



# St Winefride's RC Church

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## Lent IV 11 March 2018

10 Mar	SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	6.30 pm	Margaret Snell
11 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Marie Brett and Mary Ann
12 Mar	MONDAY		10.45 am	Louis O'Sullivan
13 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Inge O'Leary
14 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Muriel Loughie
15 Mar	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist
16 Mar	FRIDAY	Way of the Cross	10.00 am	Norman Perryman
17 Mar	SATURDAY	St Patrick	7.00 pm	Special Intention
17 Mar	Next Weekend SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	10.00 am	Barbara Walker
18 Mar	SUNDAY		6.30 pm	Parish Family
			8.45 am	Pat, Joe and Tom Ellis
			10.45 am	Special Intention

**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

	10 March / 11 March			17 March / 18 March		
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
<b>Readers - Readings</b>	F Byrne	T McGlynn	M Unsworth	K Ankers	R Pisarek	Joseph Family
<b>Readers - Intercessions</b>	A Flanagan	AM Millar	T Topping	C Haines	Larty Family	J Tunstall
<b>EMHC</b>	D Davies K Powell C Haines M Green	K Garrod K Hughes	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	M Branch M Green D Davies K Powell	M Davies S ETTY	D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping
<b>Counters</b>	Phil and Deacon Mike			Brian and Fran		
<b>Cleaners</b>	L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts			L Wilkinson, C Kirshen		

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Mon:** SVP 7pm in presbytery; **Wed:** Choir 7-8pm; **Thur:** Communion Visits; **Sun:** YSVP 10am in hall  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month:** SPUC 7:30pm in hall; **3<sup>rd</sup> Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall  
**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thanks for your support!

**LENT 2018**

**Tuesdays:** 12.00pm - 1.30pm soup, sandwich and chatter in the Parish Hall. Free - all are welcome!

**Wednesdays:** Ecumenical Lent Courses "Come, Learn, Ask, Listen" Details in both porches.

**Thursdays:** Evening Mass at 7.00pm followed by open discussions in the Presbytery until 8.45pm.

**Fridays:** Way of the Cross by different groups, 7pm

**Saturdays and Sundays:** Exposition before our weekend Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during this time of Exposition.

**17/18 March:** The Sacrament of the Sick with Reconciliation available at all weekend Masses.

**HOLY WEEK 2018**

**Palm Sunday 25 March:** 2.30pm Childrens' First Forgiveness (Confession). All are welcome to support the children and families and also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Chrism Mass 28 March:** 7.00pm Shrewsbury Cathedral

**Holy Thursday 29 March:** 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet. The church will remain open until 10.00pm for silent prayer.

**Good Friday 30 March:** 3.00pm with the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. 7.00pm 'Praying at the Tomb'

**Vigil Mass of Easter Saturday 31 March:** 7.00pm with the Easter Fire.

### Fr Paul Writes...

**Happy Mothers' Day!** We give thanks for the gift of our mothers. We pray especially for our mums who have passed through the mist of death to the bright promise of immortality.

These days of Lent are slipping away. Yet there is plenty of time for us to find a little of stillness as we prepare for the celebrations of the God of Love who dies that we may live. As you know there is an opportunity for us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before our Saturday and Sunday morning Masses. To help us focus on these days, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar before our weekend Mass for a time of silent prayer and reflection. At every weekday at 9.15am Mass the Blessed Sacrament is also placed on the altar for private prayer. You are most welcome to come to support our parish family with its many needs in prayer at these times.

Please keep in your prayers **Bridget Jones** who died on Monday. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am. We commend her to the Lord and pray for her family and many friends.

Next Sunday I will be offering the Sacrament of healing at all our weekend Masses. Also there will be a **Penitential Service for us all on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**, our young people are receiving this Sacrament for the first time. This service is another opportunity to prepare for the next days of Holy Week.

Over the next weeks there will be an opportunity for children and staff at our school to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At Mass today before the final blessing we will have an update on Safeguarding. It is important for all of us working for the care of our children and vulnerable adults.

Please pray for our families and friends as we prepare for Holy Week. With my prayers and best wishes over the coming week.

Fr Paul

### PARISH

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2018:** Wednesday 20 June at Our Lady and St John, Heswall. Preparation of candidates starts on Sunday 15th April. If you are Year 8 or above and would be interested in exploring your faith and finding out about the Sacrament of Confirmation please give your details to Fr Paul.

**EMHC / Readers:** A new rota (March to June) is available online and in the Presbytery.

**SPUC:** Meeting Tuesday 13 Mar 7 30pm in the Church Hall.

**CWL:** CWL Meeting on Thursday 15 March at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Fascinating talk by Janice Kimpton entitled 'Talking Newspapers for the Blind'. All welcome.

### GIFT AID SCHEME 2018/19:

New boxes for all using weekly envelopes are available for 2018/19 in the rear porch and are in alphabetical order.

The new yellow envelopes start on Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th April 2018 for the new tax year. Please do **not** use them before this date. **If you are no longer paying Income Tax please let Mike Jevons know as soon as possible. We must adhere to the Inland Revenue rules for operating our Gift Aid Scheme.**

If you a tax payer and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as we can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you! There is a minimum sum of £1,500 that we could potentially claim back each year. All you have to do is to sign one form declaring that you are a taxpayer and then decide whether to donate by a bank standing order (second form) or by weekly envelopes. The forms are available to download from the St Winefride's website or directly from Mike Jevons, Gift Aid Scheme Administrator (0151 336 5026).

**What's happening at... St Winefride's Primary School:** Children from Year 3 and Year 4 have been studying a music course called "Coming to your senses" in school. They have been listening to music by various composers related to the five senses. On Wednesday, to celebrate the culmination of their learning, the children went to the

Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to listen to the Philharmonic Orchestra. They learnt about the different parts of the orchestra and the role of the conductor. The children enjoyed listening to pieces of music by Mozart and Rossini, and even the theme tune from the film "The Incredibles". They also sang and signed a song called "The Witch". The teachers and children of Years 3 and 4 would like to thank Mrs Ross, the music subject leader, for arranging this wonderful experience for them.

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### DIOCESE

**Parish Youth Leaders Training and Retreat Day:** Into the deep on Sat 17 March 2018, Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, 10 - 3pm. For Sacramental programme leaders and anyone wanting to be a youth leader. Register: youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Details on poster.

**Eucharistic Conference 'Adoremus':** The First National Eucharistic Congress in England and Wales for 110 years is being held in Liverpool, 7-9 September 2018. To participate, book through your parish as soon as possible. Details can be accessed from the link on the website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

**Diocesan Vacancy:** Finance Manager, Salary £40,000-£45,000. Apply by 23 March, details at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies

**YOUTH SYNOD 2018:** From 19 - 24 March, 300 young people representing the youth of the world are attending a Vatican meeting to set out the views of young people for #Synod 2018. Their input will be presented to the Pope on Palm Sunday, the 33rd World Youth Day. The questions will be available for 16 - 29 year olds on Facebook on Monday, 12 March and need to be completed by 16 March www.facebook.com/groups/Pre.Synodal