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4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 14th March 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **

13 Mar	Saturday 6 pm	Doris Gillies	<p>Currently there are only two Masses being celebrated. Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am</p> <p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass. Mass will also be available to live stream.</p>
14 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Sheila Trimmer	
15 Mar	Monday		
16 Mar	Tuesday		
17 Mar	Wednesday St Patrick's Day	Funeral of Alan Jones at 11.00 am (available via livestream)	
18 Mar	Thursday		
19 Mar	Friday St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
20 Mar	Saturday 6 pm	Dot and Jess Jones	
21 Mar	Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Fr Chris	

The offertory collection will be taken at the end of Mass and not during Mass. Please place any donations, envelopes or loose change in the basket held by the Steward. If you wish to make a donation, please have your money/envelope ready as you leave. Thank you.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Dorothy Barber	Ted Henesy	Judy Howard
Patricia Davies	Dorothy Robinson	Maureen Grace
Frances Wright	Sheila Burrell	Maureen Adams
Rosemary Southwell	John Swann	Betty Davies
Pat Cummins	Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Sarah Alouane	Bill Williams	Eva Bennion
Pat Matthews	Joyce McAsey &	Andy Ablitt
Tony McDevitt	Maurice McAsey	

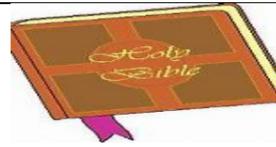


Please also remember Fr Paul in your prayers. We hope he will be back at St Winefride's very soon.

Please do get in touch with the parish office via e-mail or phone if you want to add or remove someone from the Prayer list or have a Mass intention. Thank you.

During Fr Paul's convalescence, pastoral oversight of St Winefride's is given by Canon Stephen Coonon of Our Lady and St John's Heswall – 0151 342 6581

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	
Stations of the Cross Thursday 8pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY THURSDAY AT 8PM THROUGH LENT AND HOLY WEEK, This will be available at the same Zoom address PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.	
Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 17th March at 4.30pm . We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 21st March 2021 . First reading Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 50 and John 12: 20-30 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.	

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Deacon Jim Kay

This is the 4th Sunday in Lent known as 'Laetare Sunday'. Laetare means Rejoice! It is taken from Isaiah 66 and used in the Entrance Antiphon; 'Rejoice Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast'. This is indeed a fanfare call to be happy, the season of Lent is half over, Spring flowers and birdsong lift our spirits and we can afford ourselves a glimpse of the Joy that is Our Lord's Resurrection at Easter.



Our first reading though, taken from the end of Chronicles, is a reminder of the weakness and frailty of our human nature. Despite all that God has done for them, the Israelites are again turning their backs on God and adopting all the bad practices and habits of their pagan neighbours. They did not listen to the prophet Jeremiah and in 605BC were invaded, captured and taken in exile to Babylon for 70 years. Psalm 136 recalls how the Jewish nation were asked to sing their songs 'By the Rivers of Babylon' but could not. This psalm at least, was made popular and sung many times by Boney-M in 1978!

But our loving God is a merciful God and St Paul reminds us that 'when we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life with Christ'. This is the joyful message that Jesus is teaching Nicodemus in our Gospel reading from John. Nicodemus is a leading Pharisee and comes to Jesus at night, so as not to be seen. We know Jesus spared no criticism of the Pharisees and openly declared them hypocrites, but here Nicodemus is irresistibly drawn to Jesus, maybe against his better judgement and certainly without his peer-group knowing. Nicodemus comes to Jesus and hears that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life!' As we continue our Lenten journey, perhaps think about Nicodemus in the week ahead and ask ourselves; Can I feel God calling? Is it a call I would rather answer at night or can I come out into the light and rejoice in my faith openly and without fear? Let's pray for that grace.

On this 'Rejoice Sunday' we can celebrate all our Mothers too and God's gift of families. Happy Mothering Sunday!

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

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

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- 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>



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.

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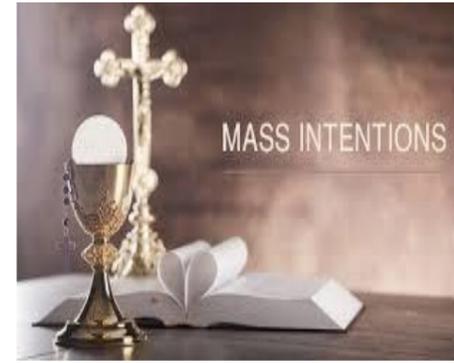
Masses at St Winefride's during holy week.

Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday is at 7pm

Good Friday at 3pm

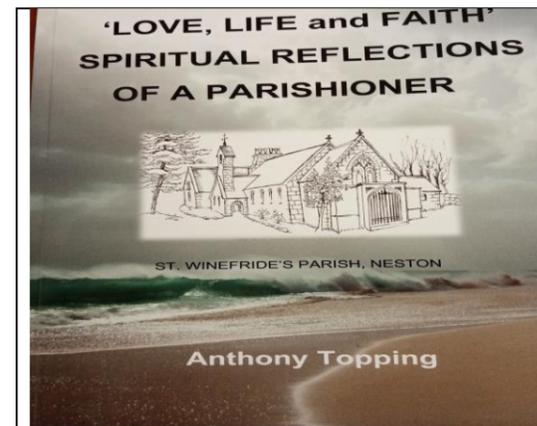
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8pm.

Plus for the Easter weekend there will be Mass at 11am.



MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

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,
Frank Power, Alan Jones, Terry Saunders



“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.



READERS

The new readers list up to the end of May is now on the website. If you are not on the list but are free to read at either Sat 6pm or Sun 9.30am then please just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. The next few weeks are detailed below. Thank you. Jayne – Parish Secretary

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	13 March	14 March	
READERS	P or A Flanagan	J Tunstall	
	20 March	21 March	NO MASS
READERS	C Haines	R Pisarek	
	27 March	28 March	NO MASS
READERS	F Byrne	T McGlynn	
	EASTER WEEKEND		
	Saturday 3rd April and Sunday 4th April		
	Saturday 8pm (vigil) (Note time change)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am
READERS	Deacon Jim or Mike	Clark family	Agnes Cropper

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.



Winnies Wander Women, parishioners Helen Jones, Katherine Powell and Barbara Rivers have each pledged to walk for 10,000 steps / 7km, every day for the 40 days during Lent, whatever the weather, to raise money for CAFOD Water for Life project. So far, the trio have walked a total of **807,583** steps/565 km/353 miles, averaging 188

km/117 miles each, with **£727** raised so far. They would like to thank all their supportive sponsors. If you would like to support their fundraising and raise money for CAFOD then please click on this link. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/winnies-wander-women>

ST JOSEPH - Below is another prayer to St Joseph found by a parishioner in the Shrewsbury Diocesan Year Book.

**The Heavenly Father chose you St Joseph,
to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God,
and to watch over His only begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**In times of trial and in times of joy pray for us
so that we too can recognise the loving plan of our eternal Father,
who always works for the good of those who love Him.**

**Teach us Guardian of the Holy Family to be attentive to the
promptings of the Holy Spirit,
and to draw close to our dear Lord in all the circumstances of our
life.
and especially in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.**

**When we die pray for us that we may happily join you,
the just and faithful servant, to praise God in the company of
Our Lady and all the faithful departed.
We make our prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen**



Prayer Resource for March: month of Saint Joseph

Diocesan Prayer:

The Heavenly Father chose you, Saint Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and, above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

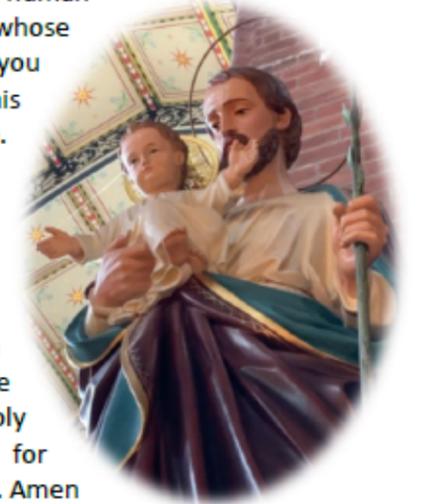
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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

Prayer: from the Roman Missal

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



A Short Litany of Saint Joseph:

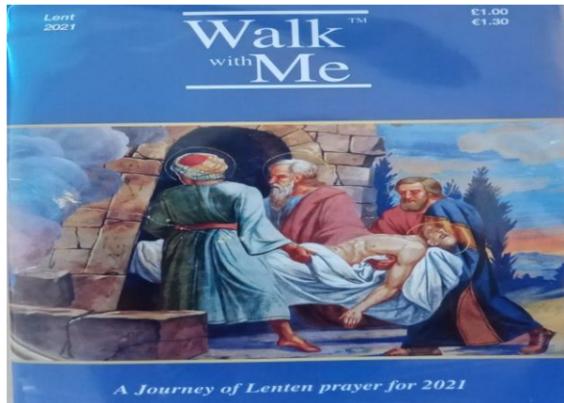
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most valiant, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Model of all who labour, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
Pillar of family life, pray for us.
Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Sue and Malcom Jones have asked for prayers from the parish. Malcolm's mum **Agnes Jones** who was 95, sadly passed away on Monday evening. Please remember the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

The final interment of Nicholas Morgan, son of the late Yvonne Morgan of West Drive, father of Alex, brother to Kim and Lesley and uncle of Amy takes place on **Friday 19th March** at 10.30am in the churchyard. Your prayers are requested by the family.



A Journey of Lenten prayer for 2021

The Walk with Me booklets have arrived. Copies of the booklets are in the church porch and are priced at £1.00 each. If you would like to take one, please do and then just put the money in the red brick box. If you can have the correct change. Thank you.



As church is open again, I have organised with the Foodbank team in Chester to resume their collection from St Winefride's from **Thursday 18th March**. If you would like to make a donation to the foodbank, please leave any items in the boxes under the table

as you come into church. Thank you.

Parishioner Messages: Seen on a Tesco till receipt: If you are lonely or finding it difficult to cope during these uncertain times, call the free and confidential **British Red Cross coronavirus support line on 0808 196 3651 open daily from 10am to 6pm.**

Neston Angels are also available for phone support. All enquiries to the Community Youth Centre on 0151 336 7805.



A very big **Thank You** to the young man who plays such wonderfully meditative music before and after 9 30am Sunday Masses. He enhances the liturgy and brings a joyful remembrance of lines of familiar hymns whilst we are not allowed to sing them!!



“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>



Gift Aid Scheme 2021/22

As I mentioned last week the **offertory envelopes** for this tax year are here. I had hoped they would be ready to distribute this weekend, but unfortunately they aren't but will be ready for next weekend **20th/21st March**. I am in the office next Thursday and Friday, so if you are calling up to the graveyard or passing church and want to collect from the presbytery, then please just give me a knock. If you could call between 10am and 1pm I will be there.

The new yellow envelopes start on **Sunday 11th April 2021** for the new tax year. Please **do not use** before this date. If you are no longer paying Income Tax please let Jayne, Parish Secretary, know as soon as possible. Either by telephone on 0151 721 3035 or via the parish e-mail. We must adhere to the Inland Revenue rules for operating our Gift Aid Scheme. Also, if you have changed address since the last tax year, could you also please let Jayne know so that we can keep the Diocesan central records up to date?

Do you pay Income Tax and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate? If you do, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as the Diocese can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you! There is at least **£2,000 from the Loose Plate that we could potentially claim back each year**. All you need 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 required forms are available by contacting Jayne in the office or download from the website. If you need any further information to help you to decide whether or not to join the Gift Aid Scheme please do not hesitate to contact the office.

A number of parishioners have changed from offertory envelopes to now paying by standing order. If you have done this, thank you. You will **not need to** collect any envelopes.

MOTHERING SUNDAY QUIZ

Thank you Angela Klabou for letting us have your Mother's Union Quiz.

1. What food is most associated with Mothering Sunday?
a) Sunday Roast b) Eggs c) Simnel Cake
2. In Ancient Greece, which goddess was celebrated on Mothering Sunday?
a) Goddess Artemis b) Goddess Hestia c) Goddess Rhea
3. 'Mother's ruin' is a common British name for which alcoholic drink?
a) Gin b) Vodka c) Brandy
4. In which Indian city, did Mother Theresa found her missionary?
a) Mumbai b) Varanasi c) Calcutta
5. How many cards are sent for Mothering Sunday in the UK?
a) 10 million b) 45 million c) 30 million
6. In which year did Marie Curie become the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize?
a) 1925 b) 1903 c) 1910
7. Mother of Pearl is a common name for?
a) Nacre b) Jewel c) Stone
8. Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth 1?
a) Anne Boleyn b) Mary Queen of Scots c) Mary II
9. Which popular Mothering Sunday flower do Christians believe were made from tears of Mary when she wept for Jesus on the cross?
a) Carnations b) Daffodils c) Sunflowers
10. When did women get the parliamentary vote in the UK?
a) 1918 b) 1917 c) 1916

Answers next week.....!



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 how much God loves the world and all the people in it. Let's think some more about that love, especially today on Mother's Day.

Opening prayer: Generous God, we give you thanks because you loved the world so much you sent your only Son to show us how to live. May we share your love with others. Amen

*Fourth Sunday of Lent
Gospel: John 3:14-21*



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

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