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Easter Sunday

12th April 2020

Fr Paul is saying Mass behind closed doors and will continue to do so whilst the church is closed. Masses this week, are listed below.

Masses Intentions from this Saturday for the next two weeks are as follows:

Sat 11 th April	Parish Family	Easter Sunday 12th April	For all the NHS workers and care staff
Monday 13 th	Fr Gerry Courell	Tuesday 14th	David Williams
Thursday 16 th	All those sick with Covid	Friday 17th	Vincent Jevons
Saturday 18 th	Dr Marioth	Sunday 19th April	Michael Halley
Monday 20 th	Parish family	Tuesday 21st	Paul James Shakespeare
Thursday 23 rd	John Christopher Holden	Friday 24th	Marie Jones
Saturday 25 th	Joan Kay	Sunday 26th	Parish Family

Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Sue Lawton	Patricia Davies
Frances Wright	Rosemary Southwell
Maureen & Ron Jones	Pat Cummins
Pat Matthews	Dot Davies
John Barber	Sarah Alouane
Dorothy Robinson and son John Robinson	



Please get in touch if there are any alterations. Information taken from the March Prayer List in church. Do e-mail the office, if you want anyone adding or removing.

Daily Rosary at 10.30am with St Winefride's parish

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](#)



Please remember in your prayers the family of David Williams who was 79 and died a week last Monday. David had a huge impact on the spirituality of SVP and was an inspiration to many and best summed up in a letter from his daughter about his life and dedication to the SVP. For many years David played the music at St Winefride's SVP Christmas Lunch and was well known to many of our parishioners. A man who battled cancer twice in his life died just one week after developing symptoms of the coronavirus.

His daughter wrote; *there won't be a funeral at this time of crisis, but we will hold a memorial Mass and celebration of his life at some point in the future. In the meantime, if you would like to do something in Dad's memory, please no flowers, please donate to the SVP. Dad was a faithful and dedicated member of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society from the age of 16 until today, serving at several levels, from visiting local elderly and isolated people every week, to consulting on, writing and advising all 135 countries on the International Rule, (the legal operational and spiritual constitution of the international society). Sometimes even in his 70s, he would work through the night on his computer, and, when I asked him why he hadn't gone to bed, he would respond, "I just needed to get this back to Burkina Faso" or "I just needed to 're-write this letter from Saint Paul". Dad loved thinking writing. He wrote the book "The Mind And Heart of a Vincentian" and was working on a new edition.*

Dad early-retired from the Royal Insurance at 51 and dedicated himself to the SVP.

As well as all the work on the Rule and his book, in his 60s he was the only lay person in a Vatican/SVP mission to China, during which he carried letters to a Bishop who had been imprisoned 28 years by the regime, and his group had to change their itinerary daily to stay one step ahead of the Secret Police, who pursued them everywhere they went. Last year he went to Rome to work with the Vatican lawyers to renegotiate the SVP's legal relationship with the Roman Catholic Church vs Pope Francis' reforms. Dad believed in a universal God and fought to retain the membership of people of all faiths and none in the SVP, and the service to people of all faiths, and none, by the SVP.

Dad had a special regard for the Ba'hai and wrote a British Ba'hai wedding service. In India Dad will be remembered by our community in Kolkata every time my Brother Arindam sings Catholic hymns at Hindu pujas and parties - he learned them all from an iPod Dad gave him. Dad will be remembered by his friends worldwide for his hard work, his thoughtfulness, his fun cringy jokes, his brilliant piano playing and many lovely singalongs, through which he helped to raise thousands for charity, and which brought us all so much pleasure. ❤️ Dad was passionate in his interests, an avid reader and intellectual, collector of theological books, of music, of films.

Along with David Williams can we also pray for the families of Marie Jones, sister to Agnes, Nora and Rosalie and John Christopher Holden the late husband of Patricia who have also just recently passed away.

Please take a look at the website <http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk>. This week, under **Newsletter 12th April** will be the following documents:

An Easter card
Reflection on the Easter Sunday Gospel by Fr Paul
Poster to print and display
Sunday Message
A reflection from Tony Topping called New Order

You can access what the pope has to say each day be heading to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Please also remember the coronavirus booklet with various information is on the website.

We have been offered some Easter materials to be able to use with your children as a virtual Sunday club. If you would like copies of the materials then please e-mail the parish office.

