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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th April 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **

17 April	Saturday 6pm	The Radburn family (Tasmania)	<p>Currently there are only two Masses being celebrated.</p> <p>Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am.</p> <p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass.</p>
18 April	Sunday 9.30 am	Thomas Welham	
19 April	Monday		
20 April	Tuesday		
21 April	Wednesday	Funeral Service – 9.15am Christopher Smith	
22 April	Thursday		
23 April	Friday		
24 April	Saturday 6pm	Carol Saunders	
25 April	Sunday 9.30 am	Fr Gerry Courell	

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	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>Daily Rosary</p> <p>at 9.00 am apart from Sunday</p>	<p>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;</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: AveMaria</p>	
<p>Bible study to start again this Wednesday 21st At 4.30 pm</p>	<p>This Wednesday 21st April at 4.30pm. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 25th April 2021. First reading Acts 4: 8-12, Psalm 117 and John 3: 1-2; John 10 11-18</p> <p>Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.</p>	
<p>Divine Mercy Friday 3 pm</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>Coffee Morning 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>	<p>coffee break</p>

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr Stephen Coonan



Today's gospel follows on from the return to the upper room of the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Jesus stands among everyone there and says, "Peace be with you!" He then shows them the wounds on his hands and feet. They are dumbfounded but he shows the reality of his bodily resurrection by taking a piece of grilled fish and sharing a meal with them.

Together with peace, forgiveness is one of the important gifts of the risen Christ. Jesus' appearances bring the disciples a deep experience of being forgiven. They all abandoned Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane when the soldiers came to arrest him. Peter denied him in the courtyard of the High Priest's house. The peace and forgiveness that the risen Jesus brought was a release from the shame and failure of Jesus' first followers when he most needed them. The same peace and forgiveness made them into the fearless missionaries and witnesses that they became. The experience of such love and generous forgiveness touched Peter who disowned Jesus, Thomas who doubted him and the others who ran away but whom he came to see in the upper room, when he rose. This experience of peace and forgiveness is the lasting gift of the risen Christ to his followers of every age.

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.

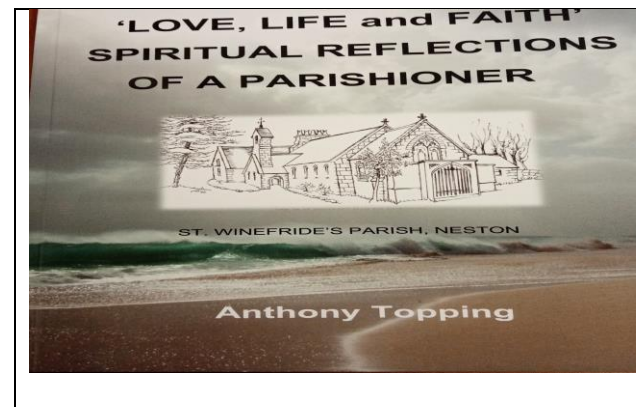
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MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

**Dr Mike Azurdia and his wife Gill Azurdia,
Frank Power, Alan Jones, Terry Saunders
Rodger Hemington, Maureen & Ron Jones
Margaret Davies, Kath Key
Alan Gauller, Michael Halley (birthday)
Harry & Marie Thelwell (anniversary)**



“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 readers rota has been updated and details are 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. Thank you. Jayne – Parish Secretary

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	17th April	18th April	NO MASS
READERS	P or A Flanagan	Joseph family	
	24th April	25th April	NO MASS
READERS	C Haines	J Tunstall	
	1st May	2nd May	NO MASS
READERS	K Ankers	R Pisarek	
	8th May	9th May	NO MASS
READERS	Mark Branch	T McGlynn	



Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am is getting very close to full capacity in respect of Covid restrictions. We would not like to have to turn anyone away and it is fantastic that numbers are continually increasing. However, to avoid not being able to attend the 9.30am on a Sunday, due to church being full, would you sometimes like to come to the Saturday evening Mass. This at present only has have half the parishioners attending, so if you are concerned about church being busy, this maybe the better Mass to attend.



Another 50th birthday!! Helen Jones and Radio Merseyside DJ turned 50 during the week. I know we have a few parishioners with the said name, but DJ Helen who has “Afternoon Show” on three days a week was also a pupil at St Winefride's during Mr Sarsons time as head teacher and then went to Chester Catholic High. Helen was baptised, received first forgiveness, made her holy communion and was later married at St Winefride's church. Helen and husband Liam no longer live in Neston but she still has family here in Neston. Her parents Mary and James are also buried in the graveyard, along with her brother John.

HAPPY 50TH HELEN

Remember in your prayers.....

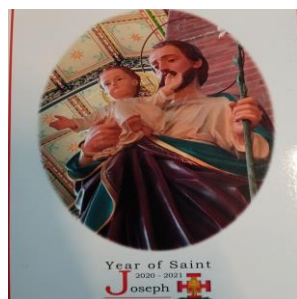


Please keep in your prayers the family of Sheila Shields who died last week. Her husband Allan, daughter Barbara and son David. Sheila was a District Nurse for most of her life, before taking on the role of training auxiliary nurses.

Sheila Shields funeral will be on Friday 30th April at 11.00am, followed by a cremation at Blacon.



Mr Mike Russell after many years of service in Planned Giving, will be leaving his post on 13th May 2021. During his years of dedicated service, Mike has been integral to the Gift Aid and Planned Giving work of the Diocese and of great support to our parishes. On behalf of the Diocese, I wish to record our gratitude and assure him of our prayers as he prepares to become the full-time carer for his mother.



It is the year of St Joseph and in the porch are Prayer Cards. Please do take a card as you leave church today. For parishioners who receive a newsletter in the post. I will forward a card to you.



Foodbank will collections are now every Thursday.

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 £228.41 and loose plate/offertory envelopes average is £175.60.

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



Gift Aid Scheme 2021/22

The **offertory envelopes** for this tax year are still available to collect. If when you come to Mass if you just let a Steward know that you want to collect your envelopes, they will then arrange to get them to you. If you have your number ready, that may speed up matters. Thank You.

Alternatively, I am in the office on a Thursday and Friday, so if you are calling up to the graveyard or passing church and want to collect from the presbytery, then the best time to call would be between 10am and 1pm or ring before to check.

In the next couple of weeks, all uncollected boxes will start to be delivered by a few helpers. Do let me know if you do not want your offertory envelopes for whatever reason.

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. If you want a standing order mandate, then just let me know.

Reflection by Tony Topping

WITH THE EYES OF FAITH

There is a beautiful stained-glass window in our lovely church which is dedicated to Saint Charles Borromeo. It was dedicated by Charles Stanley and the figure kneeling at the saint's feet is believed to be a depiction of the doner himself. I have glanced at the window countless times when attending services and knew it was Saint Charles but am ashamed to admit I knew nothing more about him nor had I ever bothered, until recently, to find out about him. However, during Lent, I received a booklet from the Catholic Truth Society called "seeing the Pandemic with the Eyes of Faith" by Father Ivano Millico who looks at the present pandemic through the eyes of a number of great saints who experienced severe physical and mental suffering caused by illness, plague and adversity. Saint Charles Borromeo was one of those saints.

Milan, in 1576, was struck by a terrible plague which spread fear throughout the city. All the city leaders, the governors, senators, nobles and wealthy merchants fled to safe refuges leaving the city leaderless. Cardinal Charles Borromeo, the Archbishop of Milan was not in the city when the plague entered it but as soon as he heard about it, he returned immediately and began attending to the sick and the dying. He organised those civil officials who still remained in the city having no place to which they could escape and began ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of his flock. He organised shelter for the sick in a large building that had been used as a leper-house. When the building became too full to be able to take more plague victims, St Charles purchased plots of land outside the town and built wooden and straw huts to shelter the plague victims. To fund it, he sold his own personal possessions and begged from other cardinals and arranged special collections across his own diocese. After gathering a scientific commission of professors and practitioners to advise him of how best to contain the infection, he published a "plague directory" and introduced policies such as "social distancing" and a "rule of eight" in his own household. He urged the people to carry out corporal works of mercy and gave permission to the clergy to administer the sacraments under all conditions. These terms have become very familiar to us in the last twelve months, but as we slowly come out of lockdown, what can we learn from our experience.

I do not believe that it is the end of the world nor that God is punishing us but he has given us an opportunity to reflect on the way we live and the world we live in. This is not the first pandemic and I think, probably not the last. There are so many problems throughout the world and our society is less than perfect. We must be prepared to change and to bring about change. Our younger generation give me hope for they are so much more aware of the need for change than we were at that age. They seem to be more determined to bring about the changes that are needed. Now when I look at the window, I will pray to Saint Charles Borromeo that he may help them and not let them be led astray by false prophets.

Saint Charles Borromeo was of course better known as being one of the most important figures of the counter-reformation in Italy and a great help to Pope Pius 1V During the Council of Trent. He was a great reformer and is patron saint of bishops, cardinals, seminarians and spiritual leaders.
Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us.

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



Welcome: We do not always understand things straight away, we need someone to teach us and to explain to us all the different things that we see in the world. Jesus teaches his disciples in today's gospel story. Let's think about how we learn today.

Opening prayer: Loving God, we give thanks for our school, our friends and our teachers, who help us when we don't understand. We pray that all children may have the chance to go to school to learn the skills that they need for the future. Amen.

Third Sunday of Easter
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



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