

# St Winefride's RC Church

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### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th July 2020

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

### Mass Intentions from this Saturday are as follows:

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Marie Thelwell	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Haimes family
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	John Swann	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valerie Foulkes RIP
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Chris	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Laurence Dorman
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Marioth	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> - 9.30 am	Parish family
6 pm Mass		Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> – 11 am	Anne-Marie McLean

### Please do let us know if you would like a Mass said for someone by e-mailing the parish office.

### Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Dorothy Barber Patricia Davies
Frances Wright Rosemary Southwell
Pat Cummins Sarah Alouane
Pat Matthews Dot Davies
Tony McDevitt Ted Henesy
Dorothy Robinson Sheila Burrell
John Kane Judy Howard

Maureen Grace Joyce & Maurice McAsey

John Swann

Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing.

### Daily Rosary continues at 10.30am (apart from Sunday) 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; 'If you prefer to join in over the telephone, please ring Deacon Jim just before 10.30am.

https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: AveMaria



<u>Bible study</u> – For bible discussion this week please read the book of Hosea.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm at the Rosary Zoom address or ring Deacon Jim to connect by 'phone.'

If you would like to join in with reciting the **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm** each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.

# Church is open for private prayer on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Times 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Fr Paul writes...... Thursday 9th 2020

I hope you are well and able to make sense of this strange period we find ourselves in. We are in the process of installing a camera in church which will enable us to stream Mass and other services online. I will have more information by next week.

You may have noted that in last week's newsletter that I hoped to have Mass again on Saturday/Sunday starting next weekend, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We have today, received approval from the Diocese for weekend Mass to restart. We are limited as to the number of people who can be in church at one time. So please look at the new Mass times and consider when you might come.

Places will be allocated by the Stewards on a first come first serve basis.

#### Please note

- Everyone is required to wear a face covering.
- There is limited seating where people from the same social bubble can sit together
- Individuals who are currently shielding should continue to follow the government's advice on shielding.
- Please be aware that church will look very different with various notices, signs and tape in place for your safety.

Also, Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended until further notice.

Let us pray that all will goes well.

We are still looking for Steward helpers at the weekend Masses. If you are able to help please contact Deacon Jim either by e-mail or telephone. Contact details are at the top of the newsletter.

# Please note the new times of Mass: Saturday - 6.00 pm Sunday - 9.30 am and 11.00 am

At the moment we will **not be** opening for Mass on weekdays. As soon as we get the go ahead I will let you know. We will have to have a little more patience. Although I have celebrated Mass every day, Mass is not open to any of our parishioners as the church is in lockdown. I cannot wait to have our parish family together.

On a lighter note, we Congratulate Fr Chris on being a priest for 65 years and Hilda Dobson reaching 90 years on this earth. May the Lord be their light and continue to hold them in the palm of His hands. Our Lady help of Christians, pray for them.

Please also remember, Deacon Mike and Deacon Jim who celebrated the anniversary of their ordination on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen them.

Please be assured of my prayers and Masses for you, your families and friends.

Fr Paul.

### **LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:**

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- Fr Denis McBride: rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online
- Bishop Robert Baron: wordonfire.org/daily-mass/
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy (This is a fantastic resource for children.)

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

# A message from the office:

Newsletters **will not be printed** up for Mass at the moment to avoid any unnecessary risk. However, if you know someone **who does not have** access to the internet and needs a paper copy then, please le me know and I will arrange for one to be sent out to them. Thank you.

Jayne Shakespeare – Parish Office

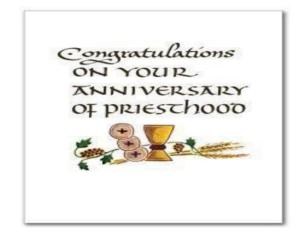
Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News - Visit the parish website

www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email. To join send an email to the office at parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk



News items: Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share, here in the Parish Newsletter? Are you celebrating a special birthday, anniversary? Birth of a child/grandchild? Do let us know and spread the happiness! Send your good news story and a photo (only if you want) to the parish office e-mail above.



A BIG CONGRATULATION TO FR CHRIS LIGHTBOUND WHO CELEBRATES 65 YEARS A PRIEST TODAY FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020.

THIS WEEK HAS ALSO BEEN THE ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION FOR BOTH DEACON JIM AND DEACON MIKE. IT IS JIM'S 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO A DEACON AND MIKE'S 7<sup>TH</sup>.

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION AND PRAYERS TO YOU ALL.



**FOODBANK** - In this time of lock-down and social distancing please do not go out especially in order to obtain food donations for us. Text and on-line financial donations are just as welcome.

Food items we are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash or tinned potatoes
Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham
Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots
Cup-a-soup, Small bottles of cordial / UHT juice

We try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on our website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. Donations can be left in Sainsbury's Neston.

https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood

# **NEW "Online giving to the Parish"**

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity.** 



Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

### Things to note:

- \* You will need to use a password each time they donate this is created the first time that they make a donation.
- \* All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from InvestMyCommunity.
- \* Please also be aware that donations appear on the bank/credit card statements of the donor with the narrative "Invest My School".

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mike Jevons – mike jevons@hotmail.com

# Thank you for your continued support

https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/StWinefrideNeston2218

We have just received notification of the funds received so far, which have been paid to the Parish account via the above Giving Page. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to the church either via the Giving Page, continued to pay through standing order or put their Offertory envelopes through the church door.



### Reflection by Tony Topping - written Thursday 9th July

### DOUBT

Now that the daylight fills the sky, We lift our hearts to God on high.

That he in all we do and say,

Would keep us free from harm today.

When Lockdown first began, I had a conversation with Father Paul, who asked me to continue to write my reflections and said they would be included in the new online format for the weekly newsletter. I said that I would try but how often would he expect them. He replied every week if I could. I felt daunted and I said to myself, "no way, I can't do that". I am used to writing maybe one a month. However, I said I would try.

The first few weeks of Lockdown were not too bad. There was so much going on and so much to talk about, but as the weeks went by, it became more difficult. I began to have doubts; I began to question myself. Who am I to expect people to take the time to read my scribblings? What qualifications have I? An O level in English Language and an O level in Religious Education. At the beginning of each week, I felt that I had nothing to say but, always, at the last minute, a thought would spring into my head and the words would start flowing. Yet I still lacked confidence. Then, in one of Father Edmund's homilies, he spoke about the devil and how his main aim was to make us feel demoralised, weak, dispirited and worthless. I began to understand that I am not worthless. I do what I do in the hope that it will please the God who made me and who loves me.

I began to think about all those who have been confined to their homes for the last three months; all those who feel abandoned, forgotten, lonely and miserable; all those who have loved ones who are sick and dying; all those who have already lost loved ones since the pandemic started. I have no right to feel downhearted myself.

As Lockdown restrictions are relaxed, it will bring some relief and consolation to many but it will also bring anxiety. Some are still reluctant to leave their homes for the virus is still there. When we see on the news bulletins people flagrantly disregarding the advice given by the government, we wonder if it is all happening too soon; will it undo the good that it has been achieved so far? Churches will be open for public services but will we who are in the older age bracket be allowed to attend and will we feel safe. Aught we to leave the spaces at the Saturday and Sunday masses for younger people? Perhaps there could be a mass or a Eucharistic service during the week for those who regularly attended the midweek masses before the crisis.

I know that we who are in the winter of our years have a great deal of experience and an awareness of God. Together we can be a powerhouse of prayer whether at home or in church. I pray that provision can be made for us to come together and pray together.

O Lord, come to our aid, O Lord, make haste to help us!

Children's Sunday Liturgy Page. Parents, please feel free to print off the page for your children to colour and complete!



Today Jesus tells us a parable about planting seeds. It shows us how important it is that the seeds land on the right kind of ground to grow, but it also tells us something about ourselves and how we should be. Let's listen and find out more.

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