

# St Winefride's RC Church

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Palm Sunday

14 April 2019

13 Apr	SATURDAY	Palm Sunday	10.00 am	John Spoto	
			6.30pm	Parish family	
14 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Joan Kay	
			10.45 am	Michael Gallon	
			2.30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
15 Apr	MONDAY		10.00 am	Marian Morris	
16 Apr	TUESDAY	Funeral	12.00 noon	Funeral mass for Anthony Hewitt	
17 Apr	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
18 April	THURSDAY	Holy Thursday	10.00 am	Michael Halley (birthday wishes)	
		Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30 pm	Parish family	
19 Apr	FRIDAY	Good Friday - The celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00 pm	Parish family	
		Praying at the tomb	7.00 pm	Parish family	
20 Apr	SATURDAY	No 10.00 am Mass today			
20 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Easter Vigil	7.00 pm	Parish family	
21 Apr	SUNDAY	Easter Sunday	8.45 am	Parish family	
			10.45 am	Parish family	
Weekdays: Adoration morning prayer from 9.00am; then Mass at 10.00am					
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm					
		13 Apr / 14 Apr		20 Apr / 21 Apr	
		6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)
		8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am
Readers - Readings	P Flanagan	R Pisarek	Joseph Family	S Davies	T McGlynn
Readers - Intercessions	K Ankers	Larty Family	J Tunstall	P Flanagan	AM Millar
					J Braidwood
EMHC	M Branch M Green	M Davies S ETTY	D Pover K Holden T Topping A Cropper	C Haines J Gordon	K Garrod K Hughes
					M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber
Counters	Marie Branch and Wyn Penfold			Kevin Garrod and Roy Howard	
Cleaners	Brian and Veronica Casey			Fran Byrne and Louise Wood	
REGULAR ACTIVITIES					
Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; Wed: Choir 7-8pm; Thur: Communion Visits; Sun: YSVP 10am in hall					
2nd Thurs of month: SPUC 10.45 am in hall; 3rd Thur of month: CWL 7.30pm in hall					
Last Sunday's Offering: Thank you for your support!					

## News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:

This week the children of St Winefride's have held a "Bring and Buy" sale to raise funds for CAFOD. They were inspired by the following words of Pope Francis. "My Dear Young People, a better world can be built as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity!"

The children and staff of St Winefride's will be enjoying a break for Easter over the next couple of weeks. Everyone at the school would like to wish all parishioners a peaceful Easter.

**CWL: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm – 4pm.** Knit and natter. Light refreshments provided. All welcome.

Fr Paul writes, This being Holy week I thought you may like to read one of the Pope's homilies.

**Listen to the voice of the Lord so as not to end up with a hardened heart that discredits the Lord. This was the exhortation of Pope Francis in his homily during Mass, Thursday morning, at the Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican.**

The Pope warned against having a heart that does not listen to the voice of the Lord, saying, by doing so for "days, months, years", it becomes hard like soil without water. And when there is something that one dislikes about God, he or she discredits and slanders Him

Many times, we are deaf and do not listen to the voice of the Lord, but always listen to the news and the gossip of the neighbourhood. In the First Reading from the Book of Jeremiah, the Pope said, we hear God's lamentation regarding the "stubborn people, who do not want to listen". Instead of listening and turning to Him, they close their ears, turn their backs to Him and proceed obstinately according to their evil hearts.

The Pope drew attention to the First Reading where God recalls how with great care, He sent His prophets to his people, but they did not listen to them. Instead, they stiffened their necks and did worse than what their fathers did. That in the day's liturgy, the Church wants each one of us to examine our conscience on our faithfulness to the Lord. It is not about attending Sunday Masses. It is about being aware of not allowing our hearts to turn hard, stubborn and deaf, shutting the Lord out and doing what we want.

He explained that a person with a hardened heart does not just stop at being deaf to the Lord. Unhappy with the things of the Lord, he or she puts God aside with an excuse and discredits, slanders and defames God.

Citing the day's Gospel, the Pope said Jesus had the same experience with the people. When Jesus performed miracles and healed the sick, the stubborn people said it was through the power of Beelzebub, the leader of demons. First, one refuses to listen to the Lord and then discredits Him. This is the penultimate step of the refusal of the Lord. The last step from which there is no return is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, pointing to the warning of Jesus at the end of the Gospel. The Pope noted that just as the prophet ends with the clear words - "Faithfulness has disappeared" - so too Jesus ends with the words that can help us: "Whoever is not with me, is against me".

The Pope said that one cannot be with Jesus and be at a distance. Either you are with Jesus or you are against Jesus; either you are faithful, or you are unfaithful; either you have an obedient heart, or you have lost your fidelity. Each one to examine their conscience. The words - "faithfulness has disappeared" and "whosoever is not with me is against me" - hold out hope for us, the Pope said. This hope, the Pope said, comes in the Acclamation to the Gospel where Jesus invites each one of us saying, "Return to me with your whole heart, for I am gracious and merciful." "I will forget everything. I care that you come to me and forget the rest." The Pope concluded inviting all to open their hearts for the Lord to enter, because this is the time for the Lord's mercy and compassion.

Please take a timetable of the services for Holy Week. Try, if you can to come to these days of our liberation from Sin and being reconciled to the Father through His Passion and death on the Cross. Be assured of my continual prayer for you and you families. Details of additional readers over holy week and the Easter vigil are on the noticeboard.

Fr Paul

**EMHC/Readers' Rota:** A new copy of the rota (April to July) is now online and on the noticeboard.

**Lent lunches:** It is the last lent lunch this Monday at 12.00.

**Soup and Sandwiches** will start again on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. If you would like to help, then please let Fran or Brian Bryne know.

**Uganda:** Jade Hardy-Perry and family would like to say a big thank you for your support at the cake sale last weekend. Over £80 was raised which will help with her Mission trip to Uganda. She will be there for 3 weeks with the Rock of Joy charity.

Jade is also having a fundraising disco/hot buffet at the Wheatsheaf pub in Ness at 8pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are £5 and can be obtained from Judith Povey on 07722 628505. Thank you for your support.

**First Holy Communion Preparation:** Children will receive sacrament this weekend, Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2019:** This year it will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Family church, Pensby. Details of the preparation classes will follow soon. If you are Year 8 or above and would be interested in exploring your faith and finding out about the Sacrament of Confirmation, then please give your details to Fr Paul.

**Gift Aid Scheme 2019/2020:** Could all parishioners who use weekly envelopes, please collect their new boxes for 2019/2020 from the bookcase at the side of the double doors as you leave church. Car park side. There are only a few boxes left.

**SPUC:** White flower appeal - A collection to help the work of SPUC will be held on the weekend of the 4/5<sup>th</sup> May. More details to follow.

**NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK, 20/21 APRIL - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WILL BE ON BOTH NOTICEBOARDS.**



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