



# St Winefride's RC Church

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## Lent V

18 March 2018

17 Mar	SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	6.30 pm	Parish Family
18 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Pat, Joe and Tom Ellis Special Intention
19 Mar	MONDAY	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am	Bee Greenwood
20 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Margaret Shelia Nebb
21 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Sheila Higginson
22 Mar	THURSDAY		10.00 am 7.00 pm	Pat Cummings John and Maureen O'Grady
23 Mar	FRIDAY	St Turibio of Mogrovejo Way of the Cross	10.00 am 7.00 pm	James Haines
24 Mar	SATURDAY		10.00 am	David Clay
24 Mar	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Palm Sunday	6.30 pm	Intentions of Parish SVP
25 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish Family Poplewell Family

**Weekdays:** Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

### RIP: Bridget Jones

	17 March / 18 March			24 March / 25 March		
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
<b>Readers - Readings</b>	K Ankers	R Pisarek	Joseph Family	S Davies	T McGlynn	T Topping
<b>Readers - Intercessions</b>	C Haines	Larty Family	J Tunstall	M Green	AM Millar	J Braidwood
<b>EMHC</b>	M Green D Davies K Powell	M Davies S Ety	D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping	D Davies M Branch C Haines	K Garrod K Hughes	M Slater D Pover A Cropper, D Barber
<b>Counters</b>	Brian and Fran			Collete and Marie		
<b>Cleaners</b>	L Wilkinson, C Kirshen			W Morgan, AM McLean		

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Mon:** SVP 7pm in presbytery; **Wed:** Choir 7-8pm; **Thur:** Communion Visits; **Sun:** YSVP 10am in hall  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month:** SPUC 7:30pm in hall; **3<sup>rd</sup> Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall  
**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thanks for your support!

**LENT 2018**

**Tuesdays:** 12.00pm - 1.30pm soup, sandwich and chatter in the Parish Hall. Free - all are welcome!

**Wednesdays:** Ecumenical Lent Courses "Come, Learn, Ask, Listen" Details in both porches.

**Thursdays:** Evening Mass at 7.00pm followed by open discussions in the Presbytery until 8.45pm.

**Fridays:** Way of the Cross by different groups, 7pm

**Saturdays and Sundays:** Exposition before our weekend Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during this time of Exposition.

**17/18 March:** The Sacrament of the Sick with Reconciliation available at all weekend Masses.

**HOLY WEEK 2018**

**Palm Sunday 25 March:** 2.30pm Children's' First Forgiveness (Confession). All are welcome to support the children and families and also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Chrism Mass 28 March:** 7.00pm Shrewsbury Cathedral

**Holy Thursday 29 March:** 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet. The church will remain open until 10.00pm for silent prayer.

**Good Friday 30 March:** 3.00pm with the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. 7.00pm 'Praying at the Tomb'

**Vigil Mass of Easter Saturday 31 March:** 7.00pm with the Easter Fire.

### Fr Paul Writes...

This weekend I will be offering the Sacrament of Healing at all our weekend Masses.

Our school will have an opportunity for the children and staff to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 22nd March.

**The Gate Way to Holy Week:** Next weekend we will be having a Penitential Service for us all on Sunday 25th March at 2.30pm. We will be joined by the families of our young people who are receiving this Sacrament for the first time. I promise that this service will not be very long.

**Palm Sunday:** At all our Masses next weekend we will receive a palm branch recalling Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We will greet him as we would greet an earthly sovereign. We will cry out "Hosanna to the king who comes in the name of the Lord." Yet in a few days' time we will be shouting "Crucify him, we have no king but Caesar!" How fickle and sheep like we can be. Next weekend, as you leave Mass, you will be given a Holy Week poster to place in your window. On the reverse of the Poster you will find the times of the Services, here at St Winefride's.

I would like to thank Terry Nolan for his update on safe-guarding. His words enabled all of us to have a careful understand of both the diocesan support through Andrew O'Brien and the on-going work of Terry.

With my prayers for your loved ones.

Fr Paul

### PARISH

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2018:** Wednesday 20 June at Our Lady and St John, Heswall. Preparation of candidates starts on Sunday 15th April. If you are Year 8 or above and would be interested in exploring your faith and finding out about the Sacrament of Confirmation, please give your details to Fr Paul.

**Rotas:** EMHC / Readers' rota (March to June) is available online and in the Presbytery. Church Cleaners' rota (March to September) is available online.

### GIFT AID SCHEME 2018/19:

New boxes for all using weekly envelopes are available for 2018/19 in the rear porch and are in alphabetical order.

The new yellow envelopes start on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for the new tax year. Please do **not** use them before this date.

**If you are no longer paying income tax please let Mike Jevons know as soon as possible. We must adhere to the Inland Revenue rules for operating our Gift Aid Scheme.**

If you a tax payer and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as we can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you! There is a minimum sum of £1,500 that we could potentially claim back each year. All you have 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 forms are available to download from the St Winefride's website or directly from Mike Jevons, Gift Aid Scheme Administrator (0151 336 5026).

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT... St Winefride's Primary School:

St Winefride's Primary School is very proud to announce that the Year 6 basketball team won their level 2 competition on 8th March. It was a hard fought battle in the final with both teams tied at 0-0 at full time. This meant that a tie-breaker was required which St Winefride's won 2 baskets to 1!!!

The basketball team now qualify for the Cheshire Finals which will be held in the next few weeks. This qualification means that St Winefride's have made the Cheshire Finals in 3 different sports: hockey, tag rugby and basketball. This is a phenomenal achievement for the school and the children who have taken part in the competitions. Congratulations to all the children and staff and Good Luck for the finals.

### DIOCESE

**Eucharistic Conference 'Adoremus':** The First National Eucharistic Congress in England and Wales for 110 years is being held in Liverpool, 7-9 September 2018. To participate, book through the parish as soon as possible. Details can be accessed from the link on the website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Diocesan Vacancies:** Finance Manager, Salary £40,000-£45,000. Apply by 23 March, details on the website at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies)

**Caritas:** Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic person to be their Volunteer Co-ordinator. The post is for 28 hrs per week and will you will be expected to travel extensively across the Diocese. For more information and an application pack, please contact Claire Griffiths Tel 0151 6521281 email [claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk). Application packs can be downloaded from [caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://caritasshrewsbury.org.uk)