



## St Winefride's RC Church

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Mass Intentions for this coming week \*\*

15 May	Saturday 6 pm	Maureen & Ron Jones	<p><b>Masses are being celebrated each weekend.</b></p> <p><b>Saturday at 6pm</b></p> <p><b>Sunday at 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>and 11.00am</b></p> <p><b>Please welcome Fr Phil McGovern who will celebrate Mass for us.</b></p>
16 May	Sunday 9.30 am	Margaret Davies	
16 May	Sunday 11 am	Kath Key	
	<b>Sunday 6.30 pm</b>	<b>Christian Aid Service – 6.30pm</b>	
17 May	Monday		
18 May	Tuesday		
19 May	Wednesday		
20 May	Thursday		
21 May	Friday		
22 May	Saturday 6 pm	Allan Gauller	
23 May	Sunday 9.30 am	Michael Halley	
23 May	Sunday 11 am	Harry & Marie Thelwell	
	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pentecost Sunday</b>		

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 Hemington	Barbara Evans
Sarah Alouane	Bill Williams	Eva Bennion
Pat Matthews	Joyce McAsey &	Andy Ablitt
Tony McDevitt	Maurice McAsey	Mary Schofield
Ruth Murray		



### Please also remember Fr Paul in your prayers.

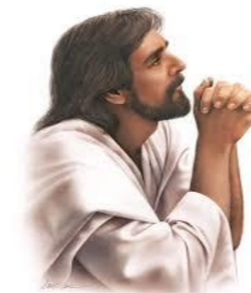
Please do get in touch with the parish office via e-mail or phone if you want to add or remove someone from the Prayer list or have a Mass intention. Thank you.

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

## TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

<p><b>Daily Rosary</b></p> <p>at 9.00 am apart from Sunday</p>	<p>To join in please download <b>Zoom.us</b> either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the <b>Zoom.us</b> 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;</p> <p><a href="https://zoom.us/j/252387114">https://zoom.us/j/252387114</a> password: <b>AveMaria</b></p>	
<p><b>Bible study</b></p> <p>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May At 4.30 pm</p>	<p>This <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm</b>. We will discuss the first reading and gospel for the following <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>. <b>Acts 2: 1-11, Psalm 103 John 20: 19-23</b></p> <p>Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.</p>	
<p><b>Prayer and Reflection</b></p> <p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 pm</p>	<p><b>Year of Saint Joseph – 2020-2021</b></p> <p>Join this week for the last part of the 4 week Prayer and Reflection session. <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 8pm.</b> <b>(SEE WEBSITE FOR PART 4 OF THE LETTER)</b></p> <p>Access as usual via the Zoom address above.</p>	
<p><b>Divine Mercy</b></p> <p>Friday 3 pm</p>	<p>If you would like to join in with reciting the <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm</b> each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.</p>	
<p><b>Coffee Morning</b></p> <p>Saturday 10 am</p>	<p>Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.</p>	

### Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr Stephen Coonan



Jesus prays that his disciples may experience the unity he shares with his Father, that they may share in his joy, and that they will be consecrated in truth. Jesus also prays for their protection in a hostile world. His own life is a pattern for the lives of those who believe in him. He comes from above, from presence with God, to an alien world that does not accept him and then returns to the Father. The believer in John, is born from above, lives in a hostile and alien world and, as Jesus returns to the Father, the destiny of his followers is to be with him.

The ambiguity of "the world" echoes throughout John's Gospel. The world was made through the Word but did not recognise him. Jesus takes away the sin of the world and God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. He is the living Bread that will be the life of the world. Yet the world often symbolises the power of evil organised against Jesus and his followers. Though other New Testament writings have a more positive attitude to the world, and though the contemporary Church is summoned to be engaged in the world and to discern the manifestations of goodness among non-Christians, in John Jesus and the disciples come to the world to challenge its values.

## LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

St Winefride's Parish Church - [www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

- Walsingham: [walsingham.org.uk](http://walsingham.org.uk)
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: [churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe](http://churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe)
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: [cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy](http://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy)
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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

All times and details of other services available search Church Services TV on Google [ChurchServices.tv](http://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>



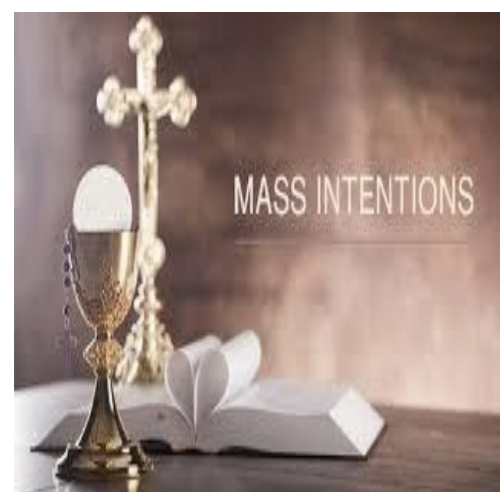
Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

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.

[www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

[parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)



### MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

**St Jude, St Ann, St Theresa, St Valentine**  
**Daniel Healey** (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, 27<sup>th</sup> April)  
**Fred Dutton** (Anniversary 12<sup>th</sup> May)  
**Fr Gerry Courell** (Anniversary 19<sup>th</sup> May)  
**Alan Jones, St Anthony,**  
**Beth Taylor, Noreen Morgan**  
**Joseph Gould** (5<sup>th</sup> June) **Geoff Russel** (health)  
**Christine Russell** (health) **Leo F Brenninkmeyer**  
**B & A Topping** (special intentions)

## Message from Fr Paul

Dear Parish Family. It has been a long time since we were together. I am kept away by the 'long Covid' illness which affects stamina, balance and memory. As you can imagine it is very debilitating. I would like to thank you all for your patience and for the many messages of support and prayer which I have received.

You will know that Pope Francis has called on us all to join him in praying the rosary during May for the intention of an end to the pandemic. He chose to begin this marathon at our own shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. A short while ago I purchased a statue of our Lady of Walsingham for the parish which you will find in the church. Cardinal Nichols also chose to rededicate our country as the Dowry of Mary at Walsingham. So there is much to encourage us to turn to Our Lady together with Pope Francis in his prayer for the sick and those who have died. So I thank you once again and assure you of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul



### READERS

If you are unable to make a date, then just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. Thank you. Jayne – Parish Secretary  
Please check the website for the current readers rota.

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May
READERS	P & A Flanagan	Clark family	A Cropper
	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
READERS	I Robinson	AM Millar	T Topping
	29 <sup>th</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May
READERS	K Ankers	Joseph family	M Unsworth
	5 <sup>th</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> June	6 June
READERS	M Branch	R Pisarek	J Adonis



This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm there is a Christian Aid Ecumenical Service. This can be reviewed via [live stream only](#).

If you would like donate to Christian Aid, please return the envelope you were given last week at Mass or place any donation in the basket at the end of Mass. There is a separate basket for Christian Aid donations. Thank you.



**Christian Aid week 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May.** *This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.*

There is a Christian Aid Service on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**, here at St Winefride's church. The church will not be open for parishioners to attend, but the service can be viewed online, via the live stream.

This year we are putting envelopes in Churches locally if you are able to attend services and would like to donate or put in the collection box

If you prefer using contactless, and have a computer, our Christian Aid group have a new system called Tap Simple. This is the link if you would like to use it:

<https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/neson-and-district-christian-aid-week>

In Church there will be a Christian Aid Poster with our Tap Simple QR code on it – this is for anyone who has a phone that can use a contactless system.

**Dates and events during Christian Aid Week:**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May** Bucket Collection outside Gordale Garden Centre 10.00am – 6.00pm.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May** You are warmly welcomed to join us for our Christian Aid Ecumenical Service from St Winefride's Church, live at 6.30pm. **VIA LIVE STREAM ONLY**

**Speaker - Christel Langdon-Griffiths**, Church Engagement & Fundraising Officer. (Wirral, Cheshire & Staffordshire).

This will be a participants only service, **without a congregation** because of Covid restrictions. It will be live, and not recorded, so please make a note of the link and time

**Link:** <http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/> **Time: 6.30pm**

**Thank you. Neston & District Christian Aid Committee**

**Remember in your prayers.....**



Please remember in your prayers John Monaghan who died earlier this month. Please pray for his family and friends, especially his wife Doris (Dot) and son Ian. John's funeral service will be held here at St Winefride's at 1pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> May followed by a burial at Neston cemetery.



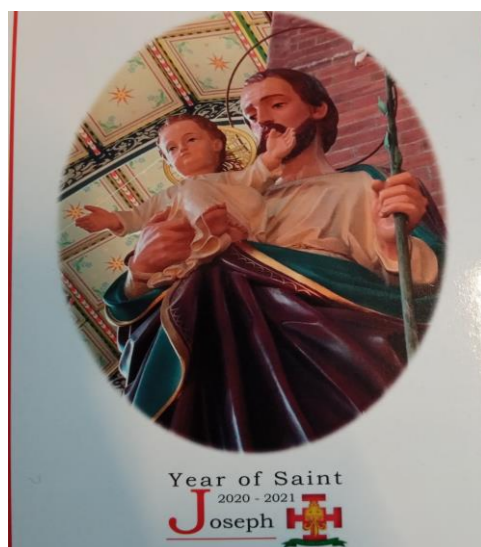
**SVP PROJECT - PLANNING APPLICATION - ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

The SVP nationally are exploring the possibility of having a centre in Birkenhead. Negotiations for the grant of the lease are ongoing and it will be necessary to make a planning application for change of use. The team who are working to get the project off the ground are seeking someone with experience of CAD who may be able to draw plans of the existing building to assist in submitting a planning application for change of use so the building can offer the provision of food and training. Anyone who could assist in drawing up the building plans please contact Rose Mullarkey on 07905 952798 or any SVP Member.



**Well the Government has announced that all is going to plan with the roadmap set out at the beginning of the year and from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> we will have yet again, more freedom.**

**I am looking forward to eating out and having a night off from cooking!! For others, it is a much needed hug with loved ones. I wanted to show you my cats who have unusually for them been hugging already. Don't worry, it is allowed as they are in the same bubble!!**



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH 2020-2021**

To mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter 'Patris Corde' in which he reflects on the life of St Joseph and his intimate role as husband to Mary and earthly father to our Lord Jesus.

The final part of Pope Francis' letter will be discussed again over Zoom this week. If you would like to be part of the prayer and reflection session, then come along **via Zoom on Thursday evening at 8.00 pm**. See front of newsletter for Zoom address and password.



Foodbank collections have been revised and will now be every fortnight. Food bank came on Thursday and are back on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**.

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.

**Most needed items are as follows; Instant noodles, instant pasta, sweets, chocolate, cup of soup, instant mash, jams and spreads, (i.e peanut butter and chocolate spread).**

**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.



### “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**.

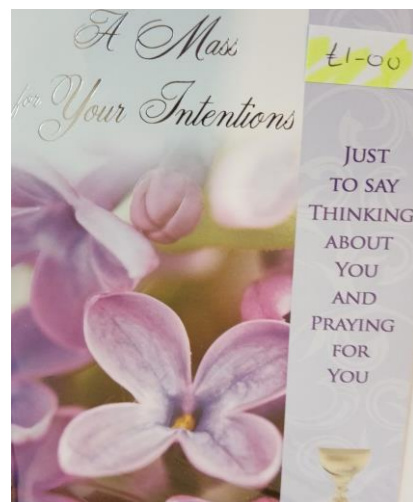
Currently the average weekly standing payments orders received are £423 and loose plate/offertory envelopes average is £242.

**If you would like to start paying contributions to the church by standing order and possibly gift aid your contributions, then please contact Jayne in the office. Thank you.**

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



Are you good with figures and have a few hours spare a week? Are you familiar with computers and would like to help the parish, especially, helping to reclaim 25% of contributions made via Gift Aid? If this is you, then please speak to Deacon Jim or Jayne in the office. Thank you.



A number of parishioners have been asking for Mass cards and I know that the card rack has limited stock at the moment. Stocking of the card rack will be looked at in due course but in the meantime, there are a range of **new Mass Intention cards and sympathy cards**. The new cards are priced at **£1.00 each**. The box for card money is on the left of the card rack.

Please mention to a Steward that you would like to look at the cards, and either come early to Mass or look after Mass when the church is empty of parishioners. Thank you.

### Neston District Churches Together

**Prayer Breakfast which is being led by Life Church Campus Pastor, Aly Field Baines.**

**NDCT Prayer Breakfast this Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8:30am (virtual doors open from 8:15am)**

Join Zoom Meeting co-hosted by Jim and Aly.

<https://zoom.us/j/3954717727?pwd=UldibWwwTzdCUW5XUU1abi96QUVuUT09>

**Meeting ID: 395 471 7727**

**Passcode: 9uDaxr**



The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we invite you to consider joining with parishes across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities.

### Prayers



Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.



The example of Mary's faith was demonstrated in her saying yes to being the Mother of Jesus. We thank you, Lord, for those who continually say yes to supporting the work of Mary's Meals through volunteering throughout the world. We ask that more people may answer the call to demonstrate their faith in action by joining our work to ensure life changing meals for so many children.



At the birth of Jesus, Mary was one of the first to welcome the shepherds, men who were considered the outcasts of society at that time. We ask you Lord to pour out your blessings on those who are outcast in their own societies. We pray especially at this time for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and Myanmar as fighting and unrest force so many to flee their homes.



Mary demonstrated her love for all and shared her faith when she presented Jesus at the temple. This example teaches us the importance of charity and having love for all humankind. We ask your blessing, Lord, on those who demonstrate the same faith and love within the Mary's Meals feeding programmes across the world. May they know the presence of Your love in their lives and continue to reflect that love to all those they meet.



At the wedding feast at Cana, Mary showed the importance of turning to Jesus in times of need, believing in his wisdom and being obedient to his word. In the same way, may we always be open to hearing the Word of God and live out our faith in service to others, in response to what Jesus asks us to do. Bless all those who work in service for the children of Mary's Meals, that they will continually live out their vocation through their little acts of love.



Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary suffered as she watched her only son dying. We bring before the Lord all those who suffer in silence in so many parts of the world. May the witness and work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices wisely to change their communities for the better.

Mary's Meals UK Headquarters: Craig Lodge, Dalnally, Argyll, Scotland, PA33 1AR | Registered charity: SC022140 | Limited company: SC265941

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW

*Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd"*

There are twelve windows in our lovely church which have beautiful stained glass. I have spoken previously about the one dedicated to Saint Charles Borromeo of whom many people seem to know little about, but there is another window which seems almost a secret for it cannot be seen from the main body of the church. It is in the corner of the sanctuary where Saint Joseph stands but it is on the wall facing the sacristy. It is an inspiring picture of the good shepherd, Jesus with his shepherd's crook, kneeling helping one of his sheep which seems to be trapped in a bush. Every day, during mass, Jesus is referred to as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world", but he is also the shepherd. As Jesus who is God, shook off his omnipotence and took on the vulnerability of man to save us, so the shepherd, the protector, became the sacrificial lamb to save his flock.

I have seen other pictures of the Good Shepherd where Jesus is shown carrying a sheep on his shoulders or cuddling one in his arms. I love those images for they remind me of photos I have of my sons carrying their children and grandchildren in like manner. They are joyful photographs which bring back memories of times long ago when I too have carried my own children like that. I have always tried to have a special relationship with each member of my family. If I can have so much love for my family, how much greater is the love that Jesus has for us. He has a special relationship with each one of us if we can only recognise it and appreciate it. He is always there for us in happy times or in sad times. When we are in difficulties and can find no way to turn, he is there to show us the way; when we fall, he is there to pick us up; when we feel we cannot carry on, he is there to carry us. We have only to put our trust in him and say to him "help me".

My grandchildren sometimes tease me and ask me who is my favourite. I always answer with a smile for I love them all, I have no favourites. God has no favourites. "Think of the love that God has lavished upon us by letting us be called God's children, for that is what we are". (letter of St. John 3:1) Every one of us is the apple of His eye no matter what colour, race, or creed. Every inhabitant of Earth is a child of God. Rich or poor we need one another. Covid 19 has surely proved that. We cannot beat the virus without the cooperation of countries throughout the world and unless the vaccine is available to all and people are educated and taught how to protect themselves. It is in the interest of rich countries to improve the conditions of those less fortunate. We must strive to bring an end to poverty not only in our own country but in the poor countries around the world. David Attenborough and others have been telling us for some time how our actions are endangering wildlife and fauna and which in turn is endangering the planet. If animals and plants are so important how much more important are people.

*O Jesus, our good shepherd, help us in all our needs.  
You alone can reconcile men and create a new spirit within them:  
End the conflicts that divide our world.  
Lord, stay always with us.*

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



**Welcome:** Today we hear how Jesus prayed for his disciples – asking God to protect them and to help them to follow his word. Let us think a bit more about this means for us today.

**Opening prayer:** Loving God, watch over us, keep us from harm and help us to follow your word and go out into the world to share it with others through our actions. Amen.

*Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Gospel: John 17:11-19*

*Dear Prime Minister,  
Are you protecting our planet?  
The eyes of the world are watching you.*



Find more resources at [cafod.org.uk/families](https://cafod.org.uk/families)

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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