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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 14th February 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **		
13 Feb	Saturday	
14 Feb	Sunday	SEE NOTE →
15 Feb	Monday	CHURCH IS CURRENTLY CLOSED
16 Feb	Tuesday	BUT WILL RE-OPEN
17 Feb	Wednesday	ON SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2021
18 Feb	Thursday	FOR MASS AT 6PM
19 Feb	Friday	SEE NOTE →
20 Feb	Saturday 6 pm	Thomas Smith
21 Feb	Sunday 9.30 am	First Sunday of Lent Larry Duggan

Church will open again from the first weekend of Lent, 20th / 21st February.

Initially there will only be two Masses celebrated.
Saturday evening at 6pm
and
Sunday at 9.30am.

Retired priest
Fr Kevin Prince will
celebrate Mass.
Mass will also be available
to live stream.

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	Brian Byrne
Tony McDevitt	Ted Henesy
Dorothy Robinson	Sheila Burrell
Judy Howard	John Swann
Maureen Grace	Joyce & Maurice McAsey
Maureen Adams	Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle
Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Richard Furlong	Betty Davis
Alan Jones	



Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing from the prayer list or you have a Mass intention.

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

Daily Rosary at 9.00 am apart from Sunday	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	
Come Sing and Pray Thursday 8pm	'Come Sing and Pray' evening. This will be available at the same Zoom address and will be an opportunity on these darker nights to sing along a few hymns, join in prayer and reflection and enjoy the company of fellow Christians.	
Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 17th February at 4.30pm . We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 21st February 2021. First reading Genesis 9: 8-15 Psalm 24 and Gospel Mark 1: 12-15 It will be the 1st Sunday of Lent. Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.	
Divine Mercy Friday 3 pm	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.	
Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am	Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.	 coffee break

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel By Father Stephen

Leprosy is a tragic condition that isolates people from loved ones and society. Despite that the leper approaches Jesus and pleads on his knees, "If you want to, you can cure me." 'Feeling sorry' is a weak expression for Jesus' reaction. A colloquial translation of the original Greek would be 'feeling gutted.' Jesus reacts with compassion. Compassion is the ability to identify with a suffering person and to enter that person's



world with care and love. This is shown by Jesus stretching out and touching the man. Only then does he say, "Of course I want to. Be cured." At once the leprosy leaves the man and he is cured. Jesus then warns him sternly to say nothing to anyone but go and show himself to the priest and make the offering prescribed by Moses as evidence of his cure. The man takes no notice and talks about it freely, so Jesus can no longer go openly into any town, but people still flock to see him out in the countryside. Contemporary miracles of healing are often a compassionate word or touch and the gift of continued presence and welcome to sufferers by the community of family and Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FIRST MASS BACK IN CHURCH IS NEXT SATURDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY MASS ON SUNDAY AT 9.30 AM.

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

St Winefride's Parish Church - www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonywythenshawe
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

All times and details of other services available search Church Services TV on Google ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>



CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February this year during lent.

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. He spends nearly all his time collecting water just to keep his family alive. He has no time to lead the life he wants.

This year Cafod are appealing for support of the many poor people who suffer simply because of their need for drinking water, something we all take for granted. Cafod tells us how individuals need to walk many miles everyday simply to supply their family with water.

Can you walk alongside Abdella this Lent by taking part in the Big Walk for Water virtual event on **Saturday 20th February at 2pm.**

Meet Abdella and explore his journey at :
Cafod.org.uk/lent



Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping into the office each Friday to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions which were moved as church was closed are listed below. With church opening again for weekend Masses, I will start to work through the list putting the intentions in each week. Please bear with me as it will take a while to work through the list. Thank you.

**** Pat Hemington, Patricia Brown,
Monica and Frank McVey, Barbara Evans
Doris Gillies, Sheila Trimmer
Dot and Jess Jones
Fr Chris, Diana Phillips, Ruth Doyle
Bridget, Ernan, Michael, Bill
Geoff and Grandad Bertie
Moira Griffiths-Parr, The Radburn family in Tasmania
Late Grandfather Thomas Welham
Carol Saunders, Fr Gerry Courell,
Dr Mike Azurdia and his wife Gill Azurdia.**



READERS

With church opening again, I will put together a new readers rota but in the meantime, if you are free to read at either 6pm or 9.30am next weekend, the please just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. Thanks Jayne – Parish secretary

LIVE STREAMING - Please note that camera images and sound of services are now transmitted on the internet but not recorded. This is to help us share our faith with others who are unable to attend in person. If you have any concerns about the use of live streaming during a service or mass, then please contact the office.

St Winefride's RC Church will be closed on Ash Wednesday but Mass will be said at both Holy Family in Pensby and OLSJ Heswall. Details of their Masses are below.



ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 17th February
There will be **TWO MASSES** on
Ash Wednesday:
Holy Family at 9:30 am and OLSJ at 7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday will be celebrated slightly differently this year in accordance with the guidance issued by The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

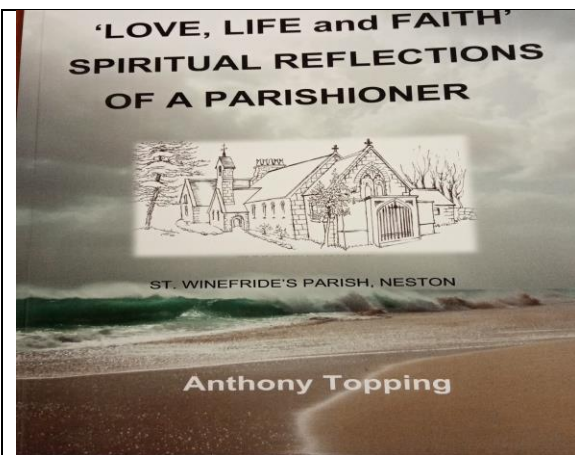
The Ashes will be prepared without the use of oil or water.
The Ashes will be blessed in the usual way after the Homily.

The Priest will say, just once, to the whole congregation "Repent, and believe in the Gospel".

The Distribution of ashes will take place at the end of Mass before Communion.
Ashes will be distributed by sprinkling the Ashes on the top of the head without saying anything.

The faithful must also keep their face coverings in place during the distribution of Ashes.

Masses will be livestreamed for Ash Wednesday, so parishioners can follow it on their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw/featured>



"Love, Life and Faith"

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

Tony's son has organised for all of Tony's reflections over the years to be put together in a book. The book has now been published and are now available to buy.

If you would like a copy then please contact the office. **The books are £7.50 each.** Cheques to be made payable to Winefride's Parish Church or you can pay by cash.



**Prayer Resource for February:
month of the Holy Family**

Prayer: *taken from the Roman Missal*
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Family:
Dear Lord, Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he need to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more

like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

A Short Daily Prayer:
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we entrust to you our parents, siblings and grandparents, so that after our earthly life, we may all find eternal joy in heaven. Amen.

Pope Francis – Prayer to the Holy Family (Angelus 28 December 2013):

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

'And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.' Luke 2:7



more prayer resources are available here:
www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org



“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**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

Standing order – If you would like to start making your weekly or monthly donation to the parish via standing order, then please contact the parish office. We can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete. Alternatively, you can contact Mike Russell at the curial office 0151 652 9855 or via e-mail at Mike.Russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Gift aid – Again, if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your contribution, then please let myself or Mike Russell know and we can arrange to do this by completion of a form.

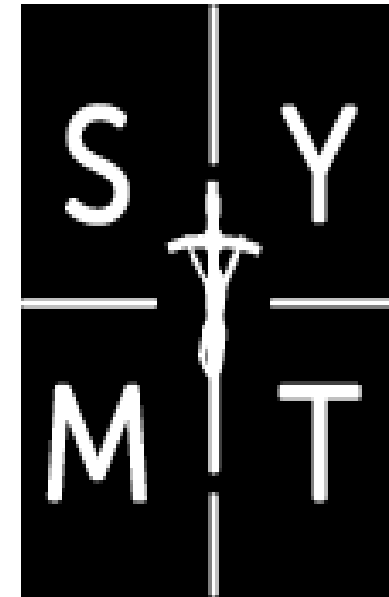
Update – 12th February – the Online Giving page transferred to our parish bank account £135 in January. We have also had some new parishioners starting to pay by standing order and others changing from envelopes to standing order.

The end of the tax year is drawing ever closer. If you Gift Aid your offertory donation it is important that you check you are paying sufficient tax to cover the amount we will reclaim under Gift Aid. If you are no longer paying tax or not enough tax to cover the claim you should contact us urgently.

THANK YOU – Jayne Shakespeare, Parish Secretary

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT)

We have received a letter from SYMT and below is information that could be of interest to you all, especially young Catholics.



Over the last few months the **Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team** have had some great success with online ministry. We thought it might be good just to draw your attention to some of the great work that has been done.

YouTube – Last May we started our YouTube channel – Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team SYMT. This has grown from strength to strength with regular live broadcasts and constant content renewal. This would be a great resource for some of your parishioners, particularly the young. There will be even more exciting and new content coming up in the coming weeks.

Social Media – We have always had a presence on social media we have Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts but this has grown since last March with a considerable increase in content and traffic across the platforms.

Way to access information regarding SYMT

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – Online Ministry

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for @Shrewsbury_ymt

Find us on YouTube by searching for Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – SYMT, don’t forget to subscribe so you know when we go live or release new content.

Some future events we want to draw your attention to:

The Collective – This is a group of **young adults (18+)** who are meeting together for faith and friendship. The meetings run via Zoom by the team the aim is to reach out to young adults who want to grow in their faith.

The dates for the collective are: 4th February, 4th March and the 1st April.

Anyone interested should email: youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Altar Servers Day – After the success of the servers day last year we decided to go online with our day this year. This year it will be running on the **27th of March via zoom**. More information will be coming out via email in the coming weeks. For now if you would be interested the please do let us know but emailing: youth@dicoeseofshrewsbury.org

Lent and Easter - There is an exciting programme in place for Lent and Easter – more information to follow.

UPSIDE DOWN

It is a year since the general public first began to hear about the corona virus Covid 19. Next month we will experience the anniversary of "Lockdown 1". During the last twelve months, our lives have been turned upside down. We have been confined to our homes and forced to distance ourselves from those we love, family and friends alike. Our children have been denied the right to attend school and to be with their friends. The further education of our older students has been interrupted. Shops have been closed; social gatherings banned. The government has been at a loss to know how to cope with the situation and our health service has been brought to near breaking point. For months our places of worship were locked so that priests were forced to say Mass in empty churches and we had to find new ways to worship. Many were able to but many were without the means to access the internet. Throughout this period, we witnessed great heroism from medical staff, emergency services, care-workers and many ordinary people who proved to be good neighbours. We have seen the very best of people but, unfortunately, we have also seen the worst of people; people who have shown love for others and people who have shown little care or consideration for the wellbeing of others.

I have felt very blessed for I have been able to be in connect online to a number of different churches who have livestreamed Masses and other services. I have heard many wonderful and inspiring homilies from different priests and found them to be very comforting and uplifting but I have also remembered in my prayers those who have not been so privileged. I have tried to keep in touch with a few people I know who have had no contact with church or clergy. When the churches opened again, I tried to attend Mass as often as I could and it was wonderful to physically receive the Blessed Sacrament. What I have missed perhaps most of all is not being able to attend the sacrament of reconciliation, not that I have any grave sin to confess to, but I miss the opportunity to sit before a priest and receive advice on my spiritual life. I, therefore, try to do it spiritually by recalling the little things I have done wrong.

At my age now, there is little energy or opportunity to do anything very serious but I remember an old saying "If you look after the pennies, the pounds will look after themselves". I think this can work in our spiritual life. If I can overcome the little temptations, when big temptations come along, I will be better able to resist them. Most of my sins are sins of omission; the things I failed to do; the things I could have done, should have done and would have done if I had put my mind to it and not put my own comfort first. I was taught that if I cannot go to confession, I can make a perfect act of contrition but that is not as easy as it seems. For it to be perfect it must be sorrow for offending the infinite goodness of God and be resolved never to offend again purely because of my love for Him; not because I am afraid of being punished and not because I want something from it. The priest the other day said something I thought was very comforting. He said that Jesus not only loves me he also likes me. He likes being with me. I know I'm not as saintly as my patron saint was but I can keep trying to follow his example. During the coming season of Lent I will try to spend more time with Jesus. I'm sure he will understand.

*Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
Whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
Imputes no guilt,
In whose spirit is no guile.*

Reflection by Tony Topping

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



Today we hear about another person that Jesus healed. Let's think some more about healing and how to stay healthy together.

Opening prayer: Healing God, watch over all your children when they are sick. May we share generously with others so that all people around the world may have the chance to live happy and healthy lives. Amen.

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45*



Find more activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families

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no one beyond reach