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EASTER VII

13 May 2018

12 May	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Fred Dutton	
13 May	SUNDAY	7 th Sunday of Easter	8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish Family Nickolas Smith	
14 May	MONDAY	St Matthias	10.00 am	Agnes and Arthur Graham	
15 May	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Cardinal Cormac	
16 May	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
17 May	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Private intention	
18 May	FRIDAY	St John I	10.00 am	Eleanor Mulholland	
19 May	SATURDAY	St Dunstan	10.00 am	Maureen Bainbridge	
19 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Pentecost Sunday	6.30 pm	Parish Family	
20 May	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Pope Francis intentions Michael Gallon	
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					
	12 May / 13 May			19 May / 20 May	
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am 10:45am
Readers - Readings	A Flanagan	R Pisarek	V Casey	D Davies	AM Millar T Topping
Readers - Intercessions	C Haines	Larty family	M Unsworth	F Byrne	Clark Family Joseph Family
EMHC	M Branch D Davies F Byrne	M Davies S ETTY	D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping	C Haines J Gordon M Branch	T McGlynn R Pisarek M Slater K Holden A Cropper D Barber
Counters	Colette Lang and Marie Branch			Kevin Garrod, Roy Howard	
Cleaners	Brian and Veronica Casey			Louise Wood, Fran Byrne	
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; Last Tues of month: Lunch Club; 3rd Thur of month: CWL 7.30pm in hall Last Sunday's Offering: Thanks for your support!					

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED AT... St Winefride's Primary School:

Key Stage 2 children joined the parishioners of St Winefrides on Thursday morning to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord.

On Friday afternoon the whole of St Winefrides Primary School attended church to honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, with a May Procession. The children celebrating their First Holy Communion this year took pride of place in the Procession.

Finally, we would like to wish "Good Luck" to all the children sitting their SATS next week.

Pope Francis speaks on Baptism

Pope Francis spoke about the sacrament of Baptism on Wednesday, emphasizing the importance of the Catholic practice of baptizing infants, since the grace of the Holy Spirit helps them to grow in virtue.

"Why baptize a child who does not understand?" the pope asked, "When we baptize a child, the Holy Spirit enters that child, and the Holy Spirit makes... the Christian virtues grow in that child, who will then flourish."

Though we hope that when a child grows up he or she will understand and desire Baptism for themselves, to withhold the sacrament from a child "means not trusting in the Holy Spirit," he said.

"We must always give this opportunity to everyone, to all children, to have inside of them the Holy Spirit that will guide them throughout their lives. Do not forget to baptize children!"

Pope Francis spoke about infant Baptism during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. He also emphasized that the graces of the sacrament are not something one earns through understanding, intelligence, or worthiness, but as pure gift.

"Nobody deserves Baptism," he said, "[it] is always a gift for everyone, adults and new-borns. But as happens for a seed full of life, this gift takes root and bears fruit in earth fed by faith."

Baptism also, by the Holy Spirit, "immerses us in the death and resurrection of the Lord," the pope said. In the sacrament the "old man," dominated by sin, gives way to the "new man," who has been recreated in Christ Jesus.

"But for us Christians it must not escape that if the body is immersed in water, it is the soul that is immersed in Christ to receive forgiveness from sin and shine with divine light," he stated.

He quoted St. Paul's reminder to the Christians of Rome: "Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life."

Furthermore, Pope Francis spoke about how Baptism, through immersion in Christ, also makes us members of Christ's body and his mission in the world, which is the Church.

"We baptized are not isolated," he said, "the same life, that of the Holy Spirit, flows from Christ to the baptized, uniting them into one Body, crested by holy unction and nourished at the Eucharistic table."

PARISH

Confirmation 2018: At Our Lady and St John, Heswall on Wed 20 June. Preparation of candidates continues on Sundays. If you are Year 8 or above and interested in exploring your faith, please contact Barbara Rivers 336 2972.

Piety Stall: The Stall is open after each Sunday Mass in the church hall. Confirmation and first Holy Communion Cards are available together with a wide selection of cards for all occasions and gifts (see display cabinet). Cards are also available in the back porch at all times.

Theatre Night: The Bebington Dramatic Society (BDS) will be performing "Dial M for Murder" a classic Hitchcock thriller on Wednesday 6 June, 7:30pm at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. All proceeds raised go towards the upkeep of the SVP Holiday Home; this is an amazing opportunity to send families on holiday who otherwise would not get one. Tickets are £9 and will be available after mass or by contacting Mark Branch 336 4287.

Our Mission Together:

I have been asked that if you have not been able to send your pledge form to the Diocese can you please do so. You can also hand them to Deacon Michael or myself. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Lift to Mass: Would you be willing to pick up and take home a parishioner attending the 08:45 mass? If so please let Father Paul know.

Tuesday Lunches: Lunches have recommenced on the last Tuesday of each month— Sandwiches and cake! All are welcome!

DIOCESE

Eucharistic Congress 'Adoremus': The First National Eucharistic Congress in England and Wales for 110 years is being held in Liverpool, 7-9 Sept 2018. To participate in this historic event book through the parish as soon as possible. Details, costs and forms can be accessed from the website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

