

# St Winefride's RC Church

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#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday 17th January 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **				
	Saturday 6pm	3		
J	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE	CHURCH	
A	Sunday 11 am Monday 10.00 am	WORLD PEACE	CLOSED	
N	Tuesday		UNTIL	
U	Wednesday		FURTHER	
Α	Thursday		NOTICE	
R	Friday 10.00 am		DUE	
Υ	Saturday 6pm		ТО	
2021	Sunday 9.30 am Sunday 11 am	SUNDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	ILLNESS	

## 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

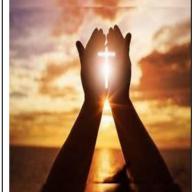
Pat Hemmington Barbara Evans

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 <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;  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.  Please note new day from this Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	SING AND PRAY
Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January, Mark 1: 14-20. It will be the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time and it is Sunday of the Word of God.  Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.	Stoly Suble
Divine Mercy Friday 3 pm	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.	
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



Fr Paul tells me he is making steady progress, but his return to church will take some time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Jayne - Parish Secretary

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **June Sands** of Romney Croft who passed away on the 28<sup>th</sup> December. The funeral service will take place this **Thursday**, 21<sup>st</sup> **January** at Landican.

June will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

**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 speak to Fr Paul or Deacon Jim.

## 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

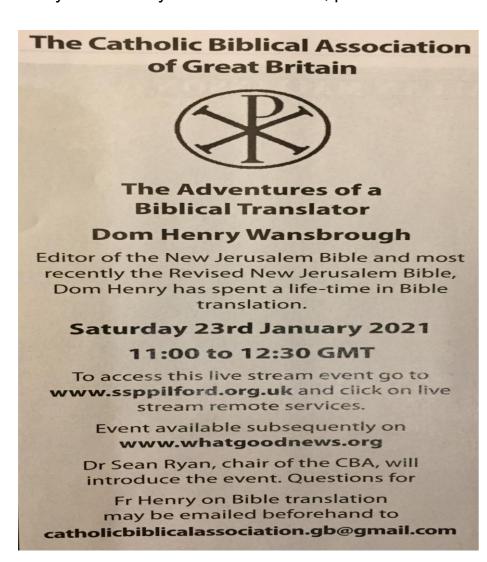
https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral

All times and details of services are available to read

Church Services TV" on Google

You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html

As part of us promoting scripture and **The Word of God** please see below details of a live stream event taking place on **Saturday 23rd January**. It starts at 11.00am. Full details are below. If you need any further information, please contact Deacon Jim.





# Prayer Resource for January: month of the Holy Name

'At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' Philippians 2:10-11

#### **Prayer:** taken from the Roman Missal

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# **Prayer of Saint Alphonsus:**

O my Jesus, thou art the Saviour who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have fallen into so many sins, because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defence, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips. Amen

# **A Short Litany:**

Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us. 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. Jesus, Son of the living God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, Splendour of the Father,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light, have mercy on us.

Jesus, King of Glory, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Sun of Justice, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.

Jesus, most powerful, have mercy on us.

Jesus, most patient, have mercy on us.

Jesus, most obedient, have mercy on us.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, God of Peace, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Author of Life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Model of Virtues, have mercy on us.

Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Refuge, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Father of the Poor, have mercy on us.

Jesus, good Shepherd, have mercy on us.

Jesus, true Light, have mercy on us.

Jesus, eternal Wisdom, have mercy on us.

Jesus, infinite Goodness, have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Way, our Truth and our Life,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, Master of the Apostles.

have mercy on us.

Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,

have mercy on us.

Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus! Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.



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

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Year of St

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# **Prayer Resource**



**Prayer:** from the Roman Missal

Grant, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's your intercession Church may constantly watch over the of unfolding the mysteries of human salvation,

beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who Head of the Holy Family, pray for us. lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

# **Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph:**

Oh Saint Joseph whose protection is so strong, so great, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain from your Divine Son for me all spiritual blessings through Christ Our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name, and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

## **Short Litany of Saint Joseph:**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

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. Noble scion of David, have mercy on us. Light of the Patriarchs, 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. Sedulous Defender of Christ, 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. Lover of poverty, pray for us. Model of all who labour, pray for us. Glory of family life, pray for us. Protector of virgins, 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. Terror of demons, pray for us. Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.

"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of Saint Joseph which he has failed to grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all..." Saint Theresa of Avila



Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share, here in the Parish Newsletter? Are you celebrating a special birthday, anniversary? Birth of a child/grandchild? Do let us know and spread the happiness! Send your good news story and a photo (only if you want) to the parish office e-mail above.

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 in at some point to print items etc. The posted newsletter will be a week behind generally.

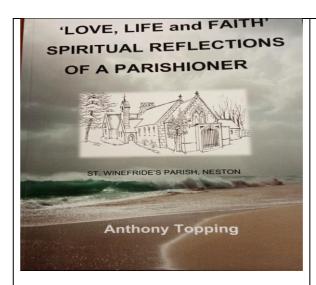
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Mass intentions, which have had to be moved as church is closed are listed below. Once church is open again, I will make sure they are put back in the diary.

\*\* Thomas Smith, Larry Duggan, 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 \*\*



"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.

ONCE CHURCH REOPENS, I WILL UPDATE YOU ON WHEN THE FOODBANK TEAM WILL START THEIR COLLECTIONS. IN THE MEANTIME YOU ARE CAN DONATE ITEMS IN SAINSBURYS NESTON WHEN YOU ARE SHOPPING, DON'T MAKE A SPECIAL JOURNEY.

## **UPDATED -15.01.21**

HOWEVER, AS THE GOVERNMENT ARE WANTING US TO STAY AT HOME, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS YOU CAN DONATE.

ONLINE, VIA TEXT, BANK TRANSFER AND ALSO BY CHEQUE.

THE LINK BELOW GIVES YOU MUCH MORE INFORMATION, SHOULD YOU WISH TO HELP.

Thank you Rona for looking into this.

https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/



**FOODBANK** - Food items they are currently high-lighting a priority for:

**Instant mash or tinned potatoes and UHT Milk** 

Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham

Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots

Pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, instant custard

Cup-a-soup, Small bottles of cordial / UHT juice

They have plenty of pasta, tea bags, rice

Foodbank try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on their website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. <a href="https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood">https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood</a>

The contact number for the Food Bank in Dutton Green, Chester is 0151 355 7730.

The office and warehouse are open Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 2.00pm

# **MESSAGES FROM YOU PARISHIONERS!!**

Joe T - May I suggest we follow Pope Francis' declaration of this year as dedicated to St Joseph and has included the prayer to him.

Dear St Joseph

You have shown love and care to the Son of God,

You looked after his mother Mary,

You worked hard for your family,

You led your family to safety,

You never questioned the will of God,

You dedicated your life to the service of God.

May we also show our dedication to the God's Son. May we honour Mary, our Holy Mother, may we work hard for our families and communities and may we

strive for justice and peace as Kingdom builders in this world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



# #NeverMoreNeeded

News wise – Neston Community Youth Centre on Burton Road is advertising a need for volunteers to organise the administration of the vaccine; anyone interested can contact them by phone or following the link below. The contact number – 0151 336 7805.

**VACCINATIONS** – It is really pleasing to hear that our over 80's in the area have had the vaccination in Neston. I know many of our parishioners who fall into the first category have had their jab along with one of my 75 year old customers. Well done NHS and the NHS partners. If you have not as yet been contacted by the NHS, just be patient, they will be in contact with you. **Please avoid calling your doctor, local hospital or council.** 

https://www.nestoncyc.org.uk/post/help-with-vaccine



New members of our daily Zoom rosary group would be especially welcome; the consistency of our daily meeting and contact with our Mother Mary has brought joy and a stronger faith for everyone in the group as well as a real fellowship at a time when distance and separation are key words.

For those among us who are unsure as to whether or not the Rosary is for them, I would say that a free trial would clarify this and may well surprise you!!! Ring Deacon Jim if unable to use the internet or tap in 252387114 and password AveMaria to join, once or more often, no hard and fast rules!

#### **Covid-19 Vaccine Text Scam Alert**

We have been informed by the Neighbourhood Watch Network about a highly believable scam which starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine and to click on the link in the text message. The user is then led to a webpage, which looks very convincing and asks them to complete some details, in order for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for:

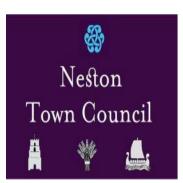
Name / Address / Date of birth / Proof of address / Card payment details

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the rollout to some many people.

For more information please see the article on the Ourwatch website: <a href="https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/fake-text-identifying-you-eligible-covid-19-vaccine">https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/fake-text-identifying-you-eligible-covid-19-vaccine</a>



For those of you who may not watch The Voice, just to let you know that Sheila's stepson Joe Topping, who performed last Saturday got through to the next round. Well done Joe and what a fantastic performance.



Neston & District Churches Together was formed to help the many Christian communities in Neston area to work more closely together. It might otherwise go unnoticed that there are so many active Churches in the district committed to Christian worship.

The purpose of the Group is to promote awareness of all the local Churches and help organise ecumenical events each year. These include a service as part of **Christian Unity Week in January.** 

The **NDCT Unity service** this year was due to be from Christ Church, Willaston but will be held online via Zoom on **Sunday 24th Jan at 6:30pm**, followed by the AGM. It should work if you just press CTRL and click on the link that says "UNITY SERVICE".

Join Zoom Meeting

<u>UNITY SERVICE</u>

TUD: 945 5730 0706 and Decease

Meeting ID: 815 5739 9706 and Passcode: 242212

January 18th to 25th is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity where in the past we have been able to meet, worship and pray together, this year we will meet online. Parkgate and Neston URC have already arranged one such meeting and the information is below,

Ann Clowes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Praise & Fellowship Zoom meeting

Time: Jan 21, 2021 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81580148443
Meeting ID: 815 8014 8443



# "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 Jayne in the office. She can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete.

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

A big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who continue to pay by standing order or those who have managed to hand in their offertory envelopes before church closed or post through the door.

Also a thank you also to those parishioners who have been giving via the Giving Page. I have just had confirmation that in December we received £320 via the Giving page.

THANK YOU

#### **Covid-19 Protection - Keeping the Message Simple**

When church is reopened, it is important that we fall in line with and act to the spirit of current government guidelines. Our primary objective as upholders of safety procedures is to minimise the potential of infection as far as is reasonably practicable. To this end we will be enforcing procedures (outlined below), these are copied directly from the government website, to which we receive daily updates.

Where possible, there will be a number of masses per week. Midweek masses are quieter and may be an acceptable alternative for you to attend.

All masses will go ahead only if there are sufficient stewards available to carry out all of the duties required of them. There may be occasions that Mass (or other service) may have to be cancelled at short notice due to lack of availability of stewards. Although disappointing we have to face the possibility of this happening.

It is expected that, should you feel unwell for any reason, that you stay away from church until you are fully recovered.

Please remember that if you are unable to come to Mass, there are a number of online Masses which you can follow, please see the church website for some examples.

Regarding face coverings;

#### Please make sure your face covering covers all of your nose and mouth at all times

If you are exempt from wearing one, you will still be expected to wear a face visor. In this case you will be placed in the transept and a socially distance of 2m will be maintained at all times, including when you go for communion or queue for any reason. There are floor markers spaced at 1m so please allow 2 markers when queuing.

## **Definitions from the Government website**

Time updated:2:20pm, 11 January 2021

Where possible, when visiting a place of worship you should stay local and avoid travelling outside your local area, meaning your village or town, or part of a city.

#### **Face Coverings**

In England, face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship.

There are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups to not wear a face covering in these settings. In particular, those who are leading permitted services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them.

#### Face visors or shields

A face visor or shield may be worn in addition to a face covering but not instead of one. This is because face visors or shields do not adequately cover the nose and mouth.

#### When you do not need to wear a face covering

In settings where face coverings are required in England there are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering.

Please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances. Some people are less able to wear face coverings, and the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- children under the age of 11 (Public Health England does not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)
- people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
- where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress
- if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate
- to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others including if it would negatively impact on your ability to exercise or participate in a strenuous activity
- police officers and other emergency workers, given that this may interfere with their ability to serve the public

## **Social distancing**

Social distancing measures are actions to reduce social interaction between people in order to minimise the opportunity for transmission of COVID-19.

All venue managers and all visitors to a place of worship must follow the law and should follow the guidance on social distancing including:

- adhering to social distancing, meaning people should be 2 metres apart or more than 1 metre apart as well as taking extra steps to stay safe (such as wearing face coverings) to reduce the risk of transmission
- for frequently used places, mark areas using floor tape or paint to help people maintain social distance
- visitors must not mingle with anyone outside of their household or support bubble when attending a place of worship

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION is this weekend, 17<sup>th</sup> January. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund">http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund</a> and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods. Unfortunately, as church is currently closed we are unable to have a collection in church.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to <a href="http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund">http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund</a>



#### BALE OF HAY!!!



With church being closed over Christmas and Fr Paul not well, unfortunately the outside nativity scene, which is normally enjoyed by all, but especially the children didn't happen. However, we do still have a big bale of hay!!

If anyone needs one, wants one, then please contact the parish office via e-mail. A donation towards church would be very welcome. The cost of the bale was around £18.00. It is ideal for bedding or food for animals such as guinea pigs or rabbits.

#### SONG OF SONGS God is love

A few years ago, when Fr Dennis was still with us, a few days before Christmas, it was my turn to read. The reading was taken from the Song of Songs. It is a beautiful reading but, in my ignorance, I thought it was one which should be read by a woman, I did not understand it and felt uncomfortable reading it myself so I read the alternative. Later that day, I met Fr Dennis in the local shop and he started to tell me off. He asked me why I had not read the correct reading for it was one of the most beautiful passages in the old testament. A few days before this Christmas, 21st December, the Winter Solstice, I tuned in for a livestream mass from St Dunstan's Woking and the reading was the same. The priest, in his homily, shed new light on it for me. He explained that in the psalm, "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you", Emmanuel means God is with you and in the Song of Songs, the one waiting for his Beloved is God and the beloved is me and you; each one of us. Although I have now read all of the text, I still cannot claim to understand it but I believe that it is a song of love. Although it is expressed in terms of a physical love between a man and a woman, I think it is much more than that; a very pure love; a perfect love. The perfect love of God for his children. I suspect that I am not the only one who finds it hard to understand and imagine that, for centuries, theologists have been putting forward their own interpretations.

God is continually calling us even when we go astray; constantly yearning for us; calling us to him; he wants us with him but, in the past, that was not possible until he became one with us. The birth of Jesus made that possible. After baptising him, John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and told two of his disciples "There is the lamb of God". The two followed him and Jesus turned to them and asked, "what do you want?" Andrew and his companion then asked "Rabbi, where do you live?". Jesus answered, "Come and see." After spending some time with him, they stayed with him. I think that they were captured by his personality but most of all by his love. So began Jesus' public ministry. When he began talking about the Father, the apostles asked him what is the Father like and Jesus told them, "If you know me you know my Father".

A year ago, we first began to hear about Covid 19. Since then, we have lived through various degrees of lockdown. During that time, I have observed the effect that it has had on people. Some have become generous to a heroic degree while others have become more selfish. So, what effect has it had on me? I hope that I have become more considerate towards others and that my attempts to stay safe have been for the sake of others rather than to protect myself. Whenever I have attended mass, I have deliberately tried to get away without socialising with others in order to follow the guidelines but that made me feel antisocial. I apologise to anyone who may feel that I was in any way discourteous. When Jesus asked Andrew and his companion, "What do you want?" I think the question is asked of all of us. The answer is, surely, to know God. John the Evangelist, in his first letter, tells us, "Let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God".

As we set forward into a new year, I will try to spend more time with Jesus in the hope that I will get to know him better and so come to know the Father.

No one has ever seen God But as long as we love one another God will live in us And his love will be complete in us

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 how Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "rock". Names are very important – we all have one and God knows all of us by our name.

God of all, you know us all by our name, and love and care for us, because we are all your children. Help us also to love and care for our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.

