candle flame
Flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes

God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Alleluia!

Stars and angels sing
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark
Set a world on fire?

God is with us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Alleluia!