



## St Winefride's RC Church, Neston

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### EASTER WEEK 1

31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

30 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Vigil - Baptism: Chris Norman</i>	7.30 pm	The Parish
31 Mar	SUNDAY	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8.45 am	Int: Sr. Anthony Wilson
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45 am 12 noon	Raymond Young Ellie Grace Hinde
1 Apr	MONDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	10.00 am	Joanna Grounell
2 Apr	TUESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Brenda Hancox
3 Apr	WEDNESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Peter Hughes
4 Apr	THURSDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Pat, Joe, Tom Ellis
5 Apr	FRIDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Bill Owen
6 Apr	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Thomas Sargent
6 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Medical Missionaries of Mary
7 Apr	SUNDAY	<i>Baptism</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am 12 noon	Mary McLoughlin Louis O'Sullivan Luca Joseph Smithson
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm</b> <b>Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass</b>				

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#### From Fr Ravi,

Thank you all sincerely for your participation in our Lenten activities and for making Holy Week so special and meaningful. During this Easter season, I thank God for you, your commitment and the love with which you contribute to the good of St. Winefride's. In particular, I remember the home-bound and the sick with whom we are all united in prayer.

I have been most impressed by the dedication of the altar servers, the children who performed in the Easter Play and the directors. Similarly by the commitment of the all of our active groups; Catechists, CWL, Ministers of the Word and Communion, musicians and singers, flower girls (!), gardeners, SVP, sacristans, prayer group, newsletter editors, YSVP, newsletter 'folders', the web team, SPUC, liturgy-sheet producers, ushers and all those involved in preparing the Stations of the Cross, St. Winefride's primary school, the church cleaners and many others who contribute in gentle and silent ways; St Winefride's is proud of you!

**Easter Special:** You may have noticed the addition of a small drawer unit on the table in the back porch. You can find copies of the following forms in the labelled drawers: Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, Marriage, New Parishioner Registration Form, Book of Remembrance and Requiem Planning (also downloadable from the website). I hope you find this a convenient way of accessing these as you need them.

May the living God lead us to fullness of life and joy! Happy Easter from us all – Fr Denis, Fr Chris, Mike and Fr Ravi!

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wilkinson & Tina Davies.

**'Lenten' House Group:** 7:30pm, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Helen Jones'.

**YSVP:** Congratulations to Jordan Henshaw, Adam Warren and Jonathan Connolly who joined a number of parishioners to walk for Christian Aid. If you would like to support their work, a collection box will be available after 10.45 mass in the church hall. Thank you.

**Confirmation classes:** Every Sunday beginning from 7<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.

**SPUC Pro Life Times:** Please take one per family.

**Easter Quiz:** 7<sup>th</sup> April after 10.45 mass for young children. 50p per child with a treat for all taking part (adult supervision required). Also 'Easter Treats' raffle tickets on sale in church hall after mass today, draw will take place today after teas.

#### EASTER SUNDAY HYMNS

##### ENTRANCE HYMN

##### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today;  
Christians, haste your vows to pay;  
Offer ye your praises meet  
At the Paschal Victim's feet.  
For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,  
Sinless in the sinner's stead;  
Christ is ris'n on high;  
Now He lives no more to die.

Christ, the Victim undefiled,  
all to God hath reconciled;  
When in strange and awful strife  
Met together Death and Life:  
Christians, on this happy day  
Haste with joy your vows to pay;  
Christ is risen, today we cry;  
Now He lives no more to die.

Say, O wond'ring Mary, say  
what thou sawest on thy way.  
I beheld, where Christ had lain,  
empty tomb and angels twain,  
I beheld the glory bright  
of the rising Lord of light;  
Christ my hope is ris'n again;  
now he lives, and lives to reign

Christ, who once for sinners bled,  
Now the first-born from the dead,  
Throned in endless might and  
power,  
Lives and reigns forevermore.  
Hail, eternal Hope on high!  
Hail, Thou King of victory!  
Hail, Thou Prince of life adored!  
Help and save us, gracious Lord.

##### OFFERTORY HYMN

##### In Bread We Bring You, Lord

In bread we bring you, Lord, our  
bodies' labour.  
In wine we offer you our spirit's  
grief.  
We do not ask you, Lord, who is  
my neighbour?  
but stand united now, one in  
belief.  
Oh we have gladly heard your  
Word, your holy Word,  
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts  
we bring.  
Our selfish hearts make true, our  
failing faith renew,  
our lives belong to you, our Lord  
and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed  
and broken,  
and it becomes for us our spirit's  
food.

Over the cup we bring your Word  
is spoken;  
make it your gift to us, your  
healing blood.  
Take all that daily toil plants in our  
heart's poor soil,  
take all we start and spoil, each  
hopeful dream,  
the chances we have missed, the  
graces we resist,  
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and  
redeem.

##### COMMUNION HYMN

##### My Son is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take, frail flesh  
and die?

He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed for Christ would know:  
But O! my Friend, my Friend  
indeed,  
Who at my need His life did  
spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King:  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
And for His death they thirst and  
cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight,  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease, and 'gainst  
Him rise.

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they saved,  
The Prince of life they slay,  
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,  
That He His foes from thence  
might free.

In life, no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heaven was His  
home;  
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King!  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet  
praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

##### Be Still and Know I am with you

Be still, and know I am with you,  
Be still, I am the Lord.  
I will not leave you orphans.  
I leave you with my world. Be  
one.

You fear the light may be fading,  
You fear to lose your way.  
Be still, and know I am near you.  
I'll lead you to the day and the  
sun.

Be glad the day you have sorrow.  
Be glad, for then you live.  
The stars shine only in darkness,  
and in your need I give my peace.

##### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen,  
conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er  
death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the  
stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen  
conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er  
death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the  
tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters  
fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness,  
hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord is living, death hath  
lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious  
Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee; aid us  
in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to  
thy home above.



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### HOLY WEEK

24<sup>th</sup> March 2013

23 Mar	SATURDAY	Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)	6.30 pm	The Parish
24 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
			10.45 am	Pat Hancock
25 Mar	MONDAY		9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
26 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Belcher
27 Mar	WEDNESDAY	School Mass St Michael's & All Angels Woodchurch	9.00 am 9.10am 7.00pm	Nickson & Chambers families For St. Winefride's School Mass of Chrism
28 Mar	THURSDAY	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at the Altar of Repose	7.30pm Till midnight	The Parish
29 Mar	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Collection: Holy Places	10.00 am 3.00pm	
30 Mar	SATURDAY	Holy Saturday The Sacraments are not celebrated today		
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#### From Fr Ravi - Blessed Are You...

We sincerely thank Bishop Brian Noble for leading our Lenten Renewal programme (18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March) with his beautiful and profound meditations on the Beatitudes "Blessed are you..." He selected four of the beatitudes to reflect on:

- Blessed are the Poor in Spirit – on our own propensity to cling onto possessions and talents but in sharing them we become Eucharistic (thankful) in our lives
- Blessed are those who mourn – dealing with bereavement as not just with the loss of someone but also loss of our own faculties; also bereavement in a wider context of mourning the evil that exists within the world and God's constant forgiveness and love for us
- Blessed are the pure in heart – with the heart as being not merely the seat of emotions but as the essence of us in totality and to make it pure it by means of prayer and conversion
- Blessed are the peacemakers – we are called to embody the peace that is Christ by service and self giving and how our community could be a beacon of that peace.

Many thanks to those who came from Heswall and Pensby as well as to our priests in the LPA – Frs Terry Boylan and Pat O'Brien. Besides our own Frs Denis and Chris, we were also blessed with the presence of Canon John Marmion and Canon Brendan Hoban who helped in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To paraphrase one of Bishop Brian's quotes: *When you don't love and forgive, you die; but if you love and forgive, you are crucified!* May these holy days deepen our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love! God bless.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St Winefride's Play:** Kingdom of Heaven, our Easter play will be performed by children of St Winefride's parish on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday) at 7pm in church. Refreshments available afterwards. Please do come and support them!

**Altar Servers' Training:** In order to prepare our Altar servers for the liturgical celebrations during the Holy Week, there will be a special meeting for them on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in Church. They are already doing a fabulous service to our community every weekend as we appreciate their generous commitment.

**Confirmation Preparation:** As announced earlier, Confirmations this year in our LPA will be celebrated in Our Lady and St John, Heswall on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The preparation for the sacrament would be held *every Sunday evening in our parish hall at 6pm beginning from 7<sup>th</sup> April*. I encourage all those who have presented their applications to kindly participate actively in these preparatory sessions.

**Ministers of Communion:** For anyone who wishes to become a minister of Communion there are two preparation meetings on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> "Understanding our call as Ministers" and May 4<sup>th</sup> "Living Eucharistically". Both meetings start with mass at 9:00am and will end at 11:00am. Could those who have already volunteered please confirm their attendance. If you would like to join please contact Joe Tunstall 336 1261 joe.tunstall@uwclub.net. The induction will be held on the feast of Corpus Christi. The existing ministers will renew their commitment on Maundy Thursday.

**Stations of the Cross:** We are grateful to all the groups – and Catechists and the SVP who conducted in the recent past – for helping our parish community in meditating on the Stations of the Cross throughout the Season of Lent. Their active participation and the beautiful reflections they offered have been sincerely appreciated by all who attended.

**LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension):** Study Theology in Praxis MA or Certificate. If you would like to be part of the new study group please contact LIMEX Liaison, Cecilia Allan, ceciliaallan@aol.com 0161 439 3573. Information evening: Holy Name Church, 60 Beresford Road, Oxton, Prenton, Wirral CH43 2JD at 7:30pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### HOLY WEEK

After a meaningful Lenten season, we now enter into the Holy week, celebrating the mystery of Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, grateful for the salvation won for us on the cross.

**Passion (Palm) Sunday:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 6.30pm, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 8.45am & 10.45am.  
**Monday and Tuesday** (25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March):  
 First Forgiveness – after 9:00 am mass.  
**Wednesday** 27<sup>th</sup> March: 9:00am mass (church), 9.10am Mass (school), 7pm Chrism Mass (St Michael & All Angels', Woodchurch).  
**Maundy Thursday** 28<sup>th</sup> March: Evening Mass of the Lord's Passion, 7.30pm - Mgr. Chris Lightbound.

*Adoration at the Altar of Repose till midnight*  
**Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> March: 10:00am Stations of the Cross – Canon Brendan Hoban; 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion– Fr. Denis Marmion – Day of Fasting and Abstinence.  
**Holy Saturday:** The Church waits at the Lord's Tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The Sacraments are not celebrated today. It is recommended that the day be kept as a day of Fasting and Abstinence.  
**Easter Vigil** 30<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday 7.30pm – Fr. Ravi Bosco; Baptism – Christopher Norman  
**Easter Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> March Mass 08.45am & 10.45am; Baptism – Ellie Grace Hinde.

### PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris

**Prayer Petitions:** If anyone would like to have prayers said at Walsingham for special intentions, please speak to Fr Denis and provide the prayer in writing.

### OTHER

**New Apologists:** Course arranged by Catholic Voices at Hawkestone Hall over three weekends: Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>; Oct 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>; Nov 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. For more information <http://www.catholicvoices.org.uk>

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We know that every effort to better society especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us.

Oscar Romero,  
 martyred archbishop  
 of El Salvador  
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### LENT Week V

17th March 2013

16 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	Bill Owen
17 Mar	SUNDAY	<i>Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45 am 12 noon	Johnnie Geron Louie David Pealing
18 Mar	MONDAY	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	9.00 am	Intention: Patrico Finneran
19 Mar	TUESDAY	<i>St Joseph: Pope Francis' inaugural mass</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
20 Mar	WEDNESDAY	<i>Diocesan prayer for our Holy Father</i>	9.00 am	For Pope Francis
21 Mar	THURSDAY	<i>St Winefride's School Yr 6 at Mass</i>	9.00 am	Joan McIntosh
22 Mar	FRIDAY	<i>Stations of the Cross: SVP; Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	Paul Hogan
23 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>St Toribio de Mogrovejo; Sacrament of Reconciliation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children</i>	9.00 am	TG: Mary Henesy
23 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
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#### From Fr Ravi

#### Pope Francis: Charity and Clarity

We at St Winefride's, Neston along with Catholics all over the world thank God for blessing us with Pope Francis as we pray that our Holy Father be filled with wisdom and courage to lead the People of God towards renewal, peace and joy in the Lord.

The image of the newly elected Pope bowing in prayer asking for people's blessings signals not only his humility and simplicity but his approach to leadership ministry in the Church – a breath of fresh air! On the night of his election, at supper, he responded to a toast from the Cardinals by saying 'May God forgive you for what you have done' and took the bus along with them to their residence. He appeared on the balcony of St Peter's wearing just the white papal zucchetto and cassock with the simple pectoral cross he has worn as bishop. He has requested the people of Argentina not to spend money in travelling to Rome, but instead to share that money with the poor. Well, it was that wandering mendicant whose name our Holy Father has taken who said, "Proclaim the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

Personally, I like his choice of name, reminding the world of that beloved saint from Assisi! No wonder, world peace, justice and ecological concerns – so central to the Gospel and our faith – will be the renewed focus of Church's life and mission. In a 2012 interview with the Italian newspaper La Stampa, the then Cardinal Bergoglio spoke of his desire to broaden the church's reach and increase its involvement in the world: "We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a church that is wrapped up in its own world...if the church stays wrapped up in itself, it will age."

God bless Pope Francis...Viva il Papa!!

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy St Patrick's Day:** "Go mbeannai Dia duit"

**Bishop Brian at St Winefride's:** As part of our Lenten renewal programme in the LPA, Bishop Brian will be at St Winefride's, offering reflections on the Beatitudes for four days, from Monday, 18th March to Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm. The programme is entitled 'Blessed Are You...' and priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each session. May this be a time of grace and renewal for all of us.

**Holy Week:** The time-table for activities in the Holy week is displayed on our noticeboards and on the Parish Website. We have our regular masses on Palm Sunday (Sat 6.30pm, Sun 8.45 and 10.45) and on Easter Sunday (8.45am and 10.45am). The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday is at 7.30pm, the Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10am, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, the Easter Vigil at 7.30pm on Saturday. Many have been involved in preparing our Liturgy, singing, flowers, decorations, booklets etc and we look forward to a meaningful celebration of God's love during the most important days of the liturgical year.

**Ministers of Word and Communion:** Those who would like to commit themselves to these ministries are most welcome. The existing extraordinary Ministers of Communion will renew their commitment on Maundy Thursday while the new Ministers will be inducted on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in June after due preparation and discernment.

**Year of Faith:** We thank Mrs. Cecilia Allan for her reflection on the role of the laity in the Church in the light of the teachings of Vatican II documents. We look forward to listening to people at all levels in the Church to deepen our faith and to focus our mission in today's world. Thank you Cecilia for challenging us to experience the Church as the people of God, here and now.

**First Communion:** We thank all our Catechists and teachers involved in preparing our children for First Communion and for helping the parish community with their regular attendance at weekend masses and for the special liturgies we have once a month. It is a joy to see our children grow in faith.

### GIFT AID SCHEME 2013 /14

Weekly envelopes are available for 2013/14 from the rear porch. The new blue envelopes start on Sunday 7th April 2013 i.e. the new tax year, so please do not use them before this date.

If you a tax payer and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. We can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you. Currently we estimate that we lose at least £1,500 per annum. To join please sign the Gift Aid form declaring you are a taxpayer and then decide whether to donate by a bank standing order (Standing Order form) or by weekly envelopes. The required forms are available on the website or directly from Mike Jevons, Scheme Administrator (0151 336-5026). If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mike. Thank you.

### PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wood and Fran Byrne

**Easter Play Rehearsals:** Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March 4:30 pm *in church* for all; Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March 1:30 in church - *dress rehearsal*. Performance at 7pm. Please come and support the children of the parish as they perform their Easter Play. Refreshments will be available after the performance in the Parish Centre.

### NESTON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

**NDCT Lenten Lunch:** For food, fellowship and prayer. 20<sup>th</sup> March St Nicholas, Burton at 12:00.

**Lenten Group:** The next St Winefride's House Group meeting is on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Helen Jones'. We have been using "Abiding" by Ben Quash as our discussion text dealing with various forms of "being with" ranging from abiding in body and mind to abiding in care. The tension between stability and change in our lives will be explored further in the final two discussions after Easter.

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**Welcome Pope Francis!**







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### LENT Week IV

10th March 2013

09 Mar	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Margaret Webb
		<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>		
10 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Antony Beirne
11 Mar	MONDAY		9.00 am	Int: Margaret & Kevin Meengla
12 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Don Miller
13 Mar	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Health: Gladys Moreton
14 Mar	THURSDAY	<i>St Winefride's School Yr 3 at Mass</i>	9.00 am	Sp Int: N. Mulligan
15 Mar	FRIDAY	<i>Stations of the Cross: Catechists - Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	TG: Joan Bartley
16 Mar	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Health: Tunstall Family
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**RIP:** Teresa Brazzill

#### From Fr Ravi

As the Conclave to choose the new Pope is set to begin on Tuesday, 12th March, I present to you some historical information regarding papal elections from Ambrogio Piazzoni, Vice Prefect of the Vatican Library. You may find them interesting!

On the age of the pope at election:

- Three popes were under the age of 25. The last was Pope Gregory V, who was 24 when elected in 996.
- Seven were between 25 and 40 years old. The last was Pope Leo X, who was 37 in 1513.
- Eleven were between 41 and 50. The last was Pope Clement VII, who was elected in 1523 at the age of 44.
- 24 popes were in their 50s. The most recent was Blessed John Paul II, who was 58 years old when he began his papal ministry in 1978.
- 37 were between 61 and 70 years old. The last was Pope John Paul I, who was 65 when he began his 33-day papacy in 1978.
- Only three popes were over 80 when elected. The last, chosen by cardinals in 1406, was Pope Gregory XII. He was 81.

A list of 'lasts':

- The last pope who was not a cardinal yet when elected was Pope Urban VI in 1378.
- The last who was not even a priest yet was Pope Leo X.
- The last African was Pope Gelasius, elected in 492..
- The last Frenchman elected was Pope Gregory XI, in 1370.
- The last Greek was Pope Zachary in 741.
- The last Englishman was Pope Adrian IV in 1154.
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May God continue to bless and guide the Church we all love so very much!

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:** We wish all our mothers a joyful day as we appreciate all they have done for us.

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**Bishop Brian at St Winefride's:** As part of our Lenten renewal programme in the LPA, Bishop Brian Noble will be at St Winefride's, offering reflections on the Beatitudes for four days, from Monday, 18th March to Thursday 21st March, at 7.30pm. The talks programme is entitled 'Blessed Are You...' and priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each session. May this be a time of grace and renewal for all of us.

**Stations of the Cross:** The great interest shown by different groups in conducting the Way of the Cross has been truly amazing. Many of them compiled their own prayers and inspired many who attended with their meaningful reflections. I am grateful to SPUC, CWL, Ministers of the Word and Communion, Prayer Group and Mike Topping for their cooperation. A special word of thanks to Year 3 children of Winefride's primary school and their teachers for leading us in prayer last Friday with their beautiful presentation and tableau.

**Theme for Lent 2013:** The theme for this year, 'By His wounds, we have been healed' (1 Peter 2:24) has been prominently displayed in our Church thanks to the artistic genius of Joe Tunstall. You are most welcome to write short poems/reflections based on this theme which may be read as post-communion reflections during weekday masses.

**Ministers of the Word:** Additional Ministers of the Word needed to read in our Holy Week services, from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Please ring Joe Tunstall on 336 1261 if you can help.

**Ministers of Communion:** For anyone interested in becoming a Minister of Communion there is a meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March in church at 6:30pm. Any Minister of the Word who also wishes to become a Minister of Communion would be most welcome.

## PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Brian and Veronica Casey

**Bible Study:** The next meeting will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm at 2 Allans Meadow. Please prepare Chapter 6.

**SPUC:** Next meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall SPUC AGM with Guest Speaker Mr John Smeaton, SPUC National Director. All are welcome to both these meetings.

**CWL Meeting:** Please note change of date! Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be from the 'Special Olympics'. All are welcome.

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### LENT Week III

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	John O'Keefe
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	SUNDAY	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Robert Casey
4 <sup>th</sup> March	MONDAY	<i>St Casimir</i>	9.00 am	Health: Linda Riley
5 <sup>th</sup> March	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Bill Owen
6 <sup>th</sup> March	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
7 <sup>th</sup> March	THURSDAY	<i>Ss. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i> <i>St Winefride's School Yr 4 &amp; 5 at Mass</i>	9.00 am	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding: Val – Mick Clower
8 <sup>th</sup> March	FRIDAY	<i>St. John of God</i> <i>Stations of the Cross: St Winefride's</i> <i>School Yr 3 - Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	Health: Mary Henesy
9 <sup>th</sup> March	SATURDAY	<i>St Frances of Rome</i>	9.00 am	David Stringer – Clare Pentall
			12 noon	Natasha Sophie Elizabeth
		<i>Baptism</i>		
9 <sup>th</sup> March	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	Margaret Webb
10 <sup>th</sup> March	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Antony Beirne
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RIP: Teresa Brazzill

#### From Fr Ravi

The final moving tweet from Pope Emeritus Benedict "Thank you for your love and support. May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the centre of your lives." We also pray that we are guided by the Holy Spirit in these weeks as the needs of today's Church are discerned.

During this time the coat of arms of the Holy See also changes. Instead of the papal tiara over the keys, the tiara is replaced with the umbrella. This symbolizes both the lack of a Pope and also the governance of the *Camerlengo* over the temporalities of the Holy See.

We thank Deacon Les Arch for coming to speak to us at Monday mass last week to explain his Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry (see message below). He is looking for support in carrying out this important work. I hope if you are able to spare a few hours you will consider this beautiful ministry of service to our sick. God Bless.

#### Have you just retired from work or just have a few hours to spare one day a week? Are you a good listener and sympathetic?

I am looking for volunteers to become part of the Catholic part of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team. The team serves the Wirral University Teaching Hospital Trust at Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral Women & Children's Unit, Clatterbridge General Hospital, Springview Psychiatric Unit, The Clatterbridge Cancer Care Centre and St John's Hospice.

Volunteers visit the wards spending time talking with patients and when invited to do so, pray with them, as well as identifying those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist or would like to speak with the Chaplain. The current groups of volunteers at the hospitals find this a rewarding and privileged ministry. So if you have the time to spare (usually two hours) and think that you might be suitable to be part of such a ministry then please get in touch to find out more about chaplaincy in the hospitals. Please leave your details on the following dedicated mobile number and I will get back in touch with you. **0777 193 7518**

Deacon Les Arch, Roman Catholic Chaplain

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptism Preparation Course:** We thank our Baptismal coordinators Micheline Johnson and Tony Topping along with the parents and godparents who attended. We continue to support them in prayer as they join the wider Christian community here at St Winefride's.

**First Communion:** As announced earlier, there will be a session for parents and children on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at St Winefride's Primary School and their next special mass will be on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am. Meanwhile, I request those parents involved, to continue to attend regular weekend masses with their children - it is another good way to help educate your children in the practice of our faith.

**Confirmation:** The preparation for Confirmation will be at Our Lady and St John's, Heswall, will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

**Marriage Preparation Programme:** Our Marriage Coordinators Pam Nicholson, Sue & Barry Lyonette and Karl Ankers conducted a session on 'Communication' as part of their efforts to help young couples to grow in meaningful relationship and life long commitment. We look forward to their sustained help in fostering a Christian understanding of marriage as we appreciate them and all who participated in the programme.

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**CWL:** Next month's committee meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**SPUC:** Are there any young people in our parish (aged from 16 to 35) interested going to this year's Pro Life Youth Conference. It takes place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March in Swanwick in Derbyshire. All expenses will be paid. See flyer on the notice board or contact Margaret on 336 2050 for more information.

**Newsletter:** Please note new email for all newsletter items [newsletter@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stwinefridesneston.org.uk) Many thanks to all email announcements coming in. It has made the editing task much quicker!

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### OTHER

**St Winefride's Catholic Primary School: 200 Club Winners** January 2013: 178 Mr Phil Williams £50.00; 52 Therese Jones £50.00

**Expedition Borneo** presents a Ceilidh on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm at Neston Civic Hall. Tickets- £5 adult £3 child £12 family bar, raffle, food. This event is being organised by one of our parishes youth SVP members who is going on an expedition to Borneo for a month with Chester Catholic High school, to live with the local tribes people and educate children. For tickets contact Connor 0151 336 7492

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## LENT Week II

24th February 2013

23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	SATURDAY	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Family Fast Day</i>	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Nora & Patrick Wool
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	MONDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Intention: Mary Henesy & Family
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	THURSDAY		9.00 am	For Pope Benedict
1 <sup>st</sup> March	FRIDAY	<i>St. David – Women's World Day of Prayer</i> <i>Stations of the Cross – Readers &amp; Euch.</i> <i>Ministers - Friday Abstinence -</i> <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am	Margaret Sheila & Edward Lawson Webb
			1.30 pm	Bill Owen
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Pauline McCrean
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	John O'Keefe
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### From Fr Ravi.

We shall remember Pope Benedict in a special way in our Eucharist on Thursday 28th Feb, the last day of his pastoral leadership ministry in the Church and thank God for the gentleness and theological depth he showed in serving God and humanity for so many years. At 7.00 pm that day Bishop Mark will lead a diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI at Holy Angels, Hale Barns. At the end of Mass at Holy Angels, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament inviting silent prayer and intercession for the Church and for the choice of his successor in the See of St Peter.

I have not read all of Pope Benedict's theological works but you will find the three encyclicals that he wrote - the first on the theological virtue of love, the second on the theological virtue of hope and the third on charity and truth - very interesting to read: relevant, simple and profound. He invited the Church to be Christ-centred and to experience God's presence in history through worship and service. An appreciation of the Church's cultural traditions and treasures helped him in his spiritual journey.

I am sure Pope Benedict's ministry has been read about, heard about and discussed by many of you as have the predictions about his possible successor. In and through all of this, we come to the beautiful realisation that the Church belongs to God and is always called to be a servant and sign of God's love in the world.

May God bless us all.

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**Women's World Day of Prayer:** on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Speakers Rev Hilary Bell (URC) at 2:00 pm at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Burton; Fr Ravi Bosco at 7:30pm Willaston Methodist Church.

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## LENT Week I

17th February 2013

16 Feb	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	TG: Dot Davies
17 Feb	SUNDAY	<i>First Sunday in Lent Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish Int: Teresa Brazzill
18 Feb	MONDAY		9.00 am	Sp.intention: N. Mulligan
19 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Tom Sellers
20 Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Mary & Christie Tomas
21 Feb	THURSDAY	<i>St. Peter Damian Day of Prayer for needy and hungry of the world – Family Fast day I</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
22 Feb	FRIDAY	<i>The Chair of St Peter – Bishop Mark's Episcopal ordination anniversary Stations of the Cross – CWL Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	Ian Murphy
23 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>St. Polycarp</i>	9.00 am	Norman Perryman
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### Bishop Mark on Pope's decision to renounce ministry

We all received the news of Pope Benedict's decision to "renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of St Peter" with great sadness. It is a moment when we feel a certain sense of bereavement in the family of the Church. However, Pope Benedict XVI is a great teacher of the faith and he teaches us no less by making this brave decision than by the eight years as our Holy Father. Pope Benedict reminds us that the place and ministry of Peter always continues in the life of the Church by the continuous line of the Bishops of Rome, one pope going and another pope following, as the years go by. St Peter's chair is never to be left empty, his office, his ministry will continue until the end of time.

Pope Benedict tells us that "having repeatedly examined his conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry" and so will stand aside on the last day of this month, "renouncing the ministry of the Bishop of Rome, Successor of St Peter, entrusted to me," in order that a new Pope can be elected and the ministry of Peter should continue. The Holy Father realises that the office of Peter does not belong to him, but has been entrusted for a time, before being passed on to his successor. Pope Benedict indicates that he renounces his office as pope in the light of his declining strength in mind and body and so for the sake of the Church and the effective continuance of the Petrine ministry amidst the many challenges of these times.

How gratefully we will remember the eight years of Pope Benedict's service of the Church as our Holy Father. We think of the way he courageously responded to this call when already an elderly man, the enduring legacy of his teaching by which he confirmed us in faith and the unforgettable days of his apostolic visit to our country which gave new heart to us all. Let us pray now for Pope Benedict as he continues his service of the Church by a life devoted to prayer and pray very much for the coming conclave and for his successor who will continue the ministry of Peter for us as our Holy Father the Pope.

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**Catechists:** We are grateful to the following volunteers who have generously agreed to help in meaningful preparation and celebration of sacraments. They look forward to welcoming more volunteers to help in these ministries - **Baptism:** Micheline Johnson, Tony Topping  
**First Communion:** Edith O'Sullivan, Sue & Barry Lyonette, Tony Topping  
**Confirmation:** Micheline Johnson and Dee Roberts  
**Marriage Preparation:** Mike Topping, Karl Ankers, Sue & Barry Lyonette  
**Christian Funeral Help:** Sue & Barry Lyonette to work in partnership with the existing Bereavement group  
**Priest's Friday Communion Visits:** Tony Topping

## PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris.

**Fr Denis Bible Study Group:** the next meeting (Session 4) will be on Wed February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. 2 Allans Meadow.

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**CWL Monthly Meeting:** We are very lucky to have a flower demonstration given by Pat Woods, entitled the Western Isles of Scotland. It is sure to be a fun and interesting evening. All welcome. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm in the church hall.

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**Eucharistic and Reading Ministers;** Meeting in the church hall for our Easter preparations and faith exploration: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.45pm - 7.30pm. Any questions please phone Joe Tunstall on 336 1261 or email joe.tunstall@uwclub.net

**Website:** for Lent we have added a new section to the site which includes Stations of the Cross, all Lent and Easter services and other Lent materials and information. There are also links regarding Pope Benedict's resignation on the home page which you may find useful.

## NESTON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

**NDCT Lenten Lunch:** St Winefride's Church Hall, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 12.30pm. Please come and give us your support. Neston Parish Church: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 12:30 (after Stations).

**Ecumenical Lenten House Groups:** If you wish to participate in any weekly groups please see posters in church porch or website for location and contact numbers or contact Barbara Rivers on 336 2972 barbara.rivers@virgin.net  
 URC: Mon (18th Feb) 10.30 am; Neston Parish: Tues (19th) 7:30 pm and Thurs (21st) 7:30 pm; Little Neston Methodist: Thurs (21st) 2pm (LNM Church) and Weds (20th) 7:30pm 'Sava', Bull Hill, 7:30pm; St Winefride's: Thurs (21st) 7:30 pm.

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 5

10<sup>th</sup> February 2013

9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the unemployed	6.30 pm	The Parish
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Catholic Education Services	8.45 am	90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday: Sr Antony Wilson
			10.45 am	Dillon Family
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	MONDAY	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.00 am	Int: Jimmy Attracta & Finneran
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday – Fasting & Abstinence  School	7.30am 9.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	The Parish Anne O'Brien For St Winefride's School Health: Sr Maura MM
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	THURSDAY	SS Cyril & Methodius	9.00 am	Fr Gerry Courell
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – SPUC Friday Abstinence	9.00 am	Helen Flooks
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Nat Ruane
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SATURDAY	Next Weekend First Sunday in Lent	6.30 pm	TG: Dot Davies
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SUNDAY	Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Int: Teresa Brazzill
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm <b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00am; Morning Prayer 8:40am; Rosary following 9.00am Mass				

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**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wood, Fran Byrne

**YSVP:** 'Big Breakfast' in the church hall after 10.45 Mass for toast, crepes etc. Proceeds to 'Crossroads for Carers' & their work with the CAMEO group in Neston.

**Music Rehearsals next weekend:** Easter play 6pm Saturday in church hall, Psalm cantors after 6.30pm Mass Saturday in church, Learning to sing parts of the Mass before 10.45am Mass Sunday.

**CWL Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the church hall.

**Shrove Tuesday Betty Neale's 'Pancake Bonanza':** 12<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am-1.00pm at 56, Breezehill Road, Neston. Bring & Buy, Raffle – in aid of the Glasgow Midwives Appeal.

**SPUC:** Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in the church hall. Thanks to all who supported our coffee morning - £125.43 raised to sponsor a young person at this year's youth & student conference. White Flower appeal this year raised £546.45.

**Ushers/Collectors:** Meeting in church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 9.45am to discuss the progression to receiving Communion under both kinds.

**Ecumenical Lenten House Groups:** Full details in church porch – please call numbers indicated if you wish to participate or contact Barbara Rivers on 336 2972 barbara.rivers@virgin.net. St Winefride's meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm at 11 Manor Close, Parkgate, Helen Jones 353 0256.

**Charity ball:** The Mayor of Neston Cllr Pat Hughes invites parishioners to join him at a charity ball at Neston Cricket Club on 10th May. Proceeds are in aid of local prostate and breast cancer charities. Tickets are £35 per head from 336 4749 or [pat.marie@virgin.net](mailto:pat.marie@virgin.net)

**Perpetual Adoration:** at Our Lady and St John's, every Wednesday from 9.30am - 8.30pm starting on Wednesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**Ceilidh** (in aid of expedition Borneo) at Neston Civic Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm tickets £5 or £12 for a family on sale after mass or Connor on 336 7492.

**St Winefride's Gift Aid Scheme Current Tax Year 2012/2013:** If any member of the scheme is no longer a tax payer please contact Mike Jevons (336 5026) as soon as possible.

## LITURGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES IN LENT 2013

(excluding regular weekday and Sunday Masses)

Wed 13 Feb	Ash Wednesday	7.30 am, 9:00 am 10:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass (church) Mass (school) Mass (church)
Fri 15 Feb	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	SPUC Mike Topping and others
Fri 22 Feb	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	CWL Mike Topping and others
Fri 1 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Mike Topping and others
Fri 08 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	St Winefride's School Yr 3 Mike Topping and others
Fri 15 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	Catechists Mike Topping and others
Mon 18 Mar- Thu 21 Mar	'Blessed Are You...' Bishop Brian Noble on the Beatitudes	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Priests available on all 4days for Sacrament of Reconciliation
Fri 22 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00 am Mass 7:30 pm	SVP Mike Topping and others
Sun 24 Mar	Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) The Kingdom of Heaven'	7:00 pm	A play by the young people of St Winefride's (Parish Centre)
Mon 25 Mar- Wed 27 Mar	Holy Week	After 9:00 am Mass	Priests available for Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wed 27 Mar	Mass	9:00 am (church)	
	Mass	9:10 am (school)	
Thu 28 Mar	Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at the Altar of Repose	7:30 pm Until Midnight	Mgr Chris Lightbound Parish Centre
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Canon Brendan Hoban Fr Denis Marmion
Sat 30 Mar	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	7:30 pm	Fr Ravi Bosco
Sun 31 Mar	Easter Sunday Mass Mass	8:45 am 10:45 am	
Mon 1 Apr	Mass	10:00 am	
<b>OTHER SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES IN LENT:</b>			
Thu 14 Feb	Year of Faith – Vatican II Talk: Fr. David Long Small Christian Communities, 7.30pm		
Wed 20 Feb	NDCT Lenten Lunch at Parish Centre, 12.30pm		
Thu 21 Feb	NDCT weekly Lenten House Group begins		
Sat 2 Mar	Baptism Preparation Course, 10:00 -11:00am		
Sat 2 Mar	Marriage Preparation Course, 10:00 am – 12noon		
Thu 7 Mar	Year 6 children from St Winefride's attend Parish Mass		
Thu 14 Mar	Year 4 & 5 children from St Winefride's attend Parish Mass		
Thu 14 Mar	Year of Faith – Vatican II Talk: Mrs Cecilia Allen 'The Laity in/and the Church', 7.30pm		
Thu 21 Mar	Year 3 children from St Winefride's attend Parish Mass		

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 4

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013

2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	John & Barbara Healey
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	MONDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TUESDAY	St. Agatha	9.00 am	Intention: Andrew & Catherine Needhan
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	WEDNESDAY	St. Paul Miki & Companions	9.00 am	Paul Kershaw
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	THURSDAY	Requiem	9.00 am 11.00am	Health: Olivia Kenley John Williams
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FRIDAY	St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita	9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Health: Tunstall family
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the unemployed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Education Services	6.30 pm	The Parish
			8.45 am	90 <sup>th</sup> B'day: Sr. Antony Wilson
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 RIP John Williams

### Message from Fr Ravi...

Singing at St Winefride's

Let me be honest - I'm not a good singer nor can I read music, but some hymns really captivate my soul. When 'The Lord's my Shepherd' is sung, my trust in God is strengthened. 'How Great Thou Art' often reminds me that I need this at my funeral. In our church, when we sing, 'Do not be Afraid', I experience a deep calm that comes in God's presence. 'This is the day that the Lord has made..' reminds me of a parish where this was chosen when their parish priest was transferred! I'm sure, you'll have your favourite hymns too!

I'm greatly encouraged to know that our musicians and singers have started planning for our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies - from Boxing Day onwards! I understand that many new volunteers have come forward to sing psalms and to lead the singing. They deserve all our support and appreciation. If you think you can help with singing or playing some instruments, please do contact the music liturgy team or me. We do need your gifts for the good of our community. There will be some practice sessions in the weeks ahead as we look forward to a meaningful celebration of the paschal mystery.

Was it not St. Augustine who said, 'to sing is to pray twice'?

God bless!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptism Preparation Course:** The parents/godparents who have arranged for the baptism of their children this year are invited for a session on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 from 10am to 11am. Please confirm your attendance by email to parishpriest@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**First Communion:** First session for parents and children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7:00 at St Winefride's School. First Communion Celebration will be on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.

**Confirmation: June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013** at Our Lady and St John, Heswall. Candidates from Yr 8 onwards wishing to be confirmed please register by Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. Forms on website.

**Marriage Preparation Course:** Those couples from our parish who have arranged for their wedding in 2013 or 2014 are invited to attend an important Marriage Preparation programme in our church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 from 10am to 12 noon. Please confirm your presence by email to parishpriest@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**Year of Faith:** Our next talk in the Vatican II series is on '**Small Christian Communities**', by Fr David Long on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, at 7.30pm.

**LPA - Lenten Renewal and Reconciliation Activity:** Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Priests available on all 4 days for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Brian & Veronica Casey

**Fr Denis Bible Study Group:** Next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm at 2 Allans Meadow. Session 3 continued.

**Readers Ministry:** Please collect the new rota from the sacristy. Many thanks to our new volunteers. Can readers supply their email address to joe.tunstall@uwclub.net. Joe Tunstall 336 1261.

**Chester & Ellesmere Port District SVP Walsingham Pilgrimage 2013:** Will take place from Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April to Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April. The cost approx. £170 per person. Contact Derek on 336 8426.

**Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes:- 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July:** If anyone is interested in joining a parish group will you please contact Margaret Davies on 336 4046 to have some idea of numbers. More details later.

**Anniversary of Teresa Higginson - Feb 15, 2013:** Starting with Holy Hour at 11am, Mass at noon, ending at 3.30 after the rosary and prayers of Teresa Higginson. The day is organised by the Liverpool and St Helens pilgrimage group: all are welcome. Details on the church notice boards.

**SPUC Winter Warmer Coffee Morning:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am to 11.30am in Church Hall. Bring & Buy stall and raffle (contributions gratefully received). Money raised will send young people to youth and student conference.

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

**NDCT Lenten Lunches:** Lunches start at 12:30 unless indicated otherwise: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb St Winefride's; 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Neston Parish Church; 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Neston Christian Fellowship; 6<sup>th</sup> Mar Little Neston Methodist Church; 13<sup>th</sup> Mar URC; 20<sup>th</sup> Mar St Nicholas, Burton (12:00).

**Ecumenical Lenten House Groups:** As in previous years, Lenten house groups reflect and share their faith together. If interested, please contact Barbara 336 2972 barbara.rivers@virgin.net

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** on March 1st. Speakers Rev Hilary Bell (URC) at 2:00pm at St Nicholas Parish Church, Burton; Fr Ravi Bosco at 7:30pm Willaston Methodist Church.

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENT!

**Calling all 6-12 year olds for the Easter Play:** 'The Kingdom of Heaven' will be performed by the young people of the Parish at 7:00 pm on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March in Holy Week. Anyone wanting to sing a solo please contact Katherine Powell (336 1208) before Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Otherwise please download a copy of the script from the website (forms download section) and bring to rehearsals in the church hall starting on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6.00pm.

**QR Codes:** Many thanks to Kit Wilkinson for designing our first QR Code with assistance from Tara O'Cleirigh and Jordan Henshaw.

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 3

27<sup>th</sup> January 2013

26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for Education	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	John & Barbara Healey
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	MONDAY	St. Thomas Aquinas	9.00 am	Health: Paula Blair
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Michael McDowon
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Rosie McLoughlin
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	THURSDAY	St. John Bosco	9.00 am	Sp. Intention: Chris Gerajhty
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Thanksgiving: JB
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	SATURDAY	The Presentation of the Lord	9.00 am	D Strawson & Vera
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Elizabeth Gaffney
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Kenneth George Rodrigues
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### Message from Fr Ravi...

One of the blessings we cherish in Neston is the presence and ministry of our two (retired) priests. While I appreciate their pastoral help, their presence gives so much more than this alone. It is the joy of working together, listening to each other and learning from one another. We can be both effective and happy in team ministry.

Accordingly, the community will be seeing Mike Topping working closely with me in all areas of parish life. We have seen him assisting on the sanctuary and now he will also be organising our Sunday offerings and other collections. Gradually, we look forward to his ministry developing further, especially in relation to the three aspects we focus on in our parish - faith formation, faith celebration and faith action.

It is also an invitation to the entire parish especially for those already involved in different ministries and in leadership responsibilities to involve more people - of different ages, genders etc - and to consciously build teams of leaders for effective ministry today and for continuity tomorrow. It is our responsibility to our parish life in the present and to the sacred trust of working towards our future.

May the Trinitarian God bless our renewal and keep us all 'firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity'.

God Bless!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Communion June 2013:** We thank those children receiving communion this year and their parents for their lively presence at last Sunday's celebration. We look forward to seeing them regularly at weekend masses and in their preparation sessions in the weeks ahead.

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**Year of Faith:** Our next talk in the Vatican II series is on '**Small Christian Communities**', by Fr David Long on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, at 7.30pm. As we seek to promote team ministry at all levels in our Parish, our vision is to become 'a communion of communities' at St Winefride's. Please do come and feel enriched in living faith through these valuable sessions.

**LPA - Lenten Renewal and Reconciliation Activity:** Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. It is a privilege to listen to Bishop Noble and to be called 'Blessed are You...' by the God of infinite love and goodness. There will also be opportunities for individual confessions each day.

**Volunteers needed:** If you are interested in helping Mike Topping in counting our Sunday offering/collection after 11.30am on Sundays, please contact him; your help will be much appreciated.

**Unity Octave:** As indicated in last Sunday's newsletter, we meditated in our daily Eucharists on the theme chosen for this year: **What does God require of us?** '...to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God'. I was pleased to see some of you joining other Christian communities for prayer and fellowship this week and I encourage you to participate in such future activities. Barbara Rivers and Helen Jones, as St Winefride's voluntary representatives, are serving as Chair and Secretary respectively for NDCT this year. There is also a proposal to form a parish group of those interested in ecumenism to actively learn, live and foster Christian unity.

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**Ushers:** Reminder to Ushers who help at Communion - we will be meeting on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10am to look at the organising of the congregation in order to receive Eucharist under both bread and wine.

**White Flower Appeal:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual Appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. Please give generously to this cause.

**SPUC Winter Warmer Coffee Morning:** Beat the winter blues and join us for a hot tea cake or crumpet, coffee, tea or Gaelic Coffee on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - 9.30 to 11.30am in the Church Hall. Bring and Buy stall and raffle (contributions gratefully received). All money raised to be used to send young people to this year's youth and student conference in March. All welcome.

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rosemary & Peter Southworth:** Would like to thank the CWL, relations and friends for the Masses, flowers, cards and good wishes received for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 2

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19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	John & Joan Schofield
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for World Peace First Communion Enrolment Mass	8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish Tim Delaney
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	MONDAY	St. Agnes	9.00 am	Sp. Intention: Annie Kane
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	TUESDAY	St. Vincent	9.00 am	Jessie McMahon
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Tony & Gerard Moreton & Family
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	THURSDAY	St Francis de Sales Requiem	9.00 am 10.00am	Paul Kershaw Elizabeth Gaffney
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FRIDAY	The Conversion of St. Paul End Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	9.00 am	Special Intention
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	SS. Timothy & Titus	9.00 am	Finneran Family
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
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**RIP** Elizabeth Gaffney

### Message from Fr Ravi...

'May they all be one' was the prayer of Jesus, and in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as we welcomed our Christian sisters and brothers to St Winefride's on Friday and are invited to join them in their places of worship over the coming Unity Octave (please see timetable), I would like to present for your reflection the theme chosen for 2013 by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. The theme is 'What does God require of us?' based on Micah 6:6-8:

*'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God''*

### Accordingly, themes for the Unity octave reflections at daily masses in St. Winefride's:

- 18th: **Walking in Conversation** (Emmaus experience, Luke 24: 13-25);
- 19th: **Walking with the Broken Body of Christ** (Jesus' gift of himself Luke 22: 14-23);
- 20th: **Walking towards Freedom** (Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman John 4: 4-26);
- 21st: **Walking as Children of the Earth** (Jesus' healing, mud, bodies and water John 9: 1-11);
- 22nd: **Walking as the Friends of Jesus** (I call you friends, John 15: 12-17);
- 23rd: **Walking Beyond Barriers** (Jesus and the Cananite woman Matthew 15: 21-28);
- 24th: **Walking in Solidarity** (The Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-37);
- 25th: **Walking in Celebration** (Magnificat, Lk 1: 46-55)

We are blessed in Neston with active ecumenical relationships and may I take this opportunity to thank all the ministers and their communities for the 'togetherness' we experience in our area.

May God bless us all!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lectio Divina:** On behalf the Parish, we thank Fr Denis Marmion for leading us and our fellow Christians in Neston in Lectio Divina on the first day of Christian Unity Week and for his sustained faith formation activities in our Parish throughout the year. Thank you Fr. Denis!

**First Communion June 2013:** We happily welcome those children preparing for First Communion and their parents this Sunday as they formally begin their preparation with the enrolment mass. We hope it will be an enriching experience for them and as a parish we accompany them with all our best wishes and prayers. Besides their regular instruction, they will assist in different ways at weekend masses and also animate our liturgies.

**Vatican II Talks:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> talk in this series will be on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, by Fr. David Long on 'Small Christian Communities'. 7:30 pm start. **ALL WELCOME.**

**Blessed Are You...** Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March from 7.30 - 8.30pm, as part of Parish Renewal Programme during Lent.

**Unity Octave:** As much as we pray for the gift of Unity, we also work towards it by participating in these events planned by NDCT.

19/01	8.30 am	St Nicholas, Burton - Prayer Breakfast
20/01	6.30 pm	<b>Christian Unity Service: Little Neston Methodist Church</b>
21/01	5.30 pm	Neston Parish Church
22/01	7.00 pm	Neston Christian Fellowship
23/01	7.30 pm	Little Neston Methodist at 'Sava', Bull Hill, Little Neston
24/01	8:00 pm	URC, Parkgate Road

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**Website:** New for this week: Christian Unity Octave information and Book of Remembrance monthly lists of those we remember at St Winefride's. We have had visitors from all around the globe as well as many repeat visitors from St Winefrides! Thank you for your continued support.

**Bible Study:** The next meeting will be this week on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2 Allans Meadow

commencing at 7.30pm. Please read Chapter 3 of your Year of Faith Study book. .

**Reading Ministry:** Volunteers urgently needed for our Sunday 8.45am Mass. Please phone Joe Tunstall asap on 336 1261 if you feel able to volunteer or have questions. New rota for February available next week end.

**Music Ministry:** For our Easter Celebrations we will be singing several psalms. Anyone who would like to lead a psalm on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or at the Easter Vigil contact Katharine Powell on 336 1208 (full training given if required!)

**White Flower Appeal:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual Appeal next weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Please give generously to this worthy cause.

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## CHRISTMASTIDE / ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

13<sup>th</sup> January 2013

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			10.45 am	TG: Angela and David Rowland
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	MONDAY	<i>Funeral Service</i>	9.00 am	Odilla Beardsworth
			10.00 am	Winifride Gill
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Health: Dennis Owen
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Sp. Intention: Catherine O'Brien
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	THURSDAY	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	9.00 am	Jessie McMahan
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FRIDAY	<i>Beginning of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	9.00 am	Mee Family
			7.30 pm	Lectio Divina
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	<i>St. Wulstan</i>	9.00 am	Alan & Elizabeth Walmsley
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Day of Special Prayer for World Peace	6.30 pm	John & Joan Schofield
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Tim Delaney

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**RIP** Winifride Gill, Elizabeth Gaffney

### Message from Bishop Mark Davies - Retired Priests' Fund Special Collection

Today the annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special envelopes are available for you to use. If you use weekly offertory envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number. If you do not have this, or you give to your parish by means of a standing order, write in your name and home address

A leaflet is also available if you would like to make your donation by cheque, or if you wish to make a regular donation to the fund by standing order and wish to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my deep gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing, + Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Communion June 2013:** The meeting we had with the Parents of First communicants on 9th Jan was very enriching and we agreed that we would have preparation classes on 4/2, 4/3, 15/4, 13/5, 10/6 with the celebration on 15/6, that the candidates would help regularly at weekend masses after their enrolment [20/1] and that they would also "animate" Sunday 10.45 masses on 20/1, 10/2, 17/3, 21/4, and 19/5. We are grateful to all the parents and catechists for their kind cooperation and to the staff of St. Winefride's School for their dedication in this responsibility.

**Vatican II Talk on Christian Unity:** We sincerely appreciated Fr. Nick Kern's meaningful presentation of the Vatican Council's teaching on Christian Unity and thank him on behalf of our Parish for all his support to St. Winefride's. We are grateful to all the volunteers who arranged our Parish Centre for the event and to those who organised it so well.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> talk in this series will be on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, by Fr. David Long on 'Small Christian Communities'.

**Unity Octave:** Churches Together' Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Each church offers their hospitality at one of their regular prayer groups inviting others to experience and learn from different approaches to faith exploration.

18/01	7.30 pm	St. Winefride's – Lectio Divina
19/01	8.30 am	St Nicholas, Burton - Prayer Breakfast
20/01	6.30 pm	<b>Christian Unity Service: Little Neston Methodist Church</b>
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**Blessed Are You...** Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm, as part of our Parish Renewal Programme during Lent.

## PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** L. Dee, A Williams, D. Roberts, M. Harris

**Fr Denis Bible Study Group:** Next meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read chapter 2 of the Year of Faith.

**Website:** Updated this week to include Little Church Prayers in the Youth and Children section, Prayers for Students in the Local Schools section and summaries of the Vatican II talks received so far including the full text from Fr Chris' talk on the Year of Faith page. Well worth a visit at [www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

## Chester & Ellesmere Port District SVP Walsingham Pilgrimage 2013:

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**CWL Annual Dinner:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at The Grange.

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### CHRISTMASTIDE

6 January 2013

5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SUNDAY	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8.45 am	Michael Halley
			10.45 am	Peter and Rosemary Southwell (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	MONDAY	<i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	9.00 am	Paul Kershaw
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TUESDAY	<i>Tuesday after Epiphany</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	WEDNESDAY	<i>Wednesday after Epiphany</i>	9.00 am	Mary Ellen and Tom Finneran
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	THURSDAY	<i>Thursday after Epiphany</i> <b>Mass in School</b> <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am <b>9.10 am</b> 1.30 pm	Margaret White For St. Winefride's Primary School Requiem: Peter Bernard Murray
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FRIDAY	<i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	9.00 am	Health: Bill and Cath Owen
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	<i>St. Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	9.00 am	Michael Shaw
	Next Weekend		6.30 pm	The Parish
	SATURDAY	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> <i>Renewal of Baptismal promises</i> <i>The Christmas Season ends today</i>	8.45 am	Paul and Barry Kershaw
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**RIP:** Peter Bernard Murray

#### From Fr Ravi:

Since Christmas, we have had quite a few events in our church and I am pleased to say that the response to them was pretty impressive.

On the 28th of December, we had Christmas Celebrations for the Altar Servers and First Communicants. The event was planned and organised by their parents and it was wonderful to see children celebrating Christmas in their parish on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Our sincere thanks to all these who took part in the event. The Prayer of Thanksgiving we had on the eve of New Year was a moment of grace where, in silence and prayer, many of us experienced God's presence and began the New Year filled with peace and serenity. A candle was lit for our own special intentions and we also remembered in a special way, the sick and the home bound of our community.

The launch of the parish website on 1st January 2013 marked a new beginning and it was interesting to see even our 'experienced' ones in the parish, learning about downloads, links etc. I am informed by our web team that the site has already received many visitors and I am sure you will inform your friends and family both here and abroad about this new means of staying connected to St. Winefride's!

It is already a week since we began the New Year and hence, enough time to have fumbled in our New Year's resolutions. As we reflected in our homily on New Year's Day, 'even a broken clock is right twice a day' we keep working even as we keep dreaming of a better, beautiful tomorrow for everyone! May the Magi, whom we remember this Sunday, help us in our journey to find Jesus, find peace and experience joy in God's presence.

God bless!

**Message from Bishop Mark Davies - Retired Priests' Fund Special collection:** Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. In the short time I have been with you, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of the Diocese towards the Retired Priests' Fund. With your help, we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A Leaflet is also available if you would like to make your donation by cheque, or if you wish to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order and wish to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my deep gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing – **Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury**

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Communion June 2013:** There will be an important meeting for parents of First Communion children on Wednesday 9th January at 7pm in St Winefride's School. As the preparation for the event and other details are to be discussed at the meeting, all parents - those whose children are at St Winefride's and those in other schools - are requested to be present at the meeting. The enrolment mass will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10:45 mass, following which the candidates along with their parents will be encouraged to become actively involved in our weekend masses and we in the parish look forward to seeing them in our church.

**Year of Faith - Vatican II:** The theme of Christian Unity and ecumenism is more relevant today than ever before and we will listen to Fr. Nick Kern on Thursday 10th January from 7pm on this important topic. Please do bring your friends belonging to other Christian Communities along and we look forward to some meaningful and interesting conversation that evening.

**Liturgical Ministries:** We need more volunteers for church cleaning, singing, reading and to be special ministers of communion. This could be one of your New Year resolutions to help our Parish. Those interested please do contact Fr Ravi immediately.

**Diocesan Year Book/Liturgical Calendar:** Available for purchase [£4/£5] in Parish Office.

**Blessed Are You....:** Please make a note of Monday, 18th March to Thursday 21st March in your diaries, when Bishop Brian Noble will be in our Church, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, to help us in our spiritual renewal by offering reflections on the Beatitudes.

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**Parish Ministers:** please collect the Nov 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes from the sacristy and Jan 2013 readings.

**SPUC Meeting:** Next Tuesday 7 30pm in St Winefride's Church Hall. All Welcome

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**CWL Committee Meeting:** On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January @ 7.30 p.m. in the church hall.

**Web Team:** Many thanks to all who came to the launch of the website on January 1<sup>st</sup>. A special thanks to May Williams who at 102 years old took us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 09/01 First Communion:** Initial Meeting for parents 7pm at St Winefride's Primary School
- 10/01 Year of Faith:** Vatican II Talk 7pm in the Church Hall
- 12/01 Retired Priest's Fund:** Special Collection
- 20/01 First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass** during 10.45 Mass.

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**Ordinary Time Week XIII**

**30 June 2013**

29 June	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	John Piccolo
30 June	SUNDAY	<i>Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Michael Halley
1 July	MONDAY	<i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>	9.00 am	Sp Int
2 July	TUESDAY	<i>Funeral Service</i>	9.00 am 2.00 pm	Tommy Wilson Thomas White
3 July	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	9.00 am	Int: Margaret Kennedy
4 July	THURSDAY	<i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	9.00 am	Arthur Ferns
5 July	FRIDAY	<i>St Anthony Mary Zaccaria</i>	9.00 am	TG to the Parish: M & G Davies
6 July	SATURDAY	<i>St Maria Goretti</i>	9.00 am	Smith Tunstall
6 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Eric Belcher
7 July	SUNDAY	<i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45 am	TG Lough Family
			10.45 am	Johnson Family
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**RIP:** Tom White

**From Fr Ravi:**

**Keeping Peter and Paul Together...**

There has been (and always will be) the temptation to keep Peter and Paul separate from each other, just as we can have a tendency to approach life and its complexities in diverse simplistic terms - good and bad, right and left, progressive and conservative, high and low, central and peripheral, for and against, east and west (or in Britain, north and south) and so on. Although in some instances this view maybe useful, in order to experience the richness of our lives in their entirety, we may be called to have a broader outlook allowing us to celebrate the fullness of reality.

We have Peter, a simple fisherman, and Paul a learned scholar. Peter, 'the rock' on one side, and Paul, who as Saul witnessed the stoning of Stephen the first martyr, on the other. Peter wanted to retain some of the Jewish practices in the early Christian community, whereas Paul did not see them as necessary. Peter ministered in Rome, in the 'centre', while Paul toured the 'gentile' world, out at the margins. Peter was given the 'Keys of the Kingdom', whilst Paul considered himself to be 'the least of the apostles'. As different as they were in personalities, in temperament and in their approach to ministry, we also know how Paul collected money in communities on the 'periphery' to support the community in Rome, the 'centre'. Maybe that's why we keep them together in Vatican square, in our liturgical calendar and also in our lives. They could see in themselves and in the church, the need for celebrating different gifts of the spirit, for proclaiming and experiencing God's love in various ways, where difference is not merely tolerated but fully accepted and celebrated.

The same old story: A little girl on being asked, 'What would you choose, if all the good were red and bad were blue?' replied, 'stripey'...

May God bless us all and a happy feast of Ss Peter and Paul!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prayers:** As we look forward to the diaconate ordination of Mike Topping on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, I invite the whole community to support him with your prayers and wholeheartedly welcome and encourage Mike as he begins his ministry in St Winefride's.

**Diaconate Ordination of Mike Topping:** The coach will leave St Winefride's at 8:45 am for the Cathedral on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please would all those travelling by coach be at church by 8:30 am. The coach will leave Shrewsbury at 1:30 pm. If any other parishioners wish to go, please contact Derek 336 8426 or Mike 353 0253.

**St. John Plessington Pilgrimage:** We, in our LPA, celebrate the feast of St John Plessington during this Year of Faith with a pilgrimage to St Nicholas Church, Vicarage Lane, Burton on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. Mass will be celebrated there at 2pm followed by refreshments in the church hall. We thank Rev Cathy Helm for generously permitting us to visit and pray at St Nicholas' and I welcome you all to participate in this significant event.

**Year of Faith:** Our last talk in this Year of Faith, as we celebrate 50 years of Vatican II, will be on "The Challenges and Hopes facing the Church Today". Canon Hoban has a keen eye for history, is known for his candid views and will speak on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, from 7.30 to 9pm.

**Welcome and Thanks:** We welcome Fr Frank Graham who is at St Winefride's for the Red Box appeal this weekend. We thank Judith and Phil Bramhall for extending their hospitality to Fr Graham. We felicitated Fr Terry Boylan on the Golden Jubilee of his ordination at mass in our Church on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Besides a number of people, we had Fr. Ted Harrington from Ireland and our own Frs. Denis and Chris at the celebrations.

**Catechists:** There will be an important meeting for our Catechists, who are involved at different levels of faith formation on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Presbytery. It will be an opportunity to evaluate our activities in the last 12 months and to plan for the future. We give high priority to catechesis and faith formation in our parish and we look forward to listening to one another.

**No refreshments after 10.45 mass today.**

**PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wood and Fran Byrne. New rota available in the sacristy and on the website.

**Garden Maintenance:** As we thank all those who help maintain our gardens and churchyard, the current volunteers, allotment holders and those interested are invited for a planning session on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy and Raffle:** Friday 5th July from 10am - 12 noon at Veronica Cuthbert's, 2 West View, Church Lane in aid of the Romanian Children's Orphanage Charity. All welcome!

**"Anne Frank and You" Exhibition:** Atkinson Centre, Southport until 7<sup>th</sup> July details at [www.theatkinson.co.uk](http://www.theatkinson.co.uk). If anyone would like to go, please let Fr Denis know 336 2877.

**Altar Servers:** We had a great group of children who received their First Communion recently. It is their privilege now to serve at the altar and help in our regular masses. Please would parents kindly contact Fr Ravi if their children are interested in becoming altar servers.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** Thank you for your generous support:

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flooding in Lourdes:** Lourdes has again been damaged by recent serious flooding. The Domaine of Lourdes has suffered extensive damage which will cost millions of pounds to repair. Some hotels have had to close, pending repairs, and will not reopen this season. Images can be viewed online: [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org). Our diocesan pilgrimage at the end of July will continue as planned. Last October our pilgrimage made a donation of €5000 towards repairs and we will make a similar donation again but if anyone wishes to add to that amount you are invited to send a donation to the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office, St Peters, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK74EA. Cheques payable to Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Account. Electronic transfers: Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Account at Royal Bank of Scotland, 1 Dale St, Liverpool Sort code 16-24-06 a/c no 10124535 Reference FLOOD.

**Catholic Fellowship for those with Special Needs:** Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 pm at St. Columba's Church, Chester. For details contact Jane 632 4891.

**ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPUC Garden Party:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July to be held at Veronica Cuthbert's, 2 West View, Church Lane. Admittance £3 which includes afternoon tea. Also a Bring and Buy stall plus raffle (prizes gratefully accepted). Tickets on sale from SPUC or Margaret : 336 2050.

**Neston and District 'Churches Together':** Any volunteers to help in the NDCT tent at the Village Fair on July 6<sup>th</sup> most welcome. Barbara 336 2972. Prayer breakfast on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30am, Little Neston Methodist Church.

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Summer Fair:** This Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the school from 12.30-3.00pm. Entertainment from the Chester Catholic High School Band, stalls and activities for all the family. Admission £1 for adults, accompanied children free. Please come and support your parish school.

**St Anselm's Open Day:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 5 – 8pm. For more information please visit [www.st-anselms.com](http://www.st-anselms.com).

**OTHER**

**Chester Mystery Plays:** On now until July 13<sup>th</sup>. Well worth seeing. Details at [www.chestermysteryplays.com](http://www.chestermysteryplays.com).





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23 June	SUNDAY	<i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish John Piccolo
24 June	MONDAY	<i>The Birth of John the Baptist</i>	9.00 am	James Nickson
25 June	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Catherine Nickson
26 June	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
27 June	THURSDAY	<i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	9.00am	Sp Int: Sofar Family & Friends
28 June	FRIDAY	<i>St Irenaeus</i>	9.00am	Kenneth George Rodrigues
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**From Fr Ravi:**

"Their face is the face of Christ" - Pope's Message for World Refugee Day

Pope Francis has made an impassioned appeal for people and institutions around the world to come to the aid of the countless families forced to flee their homelands because of violence and persecution. Speaking about World Refugee Day to tens of thousands of pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square for the Holy Father's general audience, Pope Francis said: "This year [on World Refugee Day] we are invited to give special consideration to the situation of refugee families, often forced to leave their home and their homeland quickly, to leave all they own and every security, to flee from violence, persecution or grave discrimination on religious, ethnic or political grounds." In addition to the dangers of the journey, often these families risk disintegration and, in the country that receives them, having to deal with cultures and societies that different from their own. We cannot be insensitive to the families and to all our brothers and sisters refugees: we are called to help them, opening up to understanding and hospitality. May people and institutions around the world never fail to assist them: their face, is the face of Christ!"

God bless you all.

**Diaconate Ordination of Mike Topping:** The coach will leave St Winefride's at 8:45 for the Cathedral on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please could all those travelling by coach be at church by 8:30 am. The coach will leave Shrewsbury at 1:30 pm. If any other parishioners wish to go, please contact Derek 336 8426 or Mike 353 0253.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St. John Plessington Pilgrimage:** There will be Mass and refreshments at St. Nicholas Church, Vicarage Lane, Burton on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 pm. Many thanks to Rev Cathy Helm.

**Year of Faith:** Our next talk in the Vatican II series is on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> (7.30- 9pm) on the Challenges and Hopes facing the Church today. Canon Brendan Hoban, will be our guest speaker.

**Congratulations:** Fr. Terry Boylan from Our Lady and St. John, Heswall recently celebrated his Golden Anniversary. He will join us to celebrate Mass on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m. All welcome!

**Allotment Holders and Gardeners:** At least 10 people attended the meeting last Wednesday to plan regarding Garden maintenance. We would like to invite all the allotment holders and also those who help in maintaining our gardens/churchyard for an important meeting on Wednesday, 3rd July at 7pm in Presbytery.

**Catholic Voice:** The magazine of the Diocese of Shrewsbury has been completely redesigned and I find it interesting and informative. Besides very amusing articles by Mgr Chris Lightbound and Canon Hoban, there is also a profile of our own BBC Helen Jones, wherein a great deal is mentioned about St Winefride's. Please do take a copy each. I find BBC Radio Merseyside's Daybreak on Sunday mornings, inspiring and perfect Sunday morning listening. I do take some homily hints from there!!

**Fr Denis Bible Study Group:** Next meeting is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm at 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read Judaism 13, 14 & 15.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** Thank you for your generous support:

**PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Brian & Veronica Casey

**"Anne Frank and You" Exhibition:** Atkinson Centre, Southport until July 7<sup>th</sup> details at [www.theatkinson.co.uk](http://www.theatkinson.co.uk). If anyone would like to go, please let Fr Denis know 336 2877.

**Ecumenical Group:** There are a handful of events throughout the year organised with Neston & District Churches Together. If any parishioners can help St Winefride's support these events please contact Mike Topping on 353 0253 or you can email at [ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk) Volunteers are needed to help "person" the NDCT tent at the Village Fair on the afternoon of July 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can spare some time to help please contact Barbara Rivers at the NDCT email above or 336 2972. Barbara would also be very appreciative of any old CDs to use as decorations for the fair. Many thanks for your support.

**Red Box Appeal:** We welcome Fr Frank Graham MHM, a Mill Hill Missionary priest to St Winefride's. Fr Frank will speak at all Masses to promote the work of Mission which is our official worldwide Church Mission Society.

Fr Frank will detail the opportunity for every Christian to be a missionary. There will be no second collection; Fr Frank will describe the work of the Mill Hill missionaries around the world. There will be an opportunity for us to become members by prayer and accepting a Red Box into our homes. If you can help in form filling at any Mass please phone Joe Tunstall 336 1261 or mail: [joe.tunstall@uwclub.net](mailto:joe.tunstall@uwclub.net)

**Website:** We have a new rota section on line: especially useful if you mislay your rota! If any group has a rota that is not online please contact the webmanager (details below) for inclusion if appropriate. Also Joe Tunstall's Pentecost picture and explanation are in the Events section of the website.

**SVP Feed my Lambs:** As you will have seen in the back of our porches, Foodbank boxes are in place for parishioners to donate tinned food, and other long life food items. So far through your generosity, you have donated over 150 kilograms of food, since the initiative was launched in our Parish, just over a month ago. A big thank you to all who have contributed.

Near each box there is a list of suggested items to donate. The SVP would appreciate that all effort is made when leaving food in either of the porches, that we respect the sanctity of the area and ensure that the area is kept tidy. Thank you for your help.

The Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in a time of crisis with emergency food supplies. Local Care Professionals refer people with a voucher to the Food bank Centre where they will be given their supplies and is being coordinated in the Parish by the SVP, working together with Neston District Churches Together.

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Catholic Fellowship for those with Special Needs:** Mass on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm at St. Columba's Church, Chester. Jane 632 4891.

**ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Neston and District 'Churches Together':** have invited Councillor Louise Gittings to discuss the possibility of establishing a Foodbank Distribution Centre in Neston. This session is open to all members of the church community and is from 7:30 to 7:55pm at the URC on Parkgate Road on Tuesday 25th June. If you would like to attend please contact Barbara Rivers on 336 2972

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Summer Fair:** On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30-3.00pm at school. Donations of books, good quality second hand items, cakes and plants to be delivered directly to school Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.30pm or Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 11am - 2pm. Help would be very much appreciated for a variety of stalls. Contact Sue Wilding on 336 5184 or 07505160489, or Louise Wilkinson on 336 1096.

**St Anselm's Open Day:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 5 – 8pm. For more information please visit us online at [www.st-anselms.com](http://www.st-anselms.com).





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### Ordinary Time Week XI

16<sup>th</sup> June 2013

15 June	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Int: Hilda Davidson
16 June	SUNDAY	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Health: John Delaney
17 June	MONDAY		9.00 am	John Piccolo
18 June	TUESDAY	School	9.00 am	Int: Communion and Liberation For First Communion children
			9.10am	
19 June	WEDNESDAY	St Romuald	9.00 am	Int: Henesy Family
20 June	THURSDAY	St Alban	9.00am	Arthur Ferns
21 June	FRIDAY	St Aloysius Gonzaga	9.00am	Sp Int: N Mulligan
22 June	SATURDAY	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	9.00am	Ken Hardman
22 June	SATURDAY	Next Weekend	6.30 pm	Sp Int: McKeown Family
23 June	SUNDAY	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	John Piccolo
<p><b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm</p>				

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#### From Fr Ravi:

#### Everyday Heroes...

This weekend, we wish all dads in our Parish, a Happy Father's Day. We gratefully acknowledge their vocation to be fathers in families and sincerely appreciate their commitment and sacrifice for the well-being of all those entrusted to their care. It will be particularly painful for those who have lost their fathers recently. A father's love is real and is inseparable even in death. We are close at this moment to those in difficult family relationships and assure them of all our understanding, encouragement and support.

While some parents have made it into the pages of history, many of our parents, through their simple and loving ways, are indeed our 'everyday heroes'. They work hard, live, share, give, learn, forgive, understand, support, fight, laugh, cook, attend PA meetings, teach etc and thus keep the world going! They don't win medals or any form of recognition. But they love and are loved; pass on the beauty of faith; teach values and convictions and long for a better, beautiful world for their children and for everyone... no wonder that in Scriptures, God is often experienced as a loving parent!

May God bless us all!

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Communion Celebrations:** It was a delight to see Ellie, Faye, Harry, Kathryn, Hannah, Laura, Elizabeth, Jack, Eleanor, Noah, Lia, Jacob, Ellie, Emily, Jon, Simon, Amelia, Emilie, Jessica, Jamie and Scarlet experience the joy of receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Their happiness was pure and so contagious. They made their parents proud and we are delighted to have them here at St Winefride's. We thank their Catechists: Suzanne Holt, Sue and Barry Lyonette, Edith O'Sullivan, Pauline O'Gorman, Kathleen Roberts, Laurie and Peter Walsh, Dawn Ormes, Tony Topping and others who helped our children appreciate the beauty of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

**Year of Faith:** Thank you Fr Denis for your inspiring presentation on Jews and Christians and for your enriching presence in our parish community. Our next talk will be on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> by Canon Brendan Hoban on the Challenges and Hopes facing the Church today.

**Exhibition on Blessed John Henry Newman:** The event attracted people from neighbouring parishes as well as other Christian communities in the area. The information made available on the 22 colour panels was very rich and interesting. We thank the members of the 'Communion and Liberation' movement for helping us host the event and for generously guiding us through the different stages of Newman's conversion.

**Confirmation Candidates:** It is a great blessing to hear that those who were confirmed a few weeks ago are planning to be involved in the life of the parish in some simple, beautiful ways. After consulting their parents and catechists, they will make their commitments known to the parish

**Garden and Churchyard Maintenance:** Thanks to all those who have volunteered so far to assist in maintaining the church grounds. We could still do with a few more people to join us. The work is not too arduous and should not take up a great deal of time. Training will be given on the use of any equipment if needed. A meeting is arranged for current and new volunteers on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the presbytery.

**Diaconate Ordination of Mike Topping:** The coach will leave St Winefride's at 8:45 for the Cathedral on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please could all those travelling by coach be at church by 8:30 am. The coach will leave Shrewsbury at 1:30 pm. If any other parishioners wish to go, please contact Derek 336 8426 or Mike 353 0253.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** Thank you for your generous support:

### PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** W Morgan, A-M McLean

**CWL Meeting:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 pm in the church hall. The speaker will be from the Wirral Autistic Society. All welcome. Can members please bring their gift for the summer hamper.

**Ecumenical Group:** There are a handful of events throughout the year organised with Neston & District Churches Together including carol singing, the village fair, Christian Aid and Women's World Day of Prayer. If any parishioners are interested in helping St Winefride's support these events and forming a very informal group please contact Mike Topping 353 0253 or email ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Catholic Fellowship for those with Special Needs:

Mass on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at St Columba's Church, Chester. Jane 632 4891

#### Adult Catholics Together Spiritually (ACTS):

Guest speaker Fr Paul Standish on "A Prayerful Look at the Sacraments". Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Wistaston Hall, Crewe, CW2 8JS from 9:30am to 4:00pm Cost: £20 Siobhan:07761138947 siobhanbc@talktalk.net All welcome!

**Commission for the Promotion of Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility:** Latest bulletin on website under Parish Life, Justice and Peace.

### ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Christian Aid Street Collection:** Many thanks to all the collectors who worked so hard. We raised £364 to be added to the other churches' collection.

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Summer Fair:** On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30-3.00pm at school. Donations of books, good quality second hand items, cakes and plants to be delivered directly to school Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.30pm or Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 11am - 2pm. Help would be very much appreciated for a variety of stalls. Contact Sue Wilding on 336 5184 or 07505160489, or Louise Wilkinson on 336 1096.

### OTHER

**Thank you from Maria Slater:** We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their love and support during Dad's infirmity and since his passing away. Thank you for all the visits, messages, cards, mass cards and flowers. Dad's Requiem Mass was a joyful celebration, many thanks to Fr Ravi, Katharine and everyone else involved. It was wonderful to see so many friends there. God bless you all.





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### Ordinary Time Week X

9<sup>th</sup> June 2013

8 <sup>th</sup> June	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Arthur Almond
9 <sup>th</sup> June	SUNDAY	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Mary Jones
10 <sup>th</sup> June	MONDAY		9.00 am	Barny Martin
11 <sup>th</sup> June	TUESDAY	St Barnabas	9.00 am	John Piccolo
12 <sup>th</sup> June	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Rex Jones
13 <sup>th</sup> June	THURSDAY	St Anthony of Padua	9.00am	Int: Angela Willasey
14 <sup>th</sup> June	FRIDAY		9.00am	Tony & Gerard Moreton
15 <sup>th</sup> June	SATURDAY	Parish First Communion Celebrations	10.00am	First Communion Children
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Int: Hilda Davidson
16 <sup>th</sup> June	SUNDAY	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Health: John De Laney
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm				

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#### RIP John Piccolo, Arthur Ferns

#### From Fr Ravi...

As we enjoy the rare sunshine these days - many of you are beginning to look like me! - we also have a number of activities lined up for our Parish community. This weekend (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June), we are hosting an exhibition on Blessed John Henry Newman with guided tours available at times indicated in the announcements section. The conversion experience of Newman can inspire and challenge our own ways of living, sharing and celebrating the Christian faith.

Fr Denis will be speaking to us, as part of our Year of Faith activities, on the relationship between Jews and Christians on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The displays in our church contain valuable information on this topic. Our children who have been preparing for many months for their First Holy Communion will have their celebrations at 10am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Many tell me that our garden and lawn areas look beautiful these days and we are grateful to all those who have maintained it so well in the past. If you are interested in keeping our grounds beautiful and help in other activities, please do not hesitate to contact me. St Winefride's is blessed with many gifted and talented people, as well as those who generously commit themselves to the common good.

June is a month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May we be filled with God's love as we seek to share what we have received with others, especially those in need of our warmth and support.

God bless

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Year of Faith:** Our next talk in the Vatican II series will be on 'Christians and Jews' by Fr Denis Marmion on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm to 9pm. There are two displays in our church on this topic to prepare us for this session.

**Exhibition on Blessed John Henry Newman:** As announced earlier, the exhibition will be open for most of the day, while guided tours will be available at the following times:  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am, 12 noon, 3pm, 7.15pm  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am, 11.30am, 4pm.

**Congratulations:** Eight of our candidates: Tom, Jessica, Tara, Liam, Joe, Henry, Luke and Matthew; were confirmed on 5<sup>th</sup> June at Our Lady and St John, Heswall by Bishop Brian, in a Mass concelebrated by three priests of the LPA and a large congregation. We congratulate our young friends and accompany them as they grow in faith, hope and love through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our gratitude to the Catechists, Micheline Johnson, Dee Roberts, Sue Davies, Helen Jones and Oliver Peers, for helping them in their journey. We thank the parish of Our Lady and St John for hosting this celebration and organising it so well. The singing was indeed excellent.

**First Communion:** Our children are being prepared for this moment of grace by a committed team of Catechists and the celebration will be on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10am followed by a reception in our church hall.

**Thank You:** The number of people who responded to Corpus Christi Benediction was truly impressive and it was a moment of grace for our parish and the entire Church, when we joined Pope Francis in experiencing the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Garden and Churchyard maintenance:** We are finding it increasingly hard to maintain the standards we expect with respect to the upkeep of the grounds and churchyard at St. Winefride's. The helpers at present have all given excellent service over a number of years but to maintain continuity we shall require a new influx of volunteers. The tasks are not arduous and only require a small amount of your time in the growing months. Anyone who is interested please contact David McNulty on 336 1959 or Fr Ravi. Once again, thank you to all the helpers who maintain the grounds to such high standards.

**EMHC:** We congratulate our newly commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If anyone is interested in this ministry you are most welcome to join especially as communion under both kinds is being planned for all masses.

**Pilgrims from St Helen's and Liverpool** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Holy Hour 11:00am, Mass at noon, Rosary 2:30pm. Ends at 3:30pm. All welcome.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** Thank you for your generous support.

## PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** L Wilkinson, T Davies

**Fr Denis Bible Study Group:** Next meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read Judaism 10 -12.

**SPUC:** Meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the church hall, all welcome.

**CWL:** Committee meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the church hall.

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT

**Catholic Children's Society:** Donations required for new charity shop in Liscard Road, Wallasey. We need clothing, DVDs, toys, games, crockery, glassware, bakeware and bric a brac. All donations gratefully received. Please contact Trish on 0151 652 1281 or 07824 329335.

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Summer Fair:** Will be held at the school on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30pm. The Parents' Association would be very grateful for any help offered by parishioners. Please contact Sue Wilding on 336 5184 or 07505 160489 or Louise Wilkinson on 336 1096.

## OTHER

**National Gardens Scheme:** Open garden at Medlicott, Haddon Lane, Ness CH64 8TA. Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June 2 - 6 pm. Teas provided by Claire House. Admission £4.00, Children free. All proceeds to Charity.





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### Ordinary Time Week IX

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013

1 June	SATURDAY	<i>The Body and Blood of Christ</i>	6.30 pm	Aurora Jones
2 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45 am	Patricia Coherty
		<i>Eucharistic Adoration - Benediction</i>	12 noon	Erin Aine Bernadette Radford
			4-5pm	Pray with Pope Francis
3 June	MONDAY	<i>Ss Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope John XIII's death</i>	10.00 am	Barny Martin
4 June	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Tom & Margaret Rainford
5 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Boniface</i>	9.00 am	Health: Fiona Stuart
		<i>Confirmation</i>	7pm	Our Lady & St John, Heswall
6 June	THURSDAY	<i>St Norbert</i>	9.00am	Ellen Sellers
		<i>Requiem</i>	3:00 pm	John Piccolo
7 June	FRIDAY	<i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.00am	Fr Terry Boylan: Golden Jubilee of Ordination
8 June	SATURDAY	<i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.00am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
8 June	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Arthur Almond
9 June	SUNDAY	<i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
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RIP John Piccolo

#### From Fr Ravi:

#### Heart Speaks Unto Heart - Exhibition on Blessed John Henry Newman

When Pope Benedict XVI visited Great Britain in 2010, he invited everyone to reflect on the figure of John Henry Newman, and to learn from Newman's three conversions. On June 8th and 9th, St Winefride's will be hosting an exhibition entitled "*Cor ad cor loquitur*": *The certainty of Newman, conscience and reality*. The exhibition presents these three conversions: the discovery that God and the soul are real, that faith is not exhausted in an individualistic dialogue with God but also involves reality in its entirety, and finally that God created a place of his presence in the Church. The exhibition is comprised of 24 full-colour panels, and it is accompanied by a short audio visual presentation. The exhibition was first presented in Italy during 2011, and viewed by some 25,000 people.

A series of guided tours will be offered at the following times:

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am, 12 noon, 3pm and 7.15pm (after Sat eve mass)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am (after mass), 11.30am (after mass) and 4pm

Please invite your friends to come along as this is a rare opportunity to learn more about Newman, whose life can inspire us especially in this Year of Faith. We express our gratitude to the Diocese of Shrewsbury and to those involved in New Evangelisation for helping us host this important event in our Parish.

God bless

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Corpus Christi Benediction:** In response to Bishop Mark's invitation, we, at St Winefride's will be praying along with Pope Francis in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ between 4 and 5pm. The prayer will conclude with Benediction. The daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between 8 and 9am in our Church have helped those who attend to experience the closeness and power of Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Year of Faith:** Our next talk in the Vatican II series will be on 'Christians and Jews' by Fr. Denis Marmion on Thursday, 13th June, from 7.30pm to 9pm. There are two displays in our church on this topic this weekend and next, to prepare us for this session.

**Congratulations:** We congratulate Fr Terry Boylan, Parish Priest of Our Lady and St John, who celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. I look forward to representing the Parish at the celebrations and shall convey all your prayers and best wishes. *Ad Multos Annos.*

**Confirmation:** There are eight candidates from St Winefride's who will be confirmed on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Our Lady and St John, Heswall. We congratulate them and assure them of our prayerful support. The Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop Brian and I encourage our parishioners to participate in this beautiful celebration.

**First Communion:** Our children are being prepared for this moment of grace by a committed team of Catechists and the celebration will be on Saturday, 15th June at 10am followed by reception in our church hall.

**Church Sound System:** We have recently updated our sound system with new speakers, microphones and loop system. I have received positive feedback so far and please do let me know if there are issues to be addressed. We do have 2 radio mikes and a cordless microphone, which I encourage our singers and animators of liturgy to use as and when needed.

**Garden and Churchyard maintenance:** We are finding it increasingly hard to maintain the standards we expect with respect to the upkeep of the grounds and churchyard at St. Winefrides. The helpers at present have all given excellent service over a number of years but to maintain continuity we shall require a new influx of volunteers. The tasks are not arduous and only require a small amount of your time in the growing months. Anyone who is interested please contact David

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**Last Sunday's Collection:** Thank you for your generous support:

### PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris

**Piety Stall:** A good stock of cards and gifts for First Communion and Confirmation including jewellery and keepsake Mass books plus rosaries.

**Thank you:** Margaret and Geoff Davies wish to thank parishioners for all their prayers and good wishes during Margaret's illness. *Your wonderful support has been a great help to us during this difficult time and Margaret is now much improved.* Mass will be offered for the parish in appreciation.

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**End of Life Care and the Catholic Faith:** Talk at St. Joseph's Birkenhead on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Speakers are a consultant from St. John's Hospice and Fr. Paul Shaw – former chaplain at Clatterbridge hospital. All welcome. Please phone Judy Howard on 336 7056 to confirm attendance.

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Summer Fair:** Will be held at the school on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30pm. The Parents' Association would be very grateful for any help offered by parishioners. In particular they are looking for volunteers for face painting, running the BBQ and the bric a brac stall. Please contact Sue Wilding on 3365184 or 07505160489

### OTHER

**National Gardens Scheme:** Open garden at Medlicott, Haddon Lane, Ness CH64 8TA. Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June 2 - 6 pm. Teas provided by Claire House. Admission £4.00, Children free. All proceeds to Charity.





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### EASTER Week II

7<sup>th</sup> April 2013

06 Apr	SATURDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Medical Missionaries of Mary
07 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Mary McLoughlin
			10.45 am	Louis O'Sullivan
			12noon	Luca Joseph Smithson
08 Apr	MONDAY	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
09 Apr	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Maureen Prendergest
10 Apr	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Vic Rhodes
11 Apr	THURSDAY	<i>St Stanislaus</i>	9.00am	Ada Knox
12 Apr	FRIDAY		9.00am	Andrew Barrett
			9.10am	For St Winefride's School
13Apr	SATURDAY	<i>St Martin</i>	9.00am	Bill Owen
			12noon	Anthony Thomas Unsworth
13 Apr	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	D Strawson
14 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Emily Robinson
			10.45 am	The Parish

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm  
**Weekdays:** Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass

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#### From Fr Ravi ...

#### Another reason to sing alleluia!

Along with the women who 'out of love' went to the tomb first, we seek the risen Lord 'among the living' and our Holy Father, Pope Francis shows us how.

By going to a youth prison on Holy Thursday to wash the feet of 12 young people, among whom were Muslims and women, Pope Francis has not only shown the way of service for the Church today but also has identified places and people where Christ is present; in their gentle whispers of joy and pain, we hear loud alleluias of hope.

The Pope, kneeling on both knees, washed, dried and kissed their feet and looked with intense and loving affection at the twelve youngsters and told them, "I am happy to be with you. Do not let yourselves be robbed of hope. Don't lose hope, understand? With hope you can always go on."

We pray for our parishioners and Fr Denis during their pilgrimage to Walsingham next week.

God bless!

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Year of Faith:** Vatican II Talk, Canon John O'Reilly - The Word of God and the Signs of the Times. Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm start (refreshments from 7:00 pm).

**Preparation for First Communion:** Our children who have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during Holy Week are now preparing for their First Holy Communion on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. Their presence at our regular weekend masses and the special mass that they participate in once a month, are greatly appreciated by the entire parish community. They will continue with their sessions on 15/04, 13/05 and 10/06 and their special masses will be on 21/04 and 19/05.

**Confirmation Preparation:** As announced earlier, Confirmation this year in our LPA will be celebrated in Our Lady and St John's, Heswall on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. The preparation will be held every Sunday evening in our Parish hall at 6pm beginning on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. The dates are as follows: 07/04, 14/04, 21/04, 28/04, 05/05, 12/05, 19/05 and 02/06. I am grateful to our Confirmation co-ordinators, Micheline Johnson, Dee Roberts and Sue Davies for their generous commitment to help our candidates.

**Formation for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Those willing to commit themselves to Eucharistic ministry in our Parish are invited for the preparatory sessions on 13<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Please confirm your participation with Joe Tunstall and the induction will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

**Celebrations/Liturgical Activities Forms:** There is a small drawer unit on the table in the back porch. You can find copies of the following forms in the labelled drawers: Baptism, First Communion/Confirmation, Marriage, New Parishioner Registration, Book of Remembrance, Requiem planning, as well as envelopes for mass offering. These forms are intended to help you in planning these special events as they also offer detailed guidelines. Alternatively they can be downloaded from our parish Website.

### PARISH GROUPS

**Church Cleaners:** Wendy Morgan  
More church cleaners are urgently needed: men and women! Times are flexible. Please call Louise Wilkinson on 336 1096.

**CWL:** The committee meeting will be held at Wendy's 25, The Priory, Neston on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, commencing at 7.30pm.

**SPUC:** Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in church hall. AGM: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in church hall with guest speaker John Smeaton, the National Director, who will talk about current issues.

**Website:** Photos from the Easter Play are now on the website (links on the Events page) and also the web launch (on the Parish Life page in the website section). Videos will be uploaded soon. Please do continue to check our site. To date we have had over 2,000 visits with 62% being return visitors. Any feedback is gratefully received in person or via email to the webmanager.

**YSVP:** Easter Quiz for younger children **TODAY, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** after 10.45am Mass. 50p per child with a treat for all taking part (adult supervision required). Also thank you for helping us to raise £45 from the 'Easter Treats' Raffle, which will be donated to Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

**LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension):** Study Theology in Praxis MA or Certificate. If you would like to be part of the new study group or find out more please contact LIMEX Liaison, Cecilia Allan, ceciliaallan@aol.com 0161 439 3573. Information evening: Holy Name Church, 60 Beresford Road, Oxtun, Prenton, Wirral CH43 2JD at 7:30pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Taizé Service:** at St Thomas' Parkgate on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6.30-7.30pm. Refreshments provided.

**NE Singers 'Sing for Spring':** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in Neston Parish Church. Entrance £7 including refreshments, children under 12 free. Tickets from Allister Opticians or pay at door.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Neston Art Exhibition:** Several parishioners are exhibiting their work in the Town Hall, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> and Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April, 9-5pm and Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April 9-4pm. Over 200 paintings on view – admission free.

**1<sup>st</sup> Burton Scout Group:** Are looking for volunteers to assist in the running of this busy group. CRB check necessary and training is given. For more information contact Les Roberts (Group Scout Leader) on 0151 327 4458.





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EASTER Week III

14<sup>th</sup> April 2013

13 Apr	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	D. Strawson
14 Apr	SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	8.45 am	Emily Robinson
			10.45 am	The Parish
15 Apr	MONDAY		9.00 am	Sellers & Leech Families
16 Apr	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Trevor Heywood
17 Apr	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Mary Donnelly
18 Apr	THURSDAY		9.00am	Don Miller
			7.15pm	CWL Mass
19 Apr	FRIDAY		9.00am	The Moreton Family
20 Apr	SATURDAY		9.00am	Bill Owen
		Baptism	12 noon	Amelie Sophia Ashton
20 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	The Parish
21 Apr	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for Vocations	8.45 am	Health: Brett & Family
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### From Fr Ravi ...

#### Headstone for Fr Courell's Grave

The beautiful headstone at Fr Courell's grave was placed there on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and we are grateful to his family in Ireland and the Shrewsbury Diocese for arranging this fitting memorial, as a token of our love and gratitude. As announced earlier, the headstone will be blessed on his first anniversary, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May after 10.45am mass by Canon Michael Gannon, Vicar-General.

A complete survey of our churchyard has been completed with each grave having been numbered and very soon we shall make this information available to the parish.

God Bless!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Year of Faith:** We thank Canon John O' Reilly for speaking to us last Thursday on 'God's Word and the Signs of the Times' and for providing us with a rich bibliography to deepen our understanding of the subject, which is made available on our Parish website. Canon John, as Chancellor of our Diocese, has been active in guiding us in various ways and on behalf of St Winefride's, I sincerely express our appreciation to him.

**Preparation for First Communion:** The preparatory session for parents and their children will be on the evening of Monday 15th April at our Primary School and the First Communion children will animate the 10.45 mass, next Sunday, 21st April. We look forward to praying with them and for them at their special mass.

**Confirmation Preparation:** The formation programme began last Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> April) and we may have at least 10 candidates preparing for Confirmation this year. As announced earlier, Confirmation this year in our LPA will be celebrated in Our Lady and St John's, Heswall on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. The preparation will be held every Sunday evening in our Parish hall at 6pm. They look forward to participating in our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist once a month.

**Formation for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Those willing to commit themselves to Eucharistic Ministry in our Parish have had their first preparatory session on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April and their next session will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9:00 am. They will be commissioned and begin their ministry on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

**Marriage Preparation Programme:** The second session will take place on Saturday 18th May 10:00 – 12 noon in the parish hall. All those intending to get married are strongly advised to attend. Please confirm your attendance by emailing: parishpriest@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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## PARISH GROUPS

**Church Cleaners:** Brian and Veronica Casey

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**CWL AGM:** The AGM is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Members are invited to attend Mass at 7.15pm followed by the meeting in the Church Hall. Will members please bring their food contribution and table flower arrangement.

**SPUC:** AGM - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the parish hall. John Smeaton, the National Director of SPUC is coming from London to be our guest speaker, and will be bringing us up to date with the current situation regarding the same sex marriage legislation. All are very welcome to attend.

**Website:** Joe Tunstall's Lenten Canvas with a moving reflection by Tony Topping and the Easter "Alleluia" Canvas with an explanation are both on the website under the Year of Faith section.

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**"Lenten" House Group:** Final session "Abiding in Peace" on 7:30 pm Thursday 18th April at Helen Jones'.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Neston Art Exhibition:** Several parishioners are exhibiting their work in the Town Hall, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> and Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April, 9-5pm and Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April 9-4pm. Over 200 paintings on view – admission free.

**St Winefrides School:** are looking for a helper to assist with a gardening club/project at the school. We seek an enthusiastic volunteer/(s) to help tidy a small area and guide the children to plant and nurture! Please contact Sue Wilding (PA chair) [sue@lucid-dreams.biz](mailto:sue@lucid-dreams.biz) for more details.





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### EASTER Week IV

21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

20 Apr	SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Day of special prayer for Vocations	6.30 pm	The Parish
21 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Health: Brett & Family
			10.45 am	Bill Murray
22 Apr	MONDAY		9.00 am	R.M. Saunders
23 Apr	TUESDAY	St George, Patron of England	9.00 am	Raymond Williams, Jack Williams
24 Apr	WEDNESDAY	St. Adalbert, St Fidelis of Sigmaringen	9.00 am	Sp Int: N Mulligan
25 Apr	THURSDAY	St Mark, Evangelist	9.00am	Health: Tokita Family
26 Apr	FRIDAY		9.00am	Allan Storey
27 Apr	SATURDAY	Wedding Service	9.00am 1pm	Health: Francesca Grace Peet Suzanne Louise Higgins & Kenneth John Irwin
27 Apr	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	Martin Clark
28 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Bill Owen
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#### From Fr Ravi ...

I am sure you have been following the recent tragedy in Boston. All over the world people have been touched by the inspiring message of a poster created by the youngest victim Martin Richard, aged 8, in response to another violent incident last year: "No more hurting people. Peace". We endeavour to live out our lives striving to achieve a peaceful society where we can all feel the embrace of God's love.

Vocations Sunday: Today we give thanks for all religious and priests who serve in our communities throughout the world. We thank God for all who have, in the past, answered his call from St Winefride's parish, and pray for the gift of discernment in those God is calling today.

God Bless!

**Parking:** Please avoid parking in front of the church at all times as access is needed for emergencies. Thank you for your understanding.



### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Preparation for First Communion:** The First Communion children will animate our 10.45 mass, this Sunday. The next preparatory session for parents and their children will be at 7pm on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** (please note date change) at school. Their next special mass will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. We pray with them and for them at their special mass.

**Confirmation Preparation:** The formation programme is well underway for candidates preparing for Confirmation this year. Confirmation in our LPA will be celebrated in Our Lady and St John's, Heswall on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. Preparation is held every Sunday evening in the church or parish hall from 6pm. We look forward to their presence as a group to help us celebrate the Eucharist meaningfully on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10:45 mass.

**Formation for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** After our first session a reminder that the next session will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9:00 am. They will be commissioned and begin their ministry on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

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**Year of Faith:** Our next Vatican II talk will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7:30 – 9:00pm when Canon John Marmion will talk on "The Church in the Service of the World."

**Parish Register:** If anyone has moved into the parish since March 2012 or has not yet filled out a form, please fill out a New Parishioner Form – available in the rear porch in the drawer unit or online. Please return to Fr Ravi.

### PARISH GROUPS

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**Parish Centre:** Any groups or organisations wishing to use the hall please ensure you contact Derek Pover who manages the bookings diary on 336 8426 or derekpover@gmail.com as many more bookings are being made.

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**'Books and Things' Table Top Sale** after mass in church hall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Items for donation would be welcome.

**Website:** Please check for videos from the Easter Play which will go online this weekend (access through the Events Page). Also Canon Brendan Hoban's Stations of the Cross text from Good Friday is available under the resources section of the newsletter page.

**Piety Stall:** First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards available. Also Children's Mass books, Prayer Books and Missals plus Rosaries, Crucifixes etc. All profits go to The Catholic Children's Society. Collection boxes available at the Piety Stall. "Every little helps".

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### ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Pause for Hope:** An ecumenical service for all those affected by Cancer at St Columba's Church, Chester on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. Celebrant: Bishop Mark Davies, Speaker Eithne Brown. [www.pauseforhope.org.uk](http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk).

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EASTER Week V

28<sup>th</sup> April 2013

27 Apr	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Martin Clark
28 Apr	SUNDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Bill Owen
29 Apr	MONDAY	St Catherine of Siena – Day of special prayer for Europe	9.00 am	D. Strawson
30 Apr	TUESDAY	St Pius V	9.00 am	Health: Margaret Davies
1 May	WEDNESDAY	St Joseph the Worker – Day of special prayer for God's blessing on human work	9.00 am	Rita Butler
2 May	THURSDAY	St Athanasius	9.00 am	Ann Lonsdale
3 May	FRIDAY	Ss Philip & James, Apostles	9.00 am	TG: Mary Henesy
4 May	SATURDAY	The English Martyrs	9.00 am	Int: Tom & Sheela Topping
4 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	Int: Mark Powell
5 May	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
		Baptism	12.00 noon	Aidan Cooke
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**From Fr Ravi**

We all love the way our First communion children liven up our Sunday celebrations once a month. This Sunday, it's the turn for our confirmation candidates.

I am being told by Confirmation coordinators that the present group of eight candidates are bright, interested and form a fantastic team – they are Henry, Joe, Liam, Jessica, Tara, Luke, Matthew and Tom. It is very encouraging to know that they also plan to support St Winefride's by committing themselves to different ministries.

During my communion rounds last Friday, I learnt that Mrs May Williams, who launched our website on Jan 1st, 2013 turned 103 a few days ago. She loves to come to St Winefride's for Sunday mass and be part of the community. In addition she takes regular walks, which keeps her happy and healthy. A few good tips to take on board as we enjoy the spring sunshine these days!

I was so impressed to see the art works of quite a few parishioners in the Neston Art exhibition. Congratulations to you all!

On Monday, we celebrate the feast of St. Catherine of Sienna. You may find one of her quotes very inspiring:

*Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire.*

God bless.

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**Confirmation Preparation:** This year's candidates have asked for all your prayers and encouragement as they continue with their preparation programme. If you would like to write your prayers/encouraging comments and hang them on the branches in the lady altar, they would be most grateful (paper and pens on the shelves). Confirmation in our LPA will be celebrated in Our Lady and St John's, Heswall on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. Preparation is held every Sunday evening in the church or parish hall from 6pm.

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**Ministers Of Communion:** New rota including new ministers now available from sacristy.

**PARISH GROUPS**

**Church Cleaners:** L. Dee, A. Williams, D. Roberts, M. Harris. More church cleaners are urgently needed: men and women! Times are flexible. Please call Louise Wilkinson on 336 1096.

**Bible Study with Fr Denis:** A new course starting on Judaism, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. Please read the first section: "Introducing the Jews".

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**Catholic Children's Society Collection Boxes:** available at the Piety Stall. "Every little helps".

**Fire Extinguishers:** We have updated our fire extinguishers and signage to comply with current Health and Safety regulations. There are fire extinguishers now available towards the back of the church, in the choir loft, in the sacristy and in the parish hall.

**Fire Safety Training:** This will take place on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Could one or two representatives of all groups who use either the church or the parish hall on a regular basis kindly attend? Thank you!

**Website:** Justice and Peace bulletin online and photos of Fr Courell's Gravestone being erected also available.

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Justice & Peace Study Afternoon:** The Shrewsbury Diocese Commission for the Promotion of Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility is holding a study afternoon/discussion on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 2.15-5.30 at St Columba's, Chester. 'Receiving Vatican II', talk by Brian Davies, former head of education at CAFOD.

**Catholic Children's Society:** Charity shop opening on Liscard Road, Wallasey in May. Donations needed. If you have any donations or want to volunteer please ring 0151 652 1281 or Trish 07824 329335.

**ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**NE Singers 'Sing for Spring':** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in Neston Parish Church. Entrance £7 including refreshments, children under 12 free. Tickets from Allister Opticians or pay at door.

**Fairtrade:** Along with all other churches in the Neston area, St Winefride's is now registered as a Fairtrade place of worship. All parish groups have pledged to use and promote Fairtrade products and principles at their events. Tea and Coffee served after Sunday mass and at other events will be Fairtrade. See parish website for more details or visit www.fairtrade.org.uk.





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### EASTER Week VI

5<sup>th</sup> May 2013

4 May	SATURDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	Int: Mark Powell	
5 May	SUNDAY		Baptism	8.45 am 10.45 am 12 noon	The Parish Mary & Julie Mulligan Aidan George Cooke
6 May	MONDAY		10.00 am	Ellen Sellers	
7 May	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Monica Lexham	
8 May	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Thanksgiving: Maureen Jones	
9 May	THURSDAY		9.00am	Reg Gilbert	
10 May	FRIDAY		9.00am	Tom Sellers	
11 May	SATURDAY	Baptism	9.00am 12 noon	Terry Bartley Alfie Joseph Norman	
11 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	The Ascension of the Lord World Communication Day	6.30 pm	Health: Graham & Pat	
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#### From Mike Topping

#### A date for your diary!

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00 am, along with two fellow students for the Permanent Diaconate I will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders from the Bishop of Shrewsbury Mark Davies at the Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury, followed by a buffet lunch provided by the Diocese. Limited places are available at the Cathedral if you would like to join the celebrations with me and my family.

There will be a coach from the parish, seats available on a first come first served basis, departing from St Winefride's at 9:00 am to arrive at the Cathedral before 10:30 am. If you would like to be a part of this momentous day and join me and my family, please put your name on the sheet in the entrance porch.

#### From Fr Ravi:

On behalf of the parish we would like to congratulate Mike and assure him of our prayers and look forward to his committed, inspired, and involved ministry in all aspects of our parish life.

God Bless!

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Year of Faith:** Our next Vatican II talk will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7:30 – 9:00 pm when Canon John Marmion will talk on "The Church in the Service of the World."

**Preparation for First Communion:** The next preparatory session will be at 7pm on *Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>* (please note date change) at School. Their next special mass will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Confirmation Preparation:** Many thanks to our confirmation candidates for contributing to the 10:45 mass last week in such an inspiring way – their prayers are now available on line under Parish Life in the confirmation section. To support our candidates, parishioners are invited to write any prayers/encouraging comments for them and hang them on the branches where their doves are. Confirmation in our LPA is in Our Lady and St John's, Heswall on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. Preparation is every Sunday evening in the church from 6pm.

**Formation for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Thanks to all the new Ministers of Communion who have now completed their training. They will be commissioned on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. We are grateful to their commitment to this important ministry in the Parish.

**Ministers of Communion:** Could all ministers (including our new recruits) please pick up a revised copy of the rota which supersedes last week's copy. Also available on the website.

**Marriage Preparation Programme:** The second session on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10:00 – 12 noon in the parish hall. The third session will be on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please confirm your attendance: parishpriest@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**Parish Centre:** Any groups or organisations wishing to use the hall please contact Derek Pover on 336 8426 or derekpover@gmail.com.

### PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** L Wilkinson, T Davies

**CWL Meeting:** Committee meeting at 7.30 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, will be held at Irene's.

**Music for Fr Courell's Anniversary Mass:** The next practice will be on Tuesday evening at 7.30p.m. Note the change of time. Please come along to learn the parts of the mass – all ages and abilities needed and welcomed!

**Piety Stall:** A good stock of cards and gifts for First Communion and Confirmation including jewellery and keepsake Mass books plus rosaries for girls and boys. The stall will be open after Saturday morning Mass in addition to the usual Sunday Masses to enable parents or friends to make their purchases. Also available are all usual stock including reasonably priced Missals with the new Mass translation. All profits go to CCS.

**The Catholic Children's Society (CCS):** Collection boxes available from the piety stall, *every little helps*.

**Website:** Book of Remembrance now online under Newsletter tab in the Resources section.

**SPUC:** Great news - the two Glasgow midwives have won their appeal. Thank you for all your support and prayers. Info at www.spuc.org.uk

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Feast of Our Lady of Fatima:** Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Shrine Church of SS Peter, Paul and Philomena, New Brighton. Mass at 11.30pm, 1pm Procession, lunch (free), 3.30pm Marian talk by Canon Hoban, 4.30pm Exposition and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 5.30pm Vespers. Please come and join us for all or part of the day.

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EASTER Week VII

12<sup>th</sup> May 2013

11 May	SATURDAY	<i>The Ascension of Our Lord World Communication Day</i>	6.30 pm	Health: Graham & Pat
12 May	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Catherine & John Southwell
		<i>Baptism</i>	12 noon	Grace & Charlie Tudor
13 May	MONDAY	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.00 am	Health: Tina Rourke
14 May	TUESDAY	<i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	9.00 am	For a sick child
15 May	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Sandra Sally
		<i>Requiem</i>		
16 May	THURSDAY		9.00am	Alice Kennedy
17 May	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Health: Margaret Davies
		<i>May Procession</i>	2.00 pm	St Winefride's School Children
18 May	SATURDAY	<i>St John, Pope &amp; Martyr</i>	9.00am	David Rowlands
18 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
19 May	SUNDAY	<i>Pentecost Sunday – Day of Special Prayer for the Church Eastertide ends today</i>	8.45 am	Bill Crowe
			10.45 am	Fr. Gerry Courell: First Anniversary, Blessing of Headstone

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### From Fr Ravi...

#### Saints of Shrewsbury

I am sure many of you were out last Monday, enjoying the bank holiday sunshine, the (not so) three wise men of St Winefride's - Frs Denis, Chris and I - decided to add to the heavy traffic by undertaking a trip to a special place, not far from Chester, called Plemstall. Fr Chris was our guide, Fr Denis, the event manager and I was a simple pilgrim.

There is a well associated with St Plegmund, who, as a hermit, lived there in the 10th century before becoming the Archbishop of Canterbury. There is also an old church dedicated to St. Peter, surrounded by a well-maintained churchyard. Closer to home, in Burton we stopped to see St Patrick's Well, which as some of you know has been called "Hampston's Well" since the 19th century.

As we were amazed at the faith of these ordinary women, men, children and priests who remained faithful even in challenging times, we thought you would be interested in getting to know more about the Saints of Shrewsbury.... maybe we could arrange a trip, sometime during summer for those interested! I am sure some of you will take the lead in organising it and many of you will join in with this 'mystery tour'.... a beautiful way to conclude our Year of Faith activities!

God bless!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr Courell's Anniversary Celebrations:** When, as a parish community, we celebrated the life of Fr Courell on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, we proposed to have a fitting headstone to be ready for his first anniversary. After the 10.45 mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Canon Michael Gannon, VG, will bless the headstone and lead us in praying for and expressing our gratitude to Fr Courell. In keeping with the best tradition of St Winefride's, we shall have some refreshments afterwards and I look forward to the cooperation of the entire parish in organising this celebration.

**Year of Faith:** We are grateful to Canon John Marmion for his inspiring presence and enlightening presentation last Thursday on the mission of the Church in today's world. Canon John's energy and enthusiasm is truly amazing. Our next talk will be by Fr Denis Marmion on June 13<sup>th</sup> on "Christians and Jews".

**Exhibition on Blessed Newman:** There will be an exhibition in our church hall on the Conversion experience of John Henry Newman on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 2013. More information to follow.

**Confirmation:** The Confirmation rehearsals will take place at Our Lady and St John's, Heswall, Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6pm. The candidates are invited to be accompanied by their sponsors. Regular Sunday evening gatherings continue.

**First Communion:** We thank all our catechists for helping our children, who in turn lead us closer to God by their active participation in our Sunday Eucharists.

**May Procession:** The head teacher of St Winefride's Primary School informs me that the May Procession by our children, like last year, will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.

**Marriage Preparation:** Our second marriage preparation session will be conducted on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am to 12 noon. Those interested, please confirm your attendance.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** Thank you for your generous support:

## PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Wendy Morgan, Anne-Marie McLean

**Fr Denis Bible Study Group:** Wed May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, 2 Allan's Meadow. Read Judaism 4 - 8.

**CWL Meeting: 7.30pm on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>** David Steele from Wakefield will talk about 'Sense' a national charitable organisation that supports & campaigns for children & adults who are **deafblind**. All are most welcome to join us in the Hall.

**YSVP:** members will be taking part in the Wirral Coastal Walk and are seeking sponsorship from parishioners to support our annual gift to CAFOD.

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**SPUC:** Meeting next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All welcome!

**Ministers of the Word:** Readers rota now available to collect from the sacristy.

**Theology In Praxis (LIMEX):** A chance to study part time for a Masters/certificate in Theology. Cecilia Allen will show a DVD and talk about the course on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:30pm at Helen Jones'. If you are interested contact Helen 353 0256 or webmanager@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Director of Schools:** Shrewsbury Diocese is seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with extensive educational experience at a senior leadership level to lead the Diocesan Education Service into its next stage of development. For further details and application form please see poster in porch.

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### Pentecost/Ordinary Time Week VII

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21 May	TUESDAY	<i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	9.00 am	Peta Snell
22 May	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Rita of Casia</i>	9.00 am	Rex Jones
23 May	THURSDAY		9.00am	Int: Tom & Sheila Topping
		School	9.10am	Fr. Gerry Courell
24 May	FRIDAY	<i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	9.00am	Int: Margaret & Geoff Davies
		Wedding	12.30pm	Louise Glew & John Clegg
25 May	SATURDAY	<i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	9.00am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
		Wedding	2.30pm	Victoria A Abbot & John F Smith
25 May	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.30 pm	Int: D. Strawson
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**Church Cleaners:** Brian and Veronica Casey



Fr Gerry Courell

Of Ballina, Co. Mayo  
Born 14<sup>th</sup> February 1945  
Ordained 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1968  
Parish Priest of  
St Winefride's, Neston  
1986 – 2012  
who died 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012

MAY HE REST IN  
PEACE



## First Anniversary of Fr Gerry Courell

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my Word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

#### KYRIE (sung)

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**  
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

#### GLORIA (sung)

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and on earth peace to people of good will.**  
We praise you, we bless you,  
**we adore you, we glorify you,**  
**We give you thanks for your great glory.**  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
**O God, almighty Father**

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,  
**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
**You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
**have mercy on us.**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
**you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,**  
With the Holy Spirit,  
**in the glory of God the Father.**  
**Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY HYMN (St Patrick's Breastplate)

1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me King of my heart;  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising light of my life.

3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

#### SANCTUS (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!

#### GREAT AMEN (sung)

Amen, amen, amen, amen

#### AGNUS DEI (sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us. (x 2)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I  
wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
When I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
and then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



1. Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with waters flowing from thy side.

2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.



1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;  
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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him  
Who brings good news, good news  
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness  
Our God reigns, our God reigns

*Our God reigns, our God reigns  
Our God reigns, our God reigns*

2. You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one  
Shout for your King, your King  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion  
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!

3. Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy  
We are redeemed, redeemed  
The Lord has saved and comforted His people  
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!

4. Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord  
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm  
Our God reigns, our God reigns!





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### Ordinary Time Week VIII

26th May 2013

25 May	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Int: D. Strawson
26 May	SUNDAY	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Kevin Hogan
27 May	MONDAY	<i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	10.00 am	Fr Gerry Courell
28 May	TUESDAY		9.00 am	James Nickson
29 May	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Peter Durrant
30 May	THURSDAY		9.00am	Special Intention
31 May	FRIDAY	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
1 June	SATURDAY	<i>St Justin</i>	9.00am	Tom Molly Smith
1 June	<i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY <i>The Body and Blood of Christ</i>		6.30 pm	Aurora Jones
2 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45 am	Patricia Coherty
		<i>Eucharistic Adoration - Benediction</i>	12 noon	Erin Aine Bernadette Radford
			4-5pm	Pray with Pope Francis
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#### An invitation to pray with Pope Francis in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites us to join him in an hour of prayer and adoration on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. At 5.00pm (Rome time) Pope Francis will lead an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in St Peter's Basilica and asks the bishops of the world to share in this prayer of adoration. All the faithful are invited to participate in this initiative and join with the Successor of St Peter and their local bishop in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. It will be a moment of profound communion in prayer with our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the One who "leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection" (Heb. 12:2).

I will lead the Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at Shrewsbury Cathedral from 4.00pm – 5.00pm and all are most welcome to join me there. May I also ask you to consider having this hour of Eucharistic Exposition in your own parish at about this same time on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June so we are all united in this prayer together with Pope Francis.

+ Mark Davies  
 Bishop of Shrewsbury

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank You:** I am sincerely grateful to you all for the way we honoured the memory of Fr Courell as we prayed for him on the first anniversary of his passing. Many thanks go to our altar servers, singers and musicians, gardeners, ushers, the many people responsible for providing refreshments, church cleaners, flower decorators and all those who contributed to make that day memorable in our history.

**Corpus Christi Benediction:** We are invited by Bishop Mark to join with the entire Church in praying with Pope Francis in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ between 4 and 5pm.

**Exhibition on Blessed Newman:** This event will take place in our church hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The guided tours will take place on Saturday at 9.30am, 12 noon, 3pm, 7.15pm and on Sunday at 9.30am, 11.30am and 4pm. Please invite your friends to come along as this is a rare opportunity to learn more about Newman, a significant figure in the religious history of England.

**Year of Faith:** Our next talk in the Vatican II series is entitled 'Christians and Jews' and will be presented by Fr. Denis Marmion on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, from 7.30pm to 9pm. To prepare us for the talk, next weekend there will be a display in church on this very topic.

**Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady and St John Heswall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Confirmation catechists have inspired our candidates to express their hopes and prayers, which you can see displayed in artistic forms in our church.

**First Communion:** Our children are being prepared for this moment of grace by a committed team of Catechists and the celebration will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10am followed by a reception in our church hall.

**May Procession:** We thank the children and staff of St Winefride's Primary School for honouring our Blessed Mother with a beautiful procession and meaningful prayers on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Marriage Preparation:** Marriage coordinators are planning regular sessions for those preparing for this sacrament. Further Information to follow.

**Church Sound System:** We have recently updated our sound system with new speakers, microphones and loop system. Hopefully this update will benefit all parishioners and I welcome your comments.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** Thank you for your generous support.

### PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris

**Fr Denis Bible Study Group:** Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read Judaism 7-9.

**YSVP:** Well done to members Jordan Henshaw, David Hilton, Dominic Lisboa, Daniel Woodhouse, Maisie McMahon and Elinor Rivers for completing the 15 mile Wirral Coastal Walk. If you would like to support the members' efforts the walkers will be available after 10.45 mass to receive any donations for sponsorship.

**Piety Stall:** A good stock of cards and gifts for First Communion and Confirmation including jewellery and keepsake Mass books plus rosaries.

**Website:** Photos from Fr Courell's Anniversary Mass are online this week (in the history section for Fr Courell).

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Catholic Children's Society:** Donations required for new charity shop in Liscard Road, Wallesey. We need clothing, dvd's toys, games, crockery, glassware, bakeware and bric a brac. All donations gratefully received. Please contact Trish on 0151 6521281 or 07824329335.

**End of Life Care and the Catholic Faith:** Talk at St. Joseph's Birkenhead on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Speakers are a consultant from St. John's Hospice and Fr. Paul Shaw – former chaplain at Clatterbridge hospital. All welcome. Please phone Judy Howard on 336 7056 to confirm attendance.

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Summer Fair:** Will be held at the school on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30pm. The Parents' Association would be very grateful for any help offered by parishioners. In particular they are looking for volunteers for face painting, running the BBQ and the bric a brac stall. Please contact Sue Wilding on 3365184 or 07505160489

### OTHER

**National Gardens Scheme:** Open garden at Medlicott, Haddon Lane, Ness CH64 8TA. Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June 2 - 6 pm. Teas provided by Claire House. Admission £4.00, Children free. All proceeds to Charity.





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**Ordinary Time Week XXVI**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

28 Sep	SATURDAY	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Olive Mulcahy
29 Sep	SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Clergy Education & Training Fund	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Michael Walsh
30 Sep	MONDAY	St Jerome	9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
1 Oct	TUESDAY	St Theresa of Child Jesus	9.00 am	Veronica Kelly
2 Oct	WEDNESDAY	Guardian Angels	9.00 am	Helena Callaghan
3 Oct	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Michael Walsh
4 Oct	FRIDAY	St Francis of Assisi	9.00 am	Alice Fearn
		Requiem	12.15 pm	Eileen Devonald
5 Oct	SATURDAY	St Thomas of Hereford	9.00 am	Peter Anderson
		Baptism	12:00 noon	Jack Ian William
5 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: SVP	8.45 am	The Parish
6 Oct	SUNDAY		10.45 am	Cropper Family
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm				

**Please pray for the sick, especially:**

Alan Jones, Pam Grace, Fr Fred Robinson, Laura Growney-Stone, Kevin Bradford, James Rourke, Molly Hopkins, Claire Heverin, Paula Tunstall, Jane Haimes, Karl Smith, Vincent Marmion, Marie Claire, Margaret Maw, Stacey Leadbetter, Louisa Johnson, Frances Dooley, James Mulligan Jnr., Francesca Grace Peet, Diane O'Brien, Gerry Cummins, Fr Joe Carney, Jeannie Cartledge, Angela Willasey, Fiona Hardman, Karen Dawson, Silvia Saddler.

RIP: Eileen Devonald, Alice Fearn, Ellen May Walsh, Hugh Bryan, Brian Ashley, Elizabeth Keenan

**From Fr Ravi...**

Besides our regular monthly masses at our primary school, I had the privilege, a few days ago, of visiting children, class by class, from Year 3 to 6, and felt encouraged to see their familiarity with all our mass prayers. I especially thank the head teacher and the staff for their continuing commitment.

The recent meetings that we held for First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates along with their parents drew great response. The church was half full for the confirmation meeting and we are glad that our faith-formation programme is able to reach out to young people. My special thanks to their parents who show keen interest in passing on the catholic faith to the next generation and I sincerely appreciate their cooperation.

We are blessed with magnificent altar servers. With around 20 regular servers at Sunday masses, 14 came to our meeting which was a tremendous response and their motto "to serve joyfully at the altar" also transformed into being joyful during their meeting! They have decided to meet regularly every last Monday of the month.

God Bless!

**FROM BISHOP MARK**

**Clergy Education and Training Fund – Special Collection:** Today the annual collection for the Clergy Education and Training Fund is being held. Special envelopes are available for you to use. If you use weekly Offertory Envelopes, please can I ask you to write in your envelope number. If you do not have this, or you give to your parish by means of standing order, please write in your name and full address (including postcode). It will then be possible to claim Gift Aid on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme.

A leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how you can make a regular donation of whatever amount to the Fund by standing order, or how you can donate by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid to boost your donation to the Fund. On the training and formation of priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends, and I would ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible. It is, in every sense, an investment in the future life and mission of the Diocese.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** W Morgan, A-M McLean.

**First Holy Communion:** All first Holy Communicants will be welcomed at 10.45 Mass, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013.

**Confirmation:** The first meeting for candidates will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9:45 am in the presbytery. Their Act of Commitment will be made at 10:45 am mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November with Bishop Mark.

**Music Ministry:** Our meeting with musicians and choir members was held on Thursday. We invite your cooperation in celebrating a meaningful liturgy with your active participation and there will be music practices at 10am each Sunday – ALL WELCOME! If you sing or play an instrument and can join us, please contact Maria on 336 4622.

**Altar Servers:** Preparation for the Bishop's Visitation will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October both at 6:30 pm in church.

**RCIA:** The RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which has helped a number of our community members in the past, will begin from January 2014. Those willing to be fully received into the Catholic Church and those wishing to be strengthened in their faith are most welcome to register their names before Christmas this year.

**Parish Hall:** Based on discussions at the parish groups' meeting there will be a small refrigerator and a microwave for the kitchen area. Provision is being made for a projector and screen for the hall, which will make presentations easier and also let us hold film events in the future.

**SVP:** The District SVP groups thanked all who supported and did the walk last weekend, about 50 of us and 2 dogs did the walk. As the SVP National awareness month comes to an end the a representative of our SVP will be speaking at each mass next weekend 5/6th October and a retiring collection will be taken for the work of the SVP in our Parish.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal:** Shoe Box Covering – can you help with covering the shoe boxes on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October? At 10.00am in the church hall. Please bring your own scissors!

**Christian Aid Rep:** We are still need some volunteers to liaise with the Neston Christian Aid committee on behalf of St Winefride's. Support will be given by the Neston and District Churches Together reps and we'd be delighted to have you on board! If you can help please contact Barbara Rivers (336 2972) or Deacon Mike (353 0253): [ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk) We are very pleased to welcome Gillian Barber as the St Winefride's Rep for Women's World Day of Prayer. Many thanks for coming forward!

**Catholic Voice:** The autumn addition is now available in both church porches and includes an article by our own Fr Chris and a report on the Ordination to the diaconate of Deacon Mike.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Shrewsbury Diocesan History Day:** At St Mary of the Angels, Hooton, CH66 1QJ. Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am (for 11am) – 4pm.

**Diocesan Mass for Grandparents:** Mass celebrated by Bishop Davies at St Wilfrid's Church, Northwich CW9 5NP on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.

**The Little Way:** a day on the spiritual path of Therese of Lisieux on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Sandymount House of Prayer, Crosby led by Fr Michael Miners O.C.D.S. 10.00am - 4.00pm. To book phone 0151 9244850. Offering: £12. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

**World Mental Health Day:** Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> October. A Healing Mass, at 7.30pm at St Catherine's Church, Birkenhead Road, Hoylake, CH47 5AF. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered and all are welcome. Further information contact Ann Crisp 0151 632 6617

**Marriage and Family Life Commission:** Conference on Passionist Parish Family Groups on Friday, 25th October, 12.30 - 2.30 pm at Our Lady's Presbytery Parish Centre, Shaw Heath, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 8BQ Tel: 0161 480 2489 [pat.munroe@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.munroe@btinternet.com)



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**Ordinary Time Week XXV**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

21 Sep	SATURDAY	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving for the Harvest/the Fruits of Human Work	6.30pm	The Cason Family
22 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45am	Health: Sadie Douglas
23 Sep	MONDAY	St Pio of Pietrelcina	10.45am	The Parish
24 Sep	TUESDAY	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.00am	Special Intention
25 Sep	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Jerry Wilson
26 Sep	THURSDAY	Ss Cosmas & Damian	9.00am	Don Miller
27 Sep	FRIDAY	St Vincent de Paul <i>Requiem Requiem</i>	9.00am 10:45 am 3.00pm	Health: Diana Slater Carmel Patterson Hugh Bryan Ellen May Walsh
28 Sep	SATURDAY	St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & Comp	9.00am	Winefride Jellicoe
28 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Clergy Education & Training Fund	6.30pm	Olive Mulcahy
29 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Michael Walsh

**Weekdays:** Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

**Please pray for the sick, especially:**

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**From Fr Ravi...**

One of the great strengths of the Parish is the number of active volunteers who work so hard for the good of our Parish in effective and silent ways. In keeping with my promise when I first came to St Winefride's, to listen and learn from you, I invited leaders and representatives of all of our active groups and ministries in the parish to a meeting last Wednesday. It was so invigorating to listen and learn more about your contributions in our Parish and explore ways and means to help each other in our faith journey.

I am proud to say that our community is blessed with a dedicated team of leaders and volunteers at all levels of faith-formation, faith-celebration and faith-action. The contribution of all these parishioners without expecting recognition or public appreciation, deserve all our gratitude. Personally, I said a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for all of you who make my ministry in our Parish, so pleasant, easy and rewarding.

Even as we appreciate all our volunteers, it is important to know that it is up to each one of us to make this Parish into the kind of community we want it to be. The more we share love, the more the community becomes a loving community; the more we care, it becomes a caring community; the more we give time, it becomes an active community, proclaiming God's love in beautiful ways. The best way to keep the glorious tradition of St Winefride's going is to commit yourself to at least one group or ministry in our Parish. We look forward to welcoming you, and working along with you to realise all our hopes and aspirations for our life together.

We thank you for what you are to St Winefride's and may God continue to bless us with health, happiness and peace.

**FROM BISHOP MARK**  
**Clergy Education & Training Fund**  
**Special Collection**

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education and Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your regular donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. I ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible for the provision of the best formation for a new generation of priests. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**First Communion:** An important meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 7.00pm in school for all parents of children in Year 3 (those at our parish primary school and in other schools) wishing to prepare for First Communion in June 2014. As the date and time for our preparatory sessions are to be finalised during this meeting, please do attend and fill in the form available in our back porch/parish website.

**Confirmation:** Candidates wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above) are invited, along with their parents/guardians, for a meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 7.30pm in church to plan the schedule for their preparation. There are a number of interesting activities planned by our committed team of Catechists and the celebration of the sacrament will take place in our Church during the summer term of 2014.

**Altar Servers:** We invite all our energetic Altar Servers and those wishing to join this happy team of boys and girls to a meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6.30pm in Church. At a similar meeting last year, they learnt some of the liturgical terms and prayers for the beginning and end of mass. I especially encourage their parents to bring their children along for this meeting. Refreshments will be available after the session.

**RCIA:** The RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which has helped a number of our community members in the past, will begin from January 2014. Those willing to be fully received into the Catholic Church and those wishing to be strengthened in their faith are most welcome to register their names before Christmas this year.

**Reflections this Weekend:** At Masses this weekend we receive a letter from Monsignor Keith Newton, Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, about the contribution that the Ordinariate is making to the life and work of the Catholic Church in this country. The Ordinariate is the structure under which former Anglicans who wish to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church, bringing with them some of the traditions and beauty of the Anglican heritage in which they were nurtured, may do so.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wilkinson, Tina Davies

**SVP:** District walk from St Winefride's Church to Parkgate and back, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2.00 - 4.00pm. Come and join us or, if you can't, please sponsor a walker.

**Children's Garden:** Thank you to all our young parishioners who suggested names for our garden. After looking at all your wonderful suggestions we have chosen the name "The Children's Peace Garden". Keep watching the garden grow and listen out for future events.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal:** Can you help with covering the shoe boxes on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> and/or 5<sup>th</sup> October? At 10.00am in the church hall. Please bring your own scissors!

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** CWL are joining the world's biggest coffee morning to raise money to fund nurses who support cancer patients. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the church hall at 9.30am. All welcome.

**YSVP:** Our new officers have been elected by the group: President- Jordan Henshaw, Vice President - Dominic Lisboa, Secretary - Emily Hughes.

**SPUC:** Many thanks to all who supported our tea/coffee, cakes, raffle and Bring & Buy during the summer. We raised £345.52. Our Annual Walk of Witness is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please join us if you can or sponsor us (sponsor forms in both porches).

**Celtic Notes:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in our School Hall. Tickets on sale priced £6.00. If anyone wants a lift to the concert, please contact Margaret on 336 2050.

**Piety Stall:** Open after the summer break in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass. We are now supporting 'Shrewsbury Diocese Children's Society' with all money raised being donated to the society.

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**Ordinary Time Week XXIV**

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

14 Sep	SATURDAY	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Sunday	6.30 pm	Vera West
15 Sep	SUNDAY	Second Collection	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Patrick Doherty & Madeline Scott
16 Sep	MONDAY	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9.00 am	Health: Karen Dawson
17 Sep	TUESDAY	St Robert Bellarmine	9.00 am	Health: Margaret Kennedy
18 Sep	WEDNESDAY	Beginning of the School Year Mass	9.00 am 9.10 am	Health: Tracy & Sean Family For St Winefride's School
19 Sep	THURSDAY	St Theodore of Canterbury & St Januarius Funeral Service	9.00 am 10.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan Elizabeth Margaret Keenan
20 Sep	FRIDAY	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	9.00 am	Int: Fay & Paul Hally
21 Sep	SATURDAY	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	9.00 am	Sp Int: JB
21 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving for the Harvest/the fruits of Human Work	6.30 pm	The Cason family
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RIP: Canon John O'Reilly, David Hillhouse, Elizabeth Keenan

**From Fr Ravi...**

As the new academic year is well underway and we return to our workplaces and schools refreshed by the long and sunny summer, we at St Winefride's are continuing with arrangements to take the next steps in planning our pastoral mission. We have arranged a number of meetings over the next few weeks, which I am sure you will make every effort to attend, as we continue to grow into a truly caring, sharing community for everyone – even our Children's Garden is a modest step in realising this Parish Vision.

**Wednesday, 18th September at 7pm in the presbytery:** A meeting has been arranged for all the leaders/representatives of active groups/ministries in our Parish. By listening to one another we can be inspired by our commitment and direct our energies towards a common vision.

**Monday, 23rd September at 7pm in School:** A meeting for all parents of children in Year 3 (including those at St Winefride's Primary School) wishing to prepare for First Communion in June 2014. As the date and time for our preparatory sessions are to be finalised during this meeting, please do attend and fill in the form available in our back porch/parish website.

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**Tuesday, 24th September at 6.30pm in Church:** For all the energetic Altar Servers in our parish: at a similar meeting last year, they learnt some of the liturgical terms and prayers for the beginning and end of mass - the enthusiasm with which they say it has been observed by many priests. I especially encourage their parents to bring their children along for this meeting. Refreshments will be available - but after the session!

Thank you again for your commitment and appreciation of all that we do at St Winefride's and may God continue to bless us all with peace and happiness, all our days. God bless!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris.

**Bible Study:** The next meeting will be on **Tuesday** 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm at 2 Allan's Meadow. We are reading sections 31,33 & 34 (missing out section 32.) in the study book.

**SVP:** September is SVP National Awareness Month, during the month look out for the posters at the back of Church.

**Sponsored Walk:** SVP District Walk - St Winefride's Neston to Parkgate Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Proceeds in aid of the upkeep and maintenance of the Society caravan in Talacre. All are invited to join us.

**YSVP:** First meeting for all members Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am. Contact Barbara Rivers for more information on 336 2072. New members welcome.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal:** Empty shoes boxes needed (with separate lids, not hinged). See porch for details of wanted items.

**Macmillan coffee morning:** CWL are joining the world's biggest coffee morning to raise money to fund nurses who support cancer patients. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the church hall at 9.30 am. All welcome.

**SPUC Annual Walk of Witness:** From Aigburth through Liverpool City Centre will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please join us if you can, or sponsor us.

**Pro-life Conference:** Blackpool on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of September 9.30am till 5pm.

**CWL meeting:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Guest speaker will be Pat Wood who will give a flower demonstration. All welcome.

**Little Church:** Recommences Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September during 10.45 Mass in Church Hall for children aged 3-7.

**Ministers of the Word:** New weekend readers rota from October 2013 to January 2014 available now in the sacristy in hard copy. Please collect yours.

**Piety Stall:** Open after the summer break in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass. We are now supporting 'Shrewsbury Diocese Children's Society' with all money raised being donated to the society. This year we have already passed over more than £2000 to this very deserving cause. A big thank you to all who have contributed to this fantastic effort!

**Red Box Mission Holders:** Please collect your free magazine 'Mission Today' from the church porches. Also if any red boxes needing emptying, please leave in the church porch next weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept or ring 336 1261

**Celtic Notes:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in our School Hall. Tickets on sale shortly. For more information on these events see the notice boards or contact Margaret on 336 2050 or Judy on 336 7056

**St Anselm's College open day:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 5 - 8pm for pupils currently in year 5/6.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

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**Healing Mass:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 12 noon at Sacred Heart & St Peter, Southmoor Road, Baguley, M23 1HP for all affected by mental health issues. Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Sr Jo Bird will lead an afternoon of reflection.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY– 15<sup>th</sup> SEP 2013**

Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when Catholic communities in England and Wales pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation.

Bishop Kieran Conry, Chair of the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, explains the theme of day and asks the Catholic community to embrace Home Mission Sunday and what it stands for:

"I would be most grateful for your support in promoting and celebrating Home Mission Sunday 2013.

"The theme this year is 'Crossing the Threshold: Ministry and Outreach to Non-Churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics'. It has been chosen in response to requests from all tiers of the Catholic community in England and Wales for this to be a significant focus of the work of evangelisation.

"It's estimated that while there are around one million churchgoing Catholics in England and Wales, there are at least four million who rarely or never visit their local parish. In response to this reality the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis is inviting every parish to make ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics a special priority in the year ahead, beginning on 15 September 2013 – Home Mission Sunday.

"While the lapsation of the baptised is not new within the Catholic community, the worry and anxiety experienced by parents, siblings and grandparents of non-churchgoing baptised, is deep and heartfelt. We all hold in our hearts at least one person in our family who seems disconnected from the life of the Church."

On Home Mission Sunday, let us remember them in our prayers and also bring before the Lord the wider work of evangelisation in our countries.

"Thank you in advance for your prayers and support."





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**Ordinary Time Week XXIII**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

7 Sep	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sally & John Hogan
			10.45 am	Adrian Jelley
9 Sep	MONDAY	St Peter Claver	9.00 am	Health: Sarah Stuart-Gill
10 Sep	TUESDAY	St Ambrose Barlow	9.00 am	Peter Anderson
11 Sep	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	TG: R.M. Jones and Family
12 Sep	THURSDAY	Most Holy Name of Mary	9.00am	Canon John O'Reilly
13 Sep	FRIDAY	St John Chrysostom	9.00am	Service of Word and Communion
14 Sep	SATURDAY	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.00am	Int: Jane Dixon and Family
		Baptism	12noon	Mason Leo Hulton
14 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Vera West
	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
15 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
	Home Mission Sunday			
	Second Collection		10.45 am	Patrick Doherty & Madeline Scott
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass				
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm				

**Please pray for the sick, especially:**

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**Praying for Peace, Message from Bishop Mark Davies**

Pope Francis has called a universal day of fasting and prayer on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. The Holy Father will himself keep a Vigil of fasting and prayer in St Peter's Square from 7pm until Midnight. Pope Francis explained, "we will gather in prayer and in a spirit of penance, invoking God's great gift of peace upon the beloved nation of Syria and upon each situation of conflict and violence around the world."

Let us join the Pope in this prayer of intercession for peace united with our fasting and self-denial. I ask you, even at this short notice, to consider a time of public prayer in the parishes with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday evening around the time of the Vigil Mass and Confessions so that we may be consciously united across the Diocese with the Holy Father's vigil in Rome. "I ask all the local churches," Pope Francis said, "in addition to fasting that they gather to pray for this intention." May the Shrewsbury Diocese be united in this prayer and fasting with Pope Francis on Saturday interceding in particular for a peaceful end to the conflict in Syria and to the terrible suffering of the Syrian people. The Holy Father continues to call upon the international community to make every effort to promote clear proposals for peace. "I appeal strongly for peace," Pope Francis said on Sunday, "an appeal which arises from deep within me." I wish to repeat Pope Francis's appeal in his own words: "How much suffering, how much devastation, how much pain has the use of arms carried in its wake in that martyred country, especially among civilians and the unarmed! I think of the many children who will not see the light of the future. With utmost firmness I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I tell you that the terrible images of recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgment of God and of history upon our actions which is inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence."

The Gospel teaches that prayer and fasting are great and powerful means to intercede for deliverance from evil. Let us each try to respond to Pope Francis's heartfelt plea to pray and fast for peace on Saturday.

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

**From Fr Ravi:** If you were not able to participate in this universal day of fasting and prayer on Saturday, perhaps you could consider finding some time during the week to fast and pray for peace in the world.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** L Wood, F Byrne.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read Judaism 28 - 30.

**First Communion 2014:** Important meeting for all parents on **Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in school. Please do try to attend this meeting.**

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**Confirmation 2014:** Important meeting for all parents and candidates on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7:30pm in Church. Please do try and attend this meeting.**

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**Children's Garden:** After each mass all children in the parish are invited to write down their suggestion for a name for our children's garden (outside the back porch).

**SVP:** September is SVP National Awareness Month: posters at the back of Church.

**Theatre Night:** Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> September at Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight 7.30pm "Dead Reckoning" Tickets £5.00 please contact Peter Middlehurst 3361269 or pjmiddlehurst@gmail.com for tickets

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**CWL:** Committee Meeting 7.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Church Hall.

**SPUC Annual Walk of Witness:** From Aigburth through Liverpool City Centre Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Pro life Conference:** Blackpool on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of September 9.30am till 5pm.

**Celtic Notes:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in School Hall. See notice boards or contact Margaret (336 2050) or Judy (336 7056).

**Reps Needed:** Women's World Day of Prayer - to represent St Winefride's: why not give it a try! Also a Christian Aid representative needed. Please do consider volunteering. Contact Deacon Mike/Barbara Rivers if you can help: ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk. Many thanks.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** Trip to Fulbeck, near Leeds on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Details on website (Parish Life - NDCT) or contact Lynne Vaughan lynnevneston@gmail.com 336 8920.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**CANON JOHN O'REILLY (1945 – 2013) RIP**



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Canon John O'Reilly who died peacefully in Arrows Park Hospital, Wirral, on Saturday evening 31st August 2013. He was a regular visitor to St Winefride's, enjoying his time here in Neston greatly, and many of us will have remembered his gentle, insightful talk during our Year of Faith Vatican II series.

Canon John was Parish Priest at Ss Catherine & Martina's, Hoylake and also Chancellor of the Diocese.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Thursday 12th September 7.30pm, Ss Catherine & Martina's, Hoylake, Vigil Mass. Friday 13th September 11am, Our Lady & the Apostles, Edgeley, Stockport, Funeral Mass (followed by interment in Stockport Borough Cemetery).

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**National Heritage Open Day:** 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September St Alban's, Macclesfield – 37a Chester Road, Macclesfield, SK11 8DJ from 1pm – 5pm.

**"Why Pope John Called the Council - Vatican II's teaching on Christian Unity":** Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10am - 1pm at St. Columba's Parish Centre, Chester, CH2 1SA.

**Shrewsbury Diocesan History Day:** St Mary of the Angels, Hooton, CH66 1QJ. Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am (for 11am) – 4pm.

**Diocesan Mass for Grandparents:** Celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies at St Wilfrid's Church, Northwich, CW9 5NP on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.

**RCIA:** Catechists meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Saint Columba's in Chester.





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**Ordinary Time Week XXII**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

31 Aug	SATURDAY	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30 pm	Health: Maureen Wainman
01 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	John Jones
02 Sep	MONDAY		9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
03 Sep	TUESDAY	<i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.00 am	Int: Tina, James, Rebecca Rourke
04 Sep	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Cuthbert</i>	9.00 am	TG: Joan Bartley
05 Sep	THURSDAY		9.00am	M. Viegas
06 Sep	FRIDAY		9.00am	Peter Anderson
07 Sep	SATURDAY		9.00am	Health: Edna Everitt
		<i>Baptism</i>	12noon	Sophia Isabella Sayce
07 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
08 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sally & John Hogan
			10.45 am	Adrian Jelley
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm				

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**From Fr Ravi...**

On Wednesday August 28th, our team of catechists met to plan the Faith-Formation activities for the coming year. Dates of catechises sessions that have been confirmed (where applicable) are outlined below along with the catechists involved with these sacraments/celebrations. If you would like to join any of the groups in their ministry, please do volunteer.

CELEBRATIONS	CATECHISTS	DATES
<i>Baptism</i>	Tony Topping, Micheline Johnson	Saturday March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 Saturday October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
<i>Bereavement Support Group</i>	Barry Lyonette, Micheline Johnson, Agnes Harrison, Ruth Murray	As required.
<i>Confirmation</i>	Micheline Johnson, Dee Roberts, Sue Davies, Helen Jones	<b>APPLICATIONS BY SEPT 16<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> Parents and candidates: Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 7:30pm
<i>First Communion</i>	Liz Dolley, Barry and Sue Lyonette, Tony Topping; Suzanne Hoskinson and other school catechists	<b>APPLICATIONS BY SEPT 16<sup>th</sup> 2013</b> Dates tbc shortly.
<i>Marriage Preparation</i>	Barry and Sue Lyonette, Pam Nicholson, Karl Ankers	Saturdays on 1 <sup>st</sup> February, 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2014

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We would especially like to thank Edith O'Sullivan for her invaluable contribution in preparing so many of our First Holy Communion candidates over the years. We look forward to an inspiring year ahead and as a parish family support all those who will be involved in our catechises sessions.

We also keep our young people in our prayers at the beginning of the new academic year. We pray especially for those who are starting school for the first time and their parents, and those going to new schools. God bless!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Brian & Veronica Casey

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**Foodbank Donation:** Many thanks to those who contribute so generously to the Foodbank Appeal. In August you donated over 125 Kg of food, well done! According to a recent article in a national newspaper, foodbank enquiries have risen 80% since April and the Wirral News reported that in Wirral over 4000 meals have been provided since the scheme started. Foodbank boxes are located in both porches where there are lists of suitable produce to donate, though nothing is refused.

**SPUC Annual Walk of Witness:** The Annual Walk of Witness from Aigburth through Liverpool City Centre will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please join us if you can or sponsor us.

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**Pro Life Times:** The Pro Life Times will be given out this weekend after all Masses.

**Website:** latest Justice & Peace bulletin available online in Parish Life section.

**Parish Registers:** Would anyone who has moved to the Parish since March 2012, or where there have been changes within the household, please fill in a registration form in the rear porch (in filing cabinet), or download from the website and email or return to the presbytery.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** Neston committee invites all interested to join their trip to Fulbeck, near Leeds to Moravian Church and Museum on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>. For further details please check our website (Parish Life - NDCT) or contact Lynne Vaughan lynnevneston@gmail.com 0151 336 8920.

**Christian Aid Committee:** Advance notice of Fun Quiz on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at URC.

**Reps Needed!** Women's World Day of Prayer - to represent St Winefride's: not an onerous task and very worth while! Also a Christian Aid representative needed for the well organised

Neston Christian Aid committee. Please do consider volunteering. Please contact Deacon Mike or Barbara Rivers if you can help: ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk. Many thanks.

**Celtic Notes:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in our School Hall. Tickets on sale shortly. For more information on these events see the notice boards or contact Margaret on 336 2050 or Judy on 336 7056

**Peter Anderson RIP:** Brenda and family were very grateful for the many Masses, cards, letters and words of sympathy received following Peter's death. They were a great comfort. Thank you.

**Tanzanian Craft Sale:** Thanks to all who supported the recent sale of Tanzanian crafts in the Church Hall after 10:45 mass. The sale raised £82 for the Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania (IEFT).

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**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Diocesan Mass for Grandparents:** You and your family are invited to come to this Annual Diocesan Mass. Mass is being celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies at St Wilfrid's Church, Northwich (CW9 5NP) on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon. Most car parks in Northwich are free and there is some parking at the church. I would be grateful (for catering purposes) if you advise that are attending (Contact: info@stjohnvianney.co.uk Tel: 01606 42440) but please feel free just to turn up on the day. It would be wonderful to see you at the Mass.





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Ordinary Time Week XXI

25<sup>th</sup> August 2013

24 Aug	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Sp. Int: D Strawson
		21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	The Parish
25 Aug	SUNDAY	Baptism	10.45 am 12 noon	Frank Morgan Lauren Michelle Pamela Norman
26 Aug	MONDAY	Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God	<b>10.00 am</b>	TG: Karen Kirby
27 Aug	TUESDAY	St Monica	9.00 am	Adrian Jelley
28 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Augustine of Hippo	9.00 am	John Piccolo
29 Aug	THURSDAY	The Beheading of John the Baptist	9.00 am	Peter Anderson
30 Aug	FRIDAY	Sts Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitheroe & Anne Line	9.00am	TG: William Spencer
31 Aug	SATURDAY	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne	9.00am	John Boyd
31 Aug	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Health: Maureen Wainman
		22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	The Parish
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**From Fr Ravi...**

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On Wednesday August 28th, our dedicated team of catechists will meet again to evaluate future activities and plans. Our catechists support the parish by assisting in many areas:

- helping parents and God-parents before **Baptism**
- preparing children and their parents for **First Forgiveness** and **First Communion**
- leading our **Confirmation** candidates
- guiding couples in **Marriage** preparation
- comforting those **bereaved** and helping them organise funeral services

As we sincerely thank those who have been involved in these important ministries in our community, we welcome your suggestions, especially with regard to communicating the beauty of our faith to the next generation and in nurturing the faith of those who struggle living our faith today. A resource library to assist the catechists in their mission is also being planned.

We congratulate all those who received their GCSE results this week and wish them the very best in their future plans. May the last few days of the holiday season, with its continued surprising sunshine warm our hearts and lift our spirits to new depths and to new heights.

God bless!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** W Morgan and A-M McLean

**Bible Study Group:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2 Allan's Meadow at 7:30pm. Please read sections 25-27 in the study book.

**Catechists:** Meeting for all the catechists on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the presbytery.

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**Website Statistics:** For those who are interested, some numbers for our visitors to our website. These figures give an overview of its use so far.

Since its launch on 1st Jan 2013 - 31st July 2013 we have had 4,415 visits of which 1,763 are "unique" visits (i.e. unduplicated visits).

In total 35.5% of our visitors to the website over this period are "new/unique" and 64.5% are returning visitors. In this period we have had 19,825 page views (i.e. the total number of pages looked at by our visitors).

The top pages viewed are: home page (i.e. main page), newsletter, parish life, events and history. Our web site has been accessed mainly from the UK (92%), but also from Canada, India, USA, Ireland, Germany, Australia, Spain and Japan among others.

We do hope the website will be used more frequently as a parish resource. Rotas, contact people and numbers, newsletters, forms are all available online now and those who use it regularly certainly find it very helpful. The web team are always delighted to get information to put online, (especially from parish groups), plus any feedback or ideas for the future. Should anyone (especially those with any technical expertise) wish to join us, please do get into contact with the web manager. Happy surfing!

**Church Flowers:** The flower arranging group are meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 9.45 a.m. in the presbytery to discuss the Bishop's visit in November (and Christmas!) If you have any ideas or can help you are very welcome to join us.

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**The Catholic High School Chester GCSE Results:** Another very successful set of GCSE results. Overall 73% of students gained 5 A\*-C grades with 61% gaining 5 A\*-C including English and Maths. The proportion of students securing 5A\*-C including English and Maths is the best the school has ever achieved and all of the results show a significant improvement on last year's GCSE grades. The school converted to become an academy in March this year and so these are the first results for the new academy.

Mr John Murray, Head Teacher, praised the achievement of students of all abilities: "The success of our students across the board is most impressive. Our most able students did very well, but I am delighted with the achievement across the whole ability range. It is a great start at GCSE for our new Academy which I am convinced will go from strength to strength. The students and staff deserve every congratulation. To secure an improvement in results at a time when the examination boards have been under pressure to reduce pass rates is a fantastic achievement."





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Ordinary Time Week XX

18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2013

17 Aug	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
18 Aug	SUNDAY	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	Emily Robinson
			10.45 am	Peter Anderson
19 Aug	MONDAY	St John Eudes	9.00 am	Tony Gerard Moreton & Fly
20 Aug	TUESDAY	St Bernard	9.00 am	R. M. Saunders & Fly
21 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Pius X	9.00 am	Health: Jennifer Glass
22 Aug	THURSDAY	The Queenship of Mary	9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
23 Aug	FRIDAY	St Rose of Lima	9.00am	Edith & Elizabeth Webb
24 Aug	SATURDAY	St Bartholomew, Apostle Baptism	9.00am 12 noon	Peter Anderson Henry Leander Wyatt
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**From Fr Ravi**

**Bishop Mark's Visitation:**

I am delighted to share with you the good news that Bishop Mark will be visiting St Winefride's Parish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2013. In Christian tradition, visitations are a time of grace and blessing for the entire parish. I shall soon be discussing with you and our active parish groups how to make this visit fruitful for everyone. As you may be aware, on November 2nd we commemorate All Souls Day and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November this year, we will be celebrating 170 years of St Winefride's and we are privileged that Bishop Mark will be with us during these special days. I look forward to listening to your suggestions as to how to make these events special and participatory for everyone in our parish community - including all our parishioners from our very youngest to our most 'experienced' members, not forgetting the housebound and those not able to attend our Services regularly.

**Congratulations** to all those who have received their hard earned A level exam results. We hope that whatever the grades that the future for you all is exciting and stimulating. We also keep in our prayers those waiting for their GCSE results next week.

I am glad that many find the blue lamp in the Lady Chapel beautiful and an aid to prayer. As we continue to enjoy a great summer this year, please do know that wherever you are holidaying, you are remembered at St Winefride's and we look forward to seeing you fully refreshed and strengthened when you are back.

Happy holidays and God bless.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wilkinson and Tina Davies

**Catechists:** There will be an important meeting for all the catechists involved in different faith based activities on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**SPUC:** As well as providing the teas and coffees after Mass, for the next 2 weekends we will be having a "bring and buy" stall and a raffle. All donations welcome!

**Sponsored Walk:** SVP walk 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2pm Church to Parkgate and back proceeds in aid of the Society caravan in Talacre, Parishioners are invited to join us and the other District SVP in this fund raising

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wednesday from 9.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. at Our Lady and St. John Heswall. Anyone willing to give an hour of their time each week to Our Blessed Lord and would like to join the rota please contact Ann: 342 7229, Barbara: 342 7012, Brenda: 342 6750, Maria: 342 5425 or come along at any time during the day whenever suitable. Thank you.

**"Why Pope John Called the Council - Vatican II's teaching on Christian Unity":** This study day has been organised by the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission as its particular contribution to the Year of Faith. Two talks with discussion led by Fr. Peter Phillips. Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10am - 1pm at St. Columba's Parish Centre, Chester, CH2 1SA starts promptly at 10am. Those from other Christian traditions also welcome!

**Churches Together in Wirral (CTiW):** Graham Burgess, the chief Executive of Wirral Borough Council will lead a discussion on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September between 2 – 4pm at St David's United Reformed Church, Eastham CH62 9DG. Our local Dean Fr Nick Kern welcomes those interested.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**Outstanding A level results at The Catholic High School Chester:** We are really delighted with the results and wanted to share them. Our Students were celebrating a most impressive set of A level results this year. Over 50% of the results were grades A\* – B, with a record number of students gaining grades A\* and A. This confirms the school's continuing trend of success for our A level students. Amongst the best results were those of Imelda Barnes and Joseph Durnin, who each achieved 3 A\* grades and one A grade. Imelda is to read Mathematics at Oxford whilst Joseph will study Physics with a year in Europe at Imperial College.

Grace Carson, the Head Girl of the school, gained 2 A\* grades and an A grade; she will read Law at University College, London. Head Boy Stephen Hayward will read Chemical Engineering at the University of Bath.

The Head Teacher, Mr John Murray, affirmed this when he said "I am delighted with these brilliant results which reflect the hard work and determination of our students and their teachers. This, together with strong parental support, has ensured that our Sixth Formers have more than reached their potential. Our new Academy has got off to a wonderful start."

**From SVP President:** Pope Francis asks us to work with the needy and vulnerable in our Society. We may not think there are such people here in Britain but sadly this is not the case. Your contributions to the Food Bank go in a small way to alleviate the pressure on families. Thank you all very much. Most weeks there are 2 boxes taken to the depot for redistribution. The NDCT is looking at the feasibility of a Food Bank and Distribution Centre in Neston to save the long journey to Chester or Ellesmere Port. Thank you once again for your contributions.

When delivering the food you have donated last week to the Warehouse, you were greeted with numerous trays of tins/cans and boxes of food, my original thought was off a Supermarket making a very generous donation, I was informed they received a call from a "Good Samaritan" asking them to meet him at a local supermarket, the good Samaritan turned out to be a Muslim, and as Ramadan was ending they had a collection in the local Muslim community, and donated the money raised to the Foodbank. God bless people of good will and also thank you to the Parishioners for your generous food donations, and continued support of the Foodbank.

**Parish Registers:** Would anyone who has moved to the Parish since March 2012, or where there have been changes within the household, please fill in a registration form in the rear porch (in filing cabinet), or download from the website and return to the presbytery or email.





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**Ordinary Time Week XIX**

**11th Aug 2013**

10 Aug	SATURDAY	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Tony Casson
11 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Int: Margaret Bullock
		Wedding	10.45 am	The Parish
			2.30pm	Catriona Hamlet & Benjamin Darracott
12 Aug	MONDAY	St Jane Frances de Chantel	9.00 am	Peter Anderson
13 Aug	TUESDAY	Ss Pontian, Hippolytus	9.00 am	Int: Mary Henesy
14 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Maximilan Kolbe	9.00 am	Health: Eva Bennion
		Vigil	7.30pm	The Parish
15 Aug	THURSDAY		The Assumption of the BVM	9.00am
		Holyday of Obligation	7.30pm	Catherine Nickson
16 Aug	FRIDAY		St Stephen of Hungary	9.00am
17 Aug	SATURDAY	Baptism	9.00am	Int: Anne Gibson
			12noon	Emily Rose Carruthers
17 Aug	Next Weekend SATURDAY	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
18 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Emily Robinson
			10.45 am	Peter Anderson
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**RIP:** Kevin Hughes, Peter Anderson, Adrian Jelley.

**From Fr Ravi...**

**A Lamp at the Lady Altar - in Gratitude for 170 Years of St Winefride's!**

On Thursday August 15th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. In honouring Mary's Assumption, we celebrate our humanity at its best and our hope in life eternal.

**Celebrating our Humanity:** Mary was a woman in a world ruled by men, was young in a world that valued age, was poor in a world that considered poverty as God's curse, was a peasant far from the corridors of power. Yet the liturgy on August 15th calls her 'the greatest honour of our human race' because being human has meaning deeper than power, recognition and wealth. Humanity at its best gives and receives, forgives and is forgiven, loves and is loved.

**Celebrating our Hope:** Seeing Mary in heaven assures us that there is a place in God for each one of us and there is a place for God in each of us. When Jesus said, "There are many rooms in my father's mansion," our hope leads us to believe that God's love embraces us all. Mary's 'yes' in a stable in Bethlehem and at the foot of the Cross in Calvary also implies there is a God created cavity in each of us that can be filled by God, and God alone - 'our hearts are restless until they rest in you'.

In this way, Our Blessed Mother leads us to Jesus and "the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." [Catechism of the Catholic Church, #966].

When the renovated Lady Altar was blessed on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, it was suggested that a lamp could help us in focusing more fully as we pray and seek God's closeness through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. As we commemorate 170 years of St Winefride's this year, we will place a blue lamp in the Lady Chapel on the Feast of the Assumption in gratitude for all of God's blessings we have experienced in the church and parish community that we all love so very much. May God bless us all!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** L, Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris

**Fr Denis' Bible Study group:** Next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm, 2 Allans Meadow. Please read Judaism chapters 22, 23, 25, 25.

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**CWL Tea Party:** Members and all ladies of the parish are warmly invited along on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2-4pm at Veronica's, 2 Westview, Church Lane. Raffle and Bring & Buy. Further details tel: 336 7150

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**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2013:** Arrangements have been made for Mass to be celebrated for all clergy and parishioners of St Winefride's in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**Greetings:** Pope Francis has chosen this year to send a personal message to Muslims for the close of Ramadan. Usually a message is sent from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue – a message from the Pope himself is an invitation to us all to dialogue and promote relations with the Muslim community.

**Pope Francis' Message to Muslims Throughout the World for the end of Ramadan ('Id al-Fitr)**

It gives me great pleasure to greet you as you celebrate 'Id al-Fitr, so concluding the month of Ramadan, dedicated mainly to fasting, prayer and almsgiving. It is a tradition by now that, on this occasion, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue sends you a message of good wishes, together with a proposed theme for common reflection. This year, the first of my Pontificate, I have decided to sign this traditional message myself and to send it to you, dear friends, as an expression of esteem and friendship for all Muslims, especially those who are religious leaders.

As you all know, when the Cardinals elected me as Bishop of Rome and Universal Pastor of the Catholic Church, I chose the name of "Francis", a very famous saint who loved God and every human being deeply, to the point of being called "universal brother". He loved,

helped and served the needy, the sick and the poor; he also cared greatly for creation.

I am aware that family and social dimensions enjoy a particular prominence for Muslims during this period, and it is worth noting that there are certain parallels in each of these areas with Christian faith and practice. This year, the theme on which I would like to reflect with you and with all who will read this message is one that concerns both Muslims and Christians: Promoting Mutual Respect through Education.

This year's theme is intended to underline the importance of education in the way we understand each other, built upon the foundation of mutual respect. "Respect" means an attitude of kindness towards people for whom we have consideration and esteem. "Mutual" means that this is not a one-way process, but something shared by both sides.

What we are called to respect in each person is first of all his life, his physical integrity, his dignity and the rights deriving from that dignity, his reputation, his property, his ethnic and cultural identity, his ideas and his political choices. We are therefore called to think, speak and write respectfully of the other, not only in his presence, but always and everywhere, avoiding unfair criticism or defamation. Families, schools, religious teaching and all forms of media have a role to play in achieving this goal. Turning to mutual respect in interreligious relations, especially between Christians and Muslims, we are called to respect the religion of the other, its teachings, its symbols, its values. Particular respect is due to religious leaders and to places of worship. How painful are attacks on one or other of these! It is clear that, when we show respect for the religion of our neighbours or when we offer them our good wishes on the occasion of a religious celebration, we simply seek to share their joy, without making reference to the content of their religious convictions.

Regarding the education of Muslim and Christian youth, we have to bring up our young people to think and speak respectfully of other religions and their followers and to avoid ridiculing and denigrating their convictions and religious practices.

We all know that mutual respect is fundamental in any human relationship, especially among people who profess religious belief. In this way, sincere and lasting friendship can grow. When I received the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See on 22 March 2013, I said: "It is not possible to establish true links with God, while ignoring other people. Hence it is important to intensify dialogue among the various religions, and I am thinking particularly of dialogue with Islam. At the Mass marking the beginning of my ministry, I greatly appreciated the presence of so many civil and religious leaders from the Islamic world." With these words, I wished to emphasize once more the great importance of dialogue and cooperation among believers, in particular Christians and Muslims, and the need for it to be enhanced.

With these sentiments, I reiterate my hope that all Christians and Muslims may be true promoters of mutual respect and friendship, in particular through education. Finally, I send you my prayerful good wishes, that your lives may glorify the Almighty and give joy to those around you. Happy Feast to you all!





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Ordinary Time Week XVIII

4th Aug 2013

3 Aug	SATURDAY	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Graham Ellerton
4 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Dee Baker
5 Aug	MONDAY	Dedication of St Mary Major	9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
6 Aug	TUESDAY	The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00 am	Special intention
7 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Sixtus & Comp, St Cajetan	9.00 am	Int: Ian Cubbins
8 Aug	THURSDAY	St Dominic	9.00 am	Health: Peter Tweedale
9 Aug	FRIDAY	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Requiem	9.00 am 12 noon	Health: Caroline Harrison Peter Anderson
10 Aug	SATURDAY	St Laurence Wedding	9.00am 1.00 pm	Health: Sr Betty Twamley Fay L Knox & Paul M Hally
10 Aug	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Tony Casson
11 Aug	SUNDAY	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wedding	8.45 am 10.45 am 2.30 pm	Int: Margaret Bullock The Parish Catriona Hamlet & Benjamin Darracott
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**From Fr Ravi:** From Neston to Krakow...

We were all touched by the way a 76 year old 'youth' was able to gather 3,500,000 young people on a beach, with his deep humanity and humble spirituality. He inspired the young people to proclaim the gospel and said more than just words 'what is necessary is proximity: to embrace, kiss or hug...' in order to communicate God's unconditional love and infinite mercy to humanity. When boldness and strength is associated with power, domination and violence, Pope Francis challenged young people to have 'the courage to be happy'. He seems to be echoing the words attributed to that great saint from Assisi: Proclaim the Gospel at all times; use words if necessary.

The next World Youth Day is to be celebrated in Krakow, Poland in 2016. WYD was first officially organised in 1986 and many are excited about the 30th year anniversary celebrations, two years from now. I am fully aware that at St Winefride's we have only two groups of people - those who are young, and those who are young in Spirit, which makes us all eligible to participate in the celebrations in Krakow!

As you will read in our newsletter we have a number of baptisms and weddings coming up and we delight in the joy of these celebrations. Whilst we enjoy the happiness of these events, we also remember many of our parishioners who are not keeping well or are undergoing intensive medical treatments. Quite a few, as you well know, have passed away to find rest in the Lord. As we enjoy the sunshine - not the Indian heat - may we reach out and touch one another with a smile, with a prayer, offering love and hope.

I wish you all a refreshing break this summer. May this holiday season, uplift our spirits, strengthen the bonds of unity in our families, foster friendships with new people and help in building a happier world for everyone. God bless!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Altar Servers:** Some of our children who received First Communion recently have already started serving at the altar. As we happily welcome them to this ministry, we request their parents, to kindly encourage their children to participate in this joyful experience of serving the community at the altar. If any parents wish to help in their training please do volunteer.

**Parish Register:** Would anyone who has moved into the Parish since March 2012, or where their have been changes within the household, please fill in a registration form available in the rear porch (in filing cabinet) or download from the website and return to the presbytery or email.

**Maintenance:** The chimney on the roof of the church is being re-pointed and maintenance work undertaken on the roof. I am sure that you are all very impressed with the way that the grounds have been maintained by the gardeners - well done all!

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wood and Fran Byrne

**Website:** Justice & Peace - The latest Bulletin is on the website under Parish Life, Justice & Peace. During the holiday season you can keep up to date with parish news by accessing the newsletter online.

**Piety Stall:** Holiday break from 21st July - Sun 8th Sept. Cards and small items will remain available in church. Should you require anything else during closure please check the display cabinet in the hall and contact Margaret or anyone serving teas after Sunday mass.

**Sponsored Walk:** SVP District Walk - St Winefrides Neston to Parkgate Sunday 15th September. Proceeds in aid of the upkeep and maintenance of the Society caravan in Talacre.

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**National Justice and Peace Network:** Networking Day - Open Meeting on Saturday 14th September 2013 from 10.30am-4pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, CH2 1SA. Keynote speaker Vijay Mehta on "The Economics of Killing: How the West Fuels Wars and Poverty in the Developing World". More details on website (Parish Life - Justice and Peace) or from Ann Kelly 020 7901 4864 admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

**OTHER**

**Theatre Night:** Wednesday 11th September Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight 7.30pm "Dead Reckoning" Tickets £5.00 please contact Peter Middlehurst 3361269 or pjmiddlehurst@gmail.com for tickets

**WORLD YOUTH DAY: REFLECTIONS**  
**Looking Back at Rio, Looking Ahead to Krakow**

*By Ann Schneible*

Now that World Youth Day in Brazil has come and gone, some of those who were there are looking back and reflecting on their favourite moments.

For an entire week, Rio de Janeiro was filled with pilgrims who had journeyed to the South American city from across the globe for an encounter with Pope

Francis, as well as with the millions of other young people who share their faith.

The celebration culminated with Sunday's concluding Mass, presided over by Pope Francis on Copacabana beach, which was attended by an estimated 3 million people. As is customary, the pope announced the location of the next WYD during his Sunday Angelus address: Krakow, Poland.

"Everyone seems to be very happy about the fact that WYD is returning to the land of the founder, John Paul II," said Salt and Light producer Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann. Deacon Guevara-Mann, who has just wrapped up his time in Rio covering the week-long festivities, said WYD 2016 is also significant because it will coincide with the 30th anniversary of the first official WYD in 1986.

**A week in Rio**

One of the characteristics of this year's WYD was the nearly constant rain. Rather than dampening the spirits of the pilgrims, Deacon Guevara-Mann said that, in reality, "no one seems to mind." "People just got wet," he said. "At the Papal Welcome Ceremony the Holy Father, referring to 'cariocos' or people from Rio de Janeiro, he said that he 'had always heard that the Cariocas do not like the cold and the rain but you are proving that their faith is stronger than the cold and the rain.'"

The event which set the tone for the week, said Deacon Guevara-Mann, was the Papal welcome ceremony. He noted how the musical presentation, entitled "Rio of Faith," demonstrated how Brazil is deeply rooted in the Faith. "I'll always remember when Pope Francis called for an applause to Benedict XVI. He assured us that Pope Benedict was watching on TV."

**Vigil**

On Saturday, some 3 million people filled Copacabana beach to attend a prayer vigil with Pope Francis. "The vigil was one of the most powerful ones that I've ever seen," Deacon Guevara-Mann said. "The music was perfect and prayerful; everything was just right: music, symbols, witnessing, worship, the Holy Father's message. It was truly a night when God was worshipped on Copacabana Beach."

"I'll never forget [the pope] telling the young people that in order to train we have to pray, go to the Sacraments and be loving to others. He made us all repeat those three and then added, 'you're not going to forget, are you? Tomorrow, will you still remember?'"

Throughout the week, and culminating with the Mass, Deacon Guevara-Mann noted how "there was much intellectual growth, but also emotional and spiritual growth. There were many emotional moments, such as the family with the little girl born without a brain, who were invited to bring her up during the Offertory at Mass and also during the Vigil when the man who'd suffered an accident and was left in a wheelchair asked us all to take out the cross from our backpacks and hold it up: 'pick up your cross.' It is that Cross that gives us strength."

"At some point, sometimes during the WYD experience, Christ calls us to stop being merely disciples and sends us as apostles. That was exactly the theme of this WYD, 'go make disciples of all nations.' Pope Francis reminded us over and over again to be disciples and also be missionaries. That's what it's all about."





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**PASTORAL LETTER**

**To be read in all churches and chapels of the diocese on the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time.**

My dear brothers and sisters,

Since the first missionaries sent by Pope Gregory arrived on the coast of England in the year 597 AD we could say that Christianity has formed the foundation of our common life and laws. This bedrock of Christian values has remained our nation's mainstay, despite all the upheavals of the past millennium. However, in our life-times we have witnessed a seismic shift from these Christian foundations. Parliament's decision to change the legal definition of marriage is the latest sign of this shift. We are facing together a completely new situation which invites us – with growing urgency - to engage in a “new evangelisation” and a courageous “lay apostolate,” always in the closest union with the Successor of the Apostle Peter, Francis our Pope, called to be “the rock” on which the Church is built. These have been the themes of my letters to you over this past year. It is surely when foundations are shaken, the ground taken from beneath our feet, that we need to give renewed attention to the sure basis on which our future can be built. As we prayed in the Mass today: Without you, O God, “nothing has firm foundation” (Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time).

I am conscious that I write to you when Pope Francis has travelled to Brazil to join millions of young pilgrims for World Youth Day. In recent debates we heard politicians express their hope that new generations might be so secularised in outlook that they will ask: Why was anyone concerned about this question? Blessed John Paul II often reminded us that our witness to the truth of the Gospel has a value, not only for the present time, but for all generations to come. In his meeting with the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Francis spoke of the necessity of this Christian witness: “in a world which seems at times to call into question some of the foundations of society” the Holy Father said, “such as respect for the sacredness of human life or the importance of the institution of the family built on marriage” (14<sup>th</sup> June 2013).

Today I also wish to echo some important words of the Archbishop of Westminster in a message circulated to Catholics across the country. Archbishop Nichols declares that by this deconstruction of marriage, “our society has taken a significant step away from its Judeo-Christian foundations” (The Narrow Gate, A Reflection by the Archbishop of Westminster).

The Government's legislation does not, and cannot, change our understanding of marriage. In contrast to the new law, Archbishop Nichols reminds us, Christian teaching holds that marriage is a life-long faithful union of a man and a woman, ordained by God for the creation of the family and future generations. Marriage is the place where sexual relations find their proper place and God-given purpose. It would be hard to over-estimate in these respects the importance of marriage for human well-being and our ultimate good.

It might be easy to be carried along by the confusion in our country. “But this is not” the Archbishop of Westminster insists “the way of the Catholic as a follower of Christ.” We may be accused of an outmoded understanding of human relationships, or even of bigotry, when trying to live and present Catholic teaching as it has been given by God. Archbishop Nichols reflects that being out of step with society for the sake of the Gospel should be no cause for discouragement. “This is our calling,” he writes, and we are called to “live faithfully by the teaching we have received and to present it robustly and intelligently”- for “this teaching is no human construct but God's gift for our happiness.” The re-definition of civil marriage certainly adds to a sense that people of faith are becoming, in Archbishop Nichols's words, “strangers in their own land.” Nevertheless we must be ready, with genuine respect for every person, to give our witness as “energetic citizens and contributors to the common good of all.”

We look forward to the day when our society re-discovers its Christian roots and the authentic value of marriage as the foundation of the family. The Youth Catechism notes that nothing in the early Church fascinated people more about the “New Way” of the Christians than their homes and families. “In an unbelieving world, islands of living faith were formed,” the Catechism explains, and the great cities of antiquity which certainly did not share the Christian vision of morality “were soon permeated with domestic churches” – the Church in miniature, within the home and family. The Youth Catechism reflects that these “were like points of light. Even today families in which Christ is at home are the leaven that renews our society” (YouCat 271). I have no doubt that it is through such witness - your own witness - that the Christian foundations, increasingly discarded by the leaders of our society, will be discovered anew.

United with you in prayer today, together with the nine hundred pilgrims from the Diocese in Lourdes, may we give this true and faithful witness for all generations to come,

+ Mark

**Bishop of Shrewsbury**

**Ordinary Time Week XVII**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

27 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life	6.30pm	Douglas Strawson
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday		8.45am 10.45am	Terrence Hughes The Parish
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	St Martha	9.00am	TG: Gabrielle
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	St Peter Chrysologus Requiem	9.00am 11.00am	Patrick Caffrey Winifred Jellicoe
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Wednesday	St Ignatius of Loyola	9.00am	Sp Int: Sofar Family
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Thursday	St Alphonsus Liguori	9.00am	John Piccolo
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Friday	St Peter Julian Eymard	9.00am	Int: Suzanne Holt and James J Hoskinson
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Saturday	St Oswald Baptism	9.00am 12 noon	TG: Joe and Paula Tunstall James Peter Barry
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Next Weekend Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Graham Ellerton
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday		8.45am 10.45am	The Parish Dee Baker
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**RIP:** Winifred Jellicoe, Veronica Kelly, Andrea J Wood

**Church Cleaners:** Brian and Veronica Casey

**Fr Denis' Bible Study Group:** Next meeting Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm, 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read Judaism 21, 22, 23.

**Last Sunday's Offerings:** Thank you for your generous support.

**Food Bank:** Pope Francis asks us to work with the needy and vulnerable in our society. We may not think there are such people here in Britain but sadly this is not the case. Your contributions to the Food Bank go in a small way to alleviate the pressure on families. Thank you all very much. Most weeks there are two boxes taken to the depot for redistribution. The NDCT is looking at the feasibility of a Food Bank and Distribution Centre in Neston to save the long journey to Chester or Ellesmere Port. A list of items suitable for donation is displayed near each box and on-line. Thank you once again for your contributions.





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**Ordinary Time Week XVI**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

20 July	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Bill Owen
21 July	SUNDAY	<i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	TG: Debbie & Mike Topping
22 July	MONDAY		<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	9.00 am
23 July	TUESDAY	<i>St Bridget</i>	9.00 am	Dot Davies
24 July	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Sharbel Makhluf – Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	9.00 am	
			<i>School</i>	9.10 am
25 July	THURSDAY	<i>St James, Apostle Commemoration Service</i>	9.00 am 11.30 am	Peter Durrant Andrea Jacqueline Wood
26 July	FRIDAY	<i>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne</i>	9.00 am 1.00 pm	Frank Jones Victoria Harrison & Michael D Carney
27 July	SATURDAY		9.00 am	John Piccolo
27 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life</i>	6.30 pm	Douglas Strawson
28 July	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Terrence Hughes
			10.45 am	The Parish
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RIP: Veronica Kelly, Andrea J Wood, Winefride Jellicoe

**Announcements:**

**Church Cleaners:** Wendy Morgan and Anne-Marie McLean

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support:

**CWL Raffle:** Sat 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July to support CWL charities. Items donated by CWL members. Tickets £1 each will be sold at all Masses that weekend. Thank you for your support.

**Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion:** New rota available in the sacristy. Recently appointed Ministers will be added on the following rota to be issued in October 2013. Thank you. Any questions please phone 336 1261

**SPUC Garden party:** Many thanks to Veronica Cuthbert for hosting the party. Thanks also to all those who came and who gave donations and raffle prizes. In total a £267.75 was raised .

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

Takes place this week with over 900 pilgrims making their way to the famous shrine by air and overland under the leadership of Bishop Mark.

On Thursday morning, July 25<sup>th</sup>, from 08:45 (BST) the diocese will be celebrating Mass at the Grotto with the Westminster and Brentwood pilgrimages with Bishop Mark presiding and archbishop Nichols preaching and then at 1:00 p.m we shall be taking some of our sick pilgrims to venerate the rock of the Grotto. These two events will be on Lourdes TV at <http://fr.lourdes-france.org>

During this week we invite you all to join in the pilgrimage prayer intentions which are as follows:-

- \* For our new Holy Father, Pope Francis.
- \* For our Emeritus Pope Benedict that we may continue to experience the fruits of his teaching.
- \* For World Youth Day 2013.
- \* For an increase in faith for all in the Shrewsbury Diocese

**From Fr Ravi...**

St Mary of Magdala - an Apostle to the Apostles!

On Monday [22/07] we celebrate the feast of St Mary of Magdala, one of my favourites of all time and one who has fascinated theologians and artists alike right throughout history. To start with, she was not named, as many of the other women are, in reference to a man [e.g. Mary, wife of Jacob] but is associated with her place, implying that she was a well-known, important person of repute (and wealth) in her town. No wonder, she could generously support Jesus with her gifts and resources.

Unfortunately, medieval art easily identified this woman, with the 'struggling' woman at Simon's banquet in Luke's Gospel or with the one who was saved from stoning in John's Gospel. Biblical scholarship clearly indicates that this link is misleading.

What we do know is that Jesus drove out 'seven demons' from Mary of Magdala and that she along with other women became disciples and benefactors of Jesus. Again, Mary of Magdala's struggle with 'seven demons' has been easily misrepresented. She struggled with wealth, fame and pride that came with her success in Magdala. Jesus' message stirred up her heart: "If you want to find yourself, you have to lose yourself." "It will be so hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of Heaven - a camel passing through the eye of a needle." "When I was hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or in prison, you weren't there." "The rich man begged Father Abraham to let the poor beggar bring him a drop of water." "You can't serve two masters, God and money." Her heart was so emptied to be open to receive Jesus, to love him and to follow the new commandment of love - 'love one another as I have loved you'. She was there - every step of the way - with Jesus and his mother Mary, to the foot of the cross - when other well-known names fled, her heart was on fire with love.

And on the significant 'third day', when she found the tomb empty, she was ordained to see the Risen One alive and was chosen to be an apostle to the apostles. The love of Jesus freed Mary of Magdala. May the same freedom and joy be ours as we honour our beloved saint and a leader of the early Christian community, Mary of Magdala. May God bless us all!

**Well done to the children of St. Winefride's!**

I am sure all the family and friends of the children of St. Winefride's Primary School would like to join me in congratulating them on their academic and sporting achievements over the past few weeks.

....to the children in Year 2 and their teachers on achieving the following fantastic end of KS1 results:-

Reading	Writing
Level 2B+(expected level) – 78%	Level 2B+(expected level) – 72%
Level 2A+(above expected level) - 72%	Level 2A+(above expected level) - 50%
Level 3+ (well above expected level) - 44%	Level 3+ (well above expected level) - 17%

**Maths**

Level 2B+(expected level) – 84%  
 Level 2A+(above expected level) - 67%  
 Level 3+ (well above expected level) - 50%

....and to the Year 6 children and staff on achieving the following brilliant results in their end of KS2 SATs

Reading	Writing	Maths
Level 4*+ 88%	Level 4+ 92%	Level 4+ 88%
Level 5**+ 58%	Level 5+ 50%	Level 5+ 46%
	Level 6*** 8%	Level 6 4%

**What does this mean...?**

\*Level 4 (4B) is the expected level for a child of this age. Many of our children achieved 4A in Reading/Writing and Maths and this is considered **above expected** level for a Year 6 child.

\*\*Level 5 is **well above** the expected level for a child of this age.

Level 6\*\*\* is **beyond primary school** level for a child of this age.

**UK Maths Trust Challenge Winners 2013**

Four Year 5 boys recently took part in and won the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Challenge, which was held at Birkenhead School. In total 13 schools from Wirral and Cheshire applied to take part, including maintained and private schools. Each team had to undertake several demanding maths challenge activities. Each activity was timed and the children had to use a broad range of maths skills to complete them. Although they were fun games, it is needless to say they were rather difficult challenges for the children to complete. Well done boys!

**Outstanding Contribution to Sport 2012/13 Award**

Congratulations to our Year 6 class, who won the CH64 Games held at Neston High. They competed with great determination and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Moreover, St Winefride's has been awarded the *'Primary School Outstanding Contribution to Sport 2012/13 Award'*. Well done to all of the St. Winefride's children who represented the School this year and thank you to all of our staff who are dedicated to Sport.

**Wirral Schools' Swimming Gala**

After their success in the Ellesmere Port and Neston Swimming Gala, the children took part in the Wirral Final in June. Competing in both individual events and team races, we had great success and medal places including a bronze medal for Breaststroke Ffion Williams and a gold medal for James Klabou in the Breaststroke. It was a memorable evening with both parents and Gala officials commenting on the excellent performance and attitude of our Swimming Team.





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**Ordinary Time Week XV**

**14 July 2013**

13 July	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Veronica Whalley
14 July	SUNDAY	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish Vera Molloy
15 July	MONDAY	St Bonaventure	9.00 am	TG: Joan Bartley
16 July	TUESDAY	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
17 July	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	TG: Dot Davies
18 July	THURSDAY		9.00am	Greta Bently
19 July	FRIDAY	St John Plessington	9.00am	John Piccolo
20 July	SATURDAY	St Apollinaris	9.00am	Arthur Ferns
20 July	SATURDAY	Next Weekend	6.30 pm	Bill Owen
21 July	SUNDAY	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish TG: Debbie & Mike Topping
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**A Huge Thank You!**

Thank you, from my family and I, to all at St Winefride's - both clergy and parishioners alike. Your response in prayers, support, gifts, organising coaches, teas, cakes and coffee, after the 1145 Mass, towards my family and myself have been truly overwhelming and humbling. I'm sure that my granddaughter seeing all the cards and gifts thought Christmas had come early.

Thank you also, to all who attended the Ordination at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Looking down from the altar and seeing so many familiar faces was wonderful and very calming. It was like being back in St Winefride's. I look forward to serving you all in my ministry, and always keep you in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Mike

**Recycling in the grounds:** Please when tidying graves ensure that any plastic bags or cellophane are placed in the appropriate bins. The Green Bins are for compostable material only. Thank you!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Year of Faith:** We thank Canon Hoban for concluding our Vatican II lecture series on July 11<sup>th</sup> with such an interesting talk on 'The Challenges and Hopes facing the Church today'. Also to all those who participated wholeheartedly in these 10 sessions. Many thanks to Derek Pover and the many others who arranged our parish centre and organised the refreshments. All the visiting speakers were amazed at the warmth experienced here at St Winefride's.

**Catechists:** We had a fruitful meeting of all those involved in faith-formation on July 10<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to finalising our programme sometime in August to be fully prepared to launch into regular activities after summer break.

**Gardeners:** On July 3<sup>rd</sup> the gardening team met – we have 20 volunteers to care for our grounds which was a great response. Anyone else wishing to help please contact David McNulty (336 1959). The little garden area by the back ("new") porch is to be designated as a special place for our children.

**Thank you:** To all those who participated and organised the recent significant events in our Parish - Deacon Mike's ordination in Shrewsbury and St. John Plessington's mass in Burton. Our special gratitude and appreciation to Rev Cathy Helm for welcoming us so warmly in St Nicholas' Church. More updates on these events to follow.

**Parish Register:** Would anyone who has moved into the Parish since March 2012, or where their have been changes within the household, please fill in a registration form available in the rear porch (in filing cabinet) or download from the website and return to the presbytery or email.

**Altar Servers:** Some of our children who received First Communion recently have already started serving at the altar. As we happily welcome them to this ministry, we request their parents, to kindly encourage their children to participate in this joyful experience of serving the community at the altar.

**YSVP:** Thanks to YSVP and their coordinators, Barbara Rivers, Dorothy Barber, Veronica Cuthbert for animating this Sunday's Eucharist and for their contribution to the life of our parish.

**PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wilkinson and Tina Davies.

**Bible Study Group:** Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read Judaism 16 – 19.

**Children's Garden:** Calling all young parishioners – please come and help replant the bulbs in "your" garden by the back porch after 10:45 mass on 21<sup>st</sup> July. You will receive "Garden Ownership" certificates!

**CWL:** Meeting on Thursday 18th July at 7.30. This month's speaker is Caroline from Wirral Hedgehog Rescue. All visitors welcome, young and old alike!

Donations of cat and dog food very welcome (no fish please). **Raffle:** On Sat 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July to support CWL charities. All items donated by members of the League. Tickets £1 each and will be sold at all Masses that weekend. Thank you for your support.

**Piety Stall:** Holiday break from 21st July until Sun 8th Sept. Cards and small items will remain available in church. Should you require anything else during closure please check the display cabinet in the hall and contact Margaret or anyone serving teas after Sunday mass.

**Website:** Pictures from Deacon Mike's Ordination online in newsletter and events sections.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support:

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flooding in Lourdes:** Lourdes has again been damaged by recent serious flooding. Images can be viewed online: www.lourdes-france.org. Last October our pilgrimage made a donation of €5000 towards repairs and we will make a similar donation again but if anyone wishes to add to that amount you are invited to send a donation to the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office, St Peters, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK74EA. Cheques payable to Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Account. Electronic transfers: Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Account at Royal Bank of Scotland, 1 Dale St, Liverpool Sort code 16-24-06 a/c no 10124535 Reference FLOOD.

**Petition for Lourdes:** Pamela Kimpton is collecting petitions to take to Lourdes on the Diocesan pilgrimage. Please leave petitions in the Presbytery by 21st July.

**ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPUC Garden Party:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2 West View, Church Lane. Admittance £3 including afternoon tea. Bring and Buy stall plus raffle (prizes gratefully accepted). Tickets now on sale or on the day.

**Neston and District 'Churches Together':** Our new logo has been finalised – a truly ecumenical effort by all involved. An NDCT website is also being designed and further details will be forthcoming.



**OTHER**

**Chaplaincy Assistant:** The Catholic High School, Chester is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic practicing Catholic as a Chaplaincy Assistant on a one-year fixed term contract. The successful applicant will assist in the running of school liturgies, chapel based activities, retreats, displays and charity projects, under the direction of the Head of RE. For further information please contact the Head teacher, John Murray on 01244 981600 or e-mail murrayj@christofidelis.org.uk by 17/07/2013.





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**We welcome our newly ordained Deacon, Mike Topping,  
and assure him of all our support and prayers.  
Frs Ravi Bosco, Denis Marmion and Chris Lightbound.**



**Ordinary Time Week XIV**

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

6 July	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Eric Belcher
7 July	SUNDAY	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	T G Loughe Family
			10.45 am	Johnson Family
8 July	MONDAY		9.00 am	TG: Margaret & Geoff Davies
9 July	TUESDAY	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	9.00 am	Claire Butler
10 July	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Joan Alper
11 July	THURSDAY	St Benedict – Day of prayer for Europe	9.00 am	TG: Karen Kirby
12 July	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Frank O'Leary
13 July	SATURDAY	St Henry	9.00 am	Agnes Weston
13 July	SATURDAY	Next Weekend	6.30 pm	Veronica Whalley
14 July	SUNDAY	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	8.45 am	The Parish
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris.

**Celebrations:** All are welcome for the celebrations in honour of Deacon Mike Topping in the Parish Centre after 10.45am Mass.

**Catechists Meeting:** Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**Year of Faith:** Canon Hoban speaks on 'The Challenges and Hopes facing the Church today' on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Summer Fair:** The Summer Fair raised over £3,000. Many thanks from the Parents' Association of St Winefride's school.

**St John Plessington Pilgrimage:** Mass at St Nicholas Church, Burton, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.

**CWL:** Committee meeting this Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

**SPUC:** Meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July in Parish Centre. Garden Party on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2 Westview, Church Lane. Tickets £3 inc afternoon tea. Tickets from SPUC Group or from Margaret 336 2050 All welcome.

**Parish Census:** Would anyone who has moved into the Parish since March 2012, or where there have been changes within the household, please complete a registration form, available from Derek Pover, in rear porch or online.

**Petition for Lourdes:** Pamela Kimpton is collecting petitions to take to Lourdes on the Diocesan pilgrimage. Please leave petitions in the Presbytery by 21st July.

**SVP - Feed my Lambs:** Foodbank boxes are positioned in the back of our porches for parishioners to donate tinned food and other long life food items.

**YSVP:** We look forward to our young people animating our 10:45 mass on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**Family**

I was born in Wallasey in April 1962, moving to Neston at the age of six. I attended the little sandstone school house on the far side of the churchyard at St Winefride's, before moving on to the Catholic High School Chester, where I completed my education in the sixth form.

During my time at the CHS I was briefly a Church Student with hopes of a future priesthood, but my life took a different direction and I left for London to 'seek my fortune'. It was there that I found something far more precious; my wife Debbie, without whose love and support I could never have made this vocational journey. We were married in July 1984 and are still in the honeymoon period! With God's Grace we were blessed with three wonderful children: Sarah, Aaron and Hannah.

We returned as a family to Neston some twenty years ago, our children also attending St Winefride's primary school and then at the CHS in Chester, finishing their education at the universities of Hull, Aberystwyth, and Chester. Lately our family has increased with the addition of our son-in-law Ryan, and our 'little angel' granddaughter Evie. Our youngest daughter Hannah is engaged to be married to a fine young man, Matthew.

**Becoming a Deacon**

I began my journey to become a deacon, just over six years ago, first studying for the CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies), and then four years of formation at the Seminary of St Mary's College Oscott. I owe my calling firstly to my hero, my Dad, Tony, who through his humble and devout faith gave me an example to follow that has inspired me my entire life.

I also owe a debt of gratitude for faith inspiration to Fr Briscoe, Msgr John McManus, Fr Denis Marmion, Msgr Chris Lightbound and of course Fr Gerry Courell, at whose invitation from the ambo for someone to consider a formation in the Diaconate I duly followed.

It goes without saying, that the Holy Spirit has been the guiding force throughout my life and vocation, along with God the Father, and Our Lord Jesus Christ, for whom, and in whom, we all owe our being. I also have a deep devotion to Mary our Mother, whose help and intercession I have sought at difficult times.

**The Ministry of a Deacon**

The origins of the diaconate can be found in the Acts of the Apostles (6: 1-6) at the institution of the "Seven" (men of good reputation!), lapsing somewhat during medieval times, and being restored to a Permanent Diaconate at Vatican II. Three reasons lay behind the restoration of the diaconate as a permanent rank of the hierarchy.

1. A desire to enrich the Church with the functions of the diaconate, which otherwise, in many regions, could only be exercised with great difficulty;
2. The intention of strengthening with the grace of diaconal ordination those who already exercised many of the functions of the Diaconate;
3. A concern to provide regions, where there was a shortage of clergy, with sacred ministers.

The ministry of the deacon is threefold; 'strengthened by sacramental grace the deacon is dedicated to the People of God, in conjunction with the bishop and his body of priests, in the service (*diakonia*) of the liturgy, of the Gospel and of works of charity.'

**My Role as a Deacon at St Winefride's**

Along with assisting the priest at the altar and reading the Gospel, I will be involved fully in the administration of the parish; catechising and instructing in conjunction with the various parish groups; assisting and celebrating baptisms, funerals and weddings.

I look forward to working closely with my mentor, Fr Ravi, whose encouragement and enthusiasm have been an inspiration and also our retired 'Elders in the Faith' Fr Denis and Msgr Chris, without whose support, encouragement and instruction over the last four years I could not have managed.

**Thanks**

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank you, the parish, whose support and prayers have carried me along on this journey when the road was not always level and smooth. I look forward to getting to know you all a little better in the coming years, and serving you in my ministry as a deacon.

*God Bless you all.*





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**Christmastide**

**29th December 2013**

28 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
29 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sp Int: Fisher Family
30 Dec	MONDAY	<i>6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Octave</i>	10.45 am	Doherty & Southwell Families
31 Dec	TUESDAY	<i>7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Octave/St Sylvester Funeral Service New Year's Eve</i>	9.00 am	Health: Aurori Cogan
			10.30 am	William Duffy
			6.00 pm	Lily Jones
1 Jan	WEDNESDAY	<i>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God</i>		Thanksgiving Prayer
2 Jan	THURSDAY	<i>St Basil – St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	10.00 am	Special Intention
3 Jan	FRIDAY	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.00 am	Int: Sr Dervilla & Fly
4 Jan	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Fr Gary Walsh
4 Jan	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.00 am	Philip Gibbons
			6.30 pm	Tom Rainford
5 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Selina Ashington
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**RIP:** Lily Jones

**From Fr Ravi... Thank You!**

At the close of 2013, we thank God for the providential care we have experienced both individually and as a community during the past year, and for guiding us through our joys and pains, successes and struggles, light and shadows. May God's enabling presence be our strength and support as we begin a new year, with courage and confidence.

The joy of Christmas was visible in our celebration of the Eucharist, when we came to rejoice at the experience of 'God With Us' - it was lovely to see the excitement when Father Christmas telephoned us! As you enriched us with your presence, we also remember those who helped in many ways by generously committing themselves to various responsibilities for the greater good of the community - altar servers, church and crib decorators, the flower team, church cleaners, musicians and singers, hymn sheet producers, ushers etc. All of us at St Winefride's are grateful for their loving service to our community.

On a personal note, the Pastoral team at St Winefride's - Frs Chris and Denis, Deacon Mike and myself - are deeply touched by your gentle ways of appreciation and love expressed through beautiful cards and gifts. Please do consider this as a personal 'thank you' from each one of us and also be assured that when we sit in prayer in God's presence, you and your families will be very specially remembered: "I thank my God whenever I think of you and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy" (Phil 1:3-4)

I would like to conclude with the prayer of blessing we will use at the end of mass on the first day of the New Year:

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

May God give you integrity in faith, endurance in hope and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.

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Happy New Year!

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If you do have access to the internet and haven't yet visited the site, please do take a look. Our newsletter is online each Saturday along with archived editions; there are photograph galleries; all parish forms are downloadable; our Parish Life section gives information on all our groups and ministries; the History section covers our more 'ancient' and recent past; contact details of parishioners involved in various ministries; links to useful resources; details of sacraments and various rotas for our dedicated volunteers.

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**CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS MASS**

**ENTRANCE**

1. Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern;  
Day by day, like us he grew;  
He was little, weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above,  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

**OFFERTORY**

1. Hark the herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
joyful, all ye nations rise  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem,  
*Hark! The herald Angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King.*
2. Christ by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
late in time behold Him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings;  
mild He lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

**COMMUNION**

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet, in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and Peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.
3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his  
sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked  
down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay
2. The cattle are lowing,  
the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying  
he makes,

I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down  
from the sky  
And stay by my side,  
until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever  
and love me, I pray,  
Bless all the dear children in thy  
tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live  
with thee there.

**POST COMMUNION**

1. Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright,  
round yon virgin mother and child;  
holy infant, so tender and mild:  
sleep in heavenly peace, (2)
2. Silent night, holy night.  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia:  
Christ, the Saviour is born, (2)
3. Silent night, holy night.  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, (2)

**RECESSIONAL**

1. O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
born the King of angels;  
*O come, let us adore him, (3)  
Christ the Lord.*
2. God of God,  
light of light,  
lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God,  
begotten, not created;
3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God,  
in the highest;  
*(Only on Christmas Day)*
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:

Wishing you all the Joy of a truly Blessed Christmas!



**CAROLS FOR VIGIL**

**Good Christians All Rejoice**

1. Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today!  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, (2)
2. Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this;  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this, (2)
3. Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart, and soul, and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save;  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, (2)

**See Amid the Winter's Snow**

1. See, amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years.  
*Hail, thou ever blessèd morn,  
hail, redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*
2. Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
what your joyful news today?  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
on the lonely mountain steep?
3. 'As we watched at dead of night,  
lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels, singing peace on earth,  
told us of the Saviour's birth.'
4. Sacred Infant, all divine,  
what a tender love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss,  
down to such a world as this!

**Go Tell it on the Mountain**

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.*

1. While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er wan'dring flocks by night,  
behold, from out of heaven  
there shone a holy light.
2. And lo, when they had heard it,  
they all bowed down to pray,  
then travelled on together,  
to where the babe was laid.
3. When I was a seeker,  
I sought both night and day:  
I asked my Lord to help me  
and he showed me the way.
4. He made me a watchman  
upon the city wall,  
And if I am a Christian  
I am the least of all.

**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.
2. Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and man, at war with man, hears not  
the love song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
and hear the angels sing!
3. For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when the new heaven and earth  
shall own  
the prince of peace, their king,  
and the whole world send back  
the song  
which now the angels sing.

**The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy**

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (3)  
And they said that his name was Jesus  
*He came from the glory  
He came from the glorious kingdom(2)  
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!  
He came from the glory  
He came from the glorious kingdom*

2. The angels sang when the baby was born (3)  
and proclaimed him the Saviour, Jesus.
3. The wise men saw where the  
baby was born (3)  
and they saw that his name was Jesus.

**In the Bleak Midwinter**

1. In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
2. Heaven cannot hold him,  
nor the earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away  
when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter  
a stable place sufficed -  
Our Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
throngèd the air.  
But his mother only  
in her maiden bliss,  
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.
4. What can I give Him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man,  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can, I give him - give my heart.

**We wish you a Merry Christmas**

1. We wish you a Merry Christmas; (3)  
and a Happy New Year.  
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.*
2. O, bring us some figgy pudding; (3)  
and a cup of good cheer;
3. We won't go until we've got some; (3) ,  
so bring some out here;
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**Advent Week IV – Christmastide**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**

21 Dec	SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers	6.30 pm	Int: R. M. Saunders & Family
22 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am	TG: Breet Douglas & Family
			10.45 am	Kenneth George Rodrigues
23 Dec	MONDAY	St John of Kanty	9.00 am	Julie & Mary Mulligan
24 Dec	TUESDAY	Evening Mass of the Vigil Midnight Mass	9.00 am 7.00 pm 0.00 am	Emily and Michael Robinson Special Intention Fr Pat O'Brien
25 Dec	WEDNESDAY	Nativity of the Lord	8.45 am 10.45 am	Dave & Agnes Boyd The Parish
26 Dec	THURSDAY	St Stephen	10.00 am	TG: M. Viegas
27 Dec	FRIDAY	St John	9.00 am	TG: Christine McHugh
28 Dec	SATURDAY	Holy Innocents	9.00 am	Int: Michael Everitt
28 Dec	SATURDAY	Next Weekend The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	6.30 pm	The Parish
29 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sp Int: Fisher Family
			10.45 am	Doherty & Southwell Families
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**From Fr Ravi... Christmas is here!**

With joy, we celebrate God's loving embrace of humanity - yes, **all** of humanity and the whole of creation! All our parishioners - our friends and families - will be especially remembered in the Masses offered on Christmas Day. May our hearts and homes be filled with happiness and God's blessings in this holy season. May the song of the angels on that beautiful night: 'Glory to God and Peace to God's people' become a reality in all those hearts that long for fulfilment and joy.

As always, our thoughts are also with those who are unable to be with us during this time, maybe due to distance, to illness or to no longer being with us. May God's love heal and strengthen us, as we celebrate the presence of God, who accompanies us on/in our journey, and who remains ever-present in our joys and pains and loves each one of us immensely as we truly are 'the apple of his eye'.

St Winefride's is a home to everyone and with open hearts we welcome all those who wish to experience God's presence and grace. 'To believe, to belong and to become' is the mantra that guides our life together in this parish, as we help each other to pray, to love and to grow. As we wish one another a Merry Christmas, we can be assured that the parish clergy and community is with us every step of the way, to help us all 'taste and see that the Lord is good'.

God bless!

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**Christmas Masses**

<b>Christmas Eve</b> Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols: 6:30 pm Vigil : 7:00 pm Mass : midnight
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**New Year's Day:** Our Parish celebration of the New Year will be followed by coffee, tea and cake organised by the Webteam on the first anniversary of the parish website.

**SVP Sudan Baby Appeal:** Wondering what to give your favourite aunt or uncle for Christmas, or anybody for that matter? The SVP are again supporting this worthwhile cause and through your past generosity, many babies have been saved. If you know of anybody who would like a special gift celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, buy them a certificate "to feed a baby" Leaflets are in both Porches, or contact Peter on 3361269.

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**Advent Week III**

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15 Dec	SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Irene O'Sullivan
16 Dec	MONDAY	St Winefride's School Carol Service	9.00 am 7.00 pm	Raybone & Woodhead families
17 Dec	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Int: G Moreton & family
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**From Fr Ravi - Pope of Mercy**

In awarding 'the Person of the Year' to Pope Francis, Nancy Gibbs of TIME magazine says, "Rarely has a new player on the world stage captured so much attention so quickly—young and old, faithful and cynical—as has Pope Francis," and that "he has placed himself at the very centre of the central conversations of our time: about wealth and poverty, fairness and justice, transparency, modernity, globalization, the role of women... the temptations of power".

Our Holy Father is being recognised by people belonging to different persuasions, as 'the new voice of conscience' in today's world and his focus on compassion and mercy, leads humanity to catch a glimpse of divine love, that we especially celebrate in this season of Advent. In as much as the Catholic Church, 'inspires and instructs, helps and heals,' the Gospel gently calls us to be all that we claim to be.

As we celebrate Pope Francis' leadership "for committing the world's largest church to confronting its deepest needs and for balancing judgment with mercy," we could mark this time of grace, by new initiatives of love and care, of forgiveness and understanding, of involvement and participation, of empowerment and inclusion. May the God of love surprise us this Christmas season!

God bless

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**Christmas Mass Times:** Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>): 7pm (Vigil), Midnight. Christmas Day (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>): 8.45am, 10.45am.

**LPA Reconciliation Service:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Our Lady and St John's Heswall. Priests available for confession.

**Parish Reconciliation Service:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm with priests available for Confession. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> a priest will be available for confession after morning mass till 10am.

**Altar Servers' Christmas Celebration:** Takes place on the eve of Holy Innocents, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> evening at 5.30pm. Also invited are those who received First communion last June.

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**School Mass:** 9.10am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at St Winefride's School will be offered for Mrs Kieran who is leaving at the end of this term. Parishioner's parents and ex-pupils all welcome.

**Confirmation:** Many thanks to the volunteers who spoke to our confirmation candidates about their roles in our church. The youngsters were very impressed with the interest and enthusiasm displayed. Some of them have already stepped forward to volunteer and we wholeheartedly welcome them in actively supporting our parish community. Our final session this year is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and our outing will be on January 12<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't had a letter about the outing, please contact the catechists as soon as possible: confirmation@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**CWL Christmas Party:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Will all members please bring their food contribution and a gift for the 'Secret Santa'.

**CWL:** Are collecting toys/gifts for the Catholic Children's Society that will be delivered on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Currently we are struggling for gifts for 10 year old girls and teenage boys. Please note that presents are given to families who cannot afford to buy gifts and so the donation may be the only gift the children receive. If you wish to donate and are unable to get your gift to church by Monday evening, then please call Marie-Lou who will collect if you require. Thank you.

**SVP:** Members please note there will be no meetings on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The next meeting will be Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December.

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**Little Church:** We hope our regular Little Church youngsters will join us next week for our Nativity singing.

**Singers:** There will be carols at all our Christmas Masses this year. If you would like to join our rehearsal, we are meeting in church today (15<sup>th</sup>) 4.00 - 5.00pm.

**Piety Stall:** We have a limited stock of Christmas Novelties and decorations to sell in aid of The Children's Society. We also have Children's Society money boxes for your loose change. Donations are always very much appreciated, particularly at this time of year. Additionally we have Catholic missionary diaries and Christmas cards along with the usual selection of books and religious items.

**Children's Peace Garden:** Many thanks to all who helped create a Christmas feel to our Tree. Please do go and take a look.

**Christian Aid:** Can anyone spare an hour on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> between 9am - 8pm to help with a bag pack at Sainsbury's in Neston for Christian Aid? Please contact Barbara Rivers on 336 2972.

**Christian Aid News:** Available in porch. A parish representative is needed to ensure parishioners are kept up to date with information about Christian Aid Activities. Please contact Barbara Rivers 336 2972 if you can help in this ecumenical work.

**Neston & District Churches Together:** Each church in the area is asked to deliver Christmas Services Information Leaflets, our allocation is for the West Vale and Marshlands area. Help still needed to do this important outreach work— please collect leaflets from Sacristy.

**Carol Singing:** All welcome to sing with others from Neston and District Churches Together in on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Hinderton Mount at 7pm, Bridge Court at 7.45pm and ending in the Boathouse at 8.45/9.00pm. Also Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10-11am in the market square outside Sainsbury's (or in the foyer if bad weather): Do try and join us. All ages and abilities welcome even if fleeting.

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**8<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Advent Week II**

7 Dec	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	John & Lynda Smith
8 Dec	SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday	8.45 am	Colin Beardsworth
			10.45 am	The Parish
9 Dec	MONDAY	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM	9.00 am	Hugh Mitchell
10 Dec	TUESDAY	Requiem	10.00 am	Catherine Rogers
11 Dec	WEDNESDAY	St Damasus	9.00 am	Victor Ronald John Rhodes
12 Dec	THURSDAY	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.00 am	SPUC
13 Dec	FRIDAY	St Lucy	9.00 am	Brian Curtis
14 Dec	SATURDAY	St John of the Cross	9.00 am	Peter Howard
14 Dec	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Bill Owen
15 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Irene O'Sullivan

**Weekdays:** Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

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**RIP:** Fr Patrick O'Brien, Fr Gary Walsh sss, Catherine Rogers, Alan Glen, Brian Curtis

**From Fr Ravi:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Patrick J O'Brien, Parish Priest of Holy Family, Pensby, who died suddenly on the evening of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Arrowe Park hospital. On behalf of all at St Winefride's Neston, we convey our heartfelt condolences to all in the parish and assure them of our prayerful remembrances. Fr Pat, as leader of our Local Pastoral Area, supported us in all our activities and we still remember the beautiful mass he celebrated on the Feast of St. John Plessington at St Nicholas' Anglican Church in Burton. Fr Pat was born in 1951, ordained in 1976 and was appointed to Holy Family in Pensby in 2007. The funeral arrangements are as follows: Reception of the body and Vigil Mass at Holy family Pensby, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Funeral Mass at St Joseph's North Road, Birkenhead, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. We trust that Fr Pat is in God's loving presence as we pray for his family and the Parish of Holy Family. May he Rest in Peace.

We also celebrate **Nelson Mandela's** service to humanity. His life and his firm 'no' to bitterness and hatred reminds us that each of us has the capacity and responsibility to make a difference - big or small - wherever we are and that the responsibility of fixing the world cannot be left to our heroes alone.

God bless.

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**Services of Reconciliation:** Our Lady and St John, Heswall, **18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30 pm.** Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us prepare for Christmas. In addition to this, we will be holding a service of reconciliation in our Church on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm,** with Priests again available to hear confessions.

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**Children's Peace Garden:** Calling all children. Please help decorate our Peace Garden Tree for Christmas after 10:45 mass today - decorations provided.

**Confirmation:** A reminder that our next sessions are on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with a trip planned for January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you get a letter which needs to be returned and signed by December 15<sup>th</sup> if you wish to go to Laser Quest!

**Parish Christmas Dinner:** The fellowship gathering held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Kri Kri in Neston was another opportunity for us to grow as one community, getting to know each other better and celebrating our togetherness in the parish. We appreciate all who braved the wind and rain to join us. Special thanks go to Tony Wright and Kieron Grace for their lead role in organising the event. We regret that we could not take in all who wanted to come but we shall surely address this in the future. We very much hope that these gatherings will become a regular feature in our St Winefride's calendar.

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**YSVP:** Thanks for supporting our Advent Calendar raffle. £41 raised – winner: Louise Wilkinson.

**CWL Committee Meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. in the Church Hall.

**CWL:** Would like to thank parishioners who supported the hamper raffle. Also a big thank you to friends of the CWL who helped at the Christmas fair, especially the Youth SVP who manned two stalls and the door. Over £1200 was raised and will be given to charities in the New Year. Thank you.

**SPUC:** Next Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and after Mass we will be having the Stations of the Cross for Life.

**SPUC Christmas Cards:** Available in the Church Hall after all masses.

**SPUC:** next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm in the Church meeting all. All Welcome.

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**West Cheshire Foodbank:** Many thanks to those who supported the recent Foodbank Information Evening. Please keep an eye on the West Cheshire Foodbank website and blog for progress in setting up the Neston Distribution Centre. Many thanks to the SVP for their continued help and support. [www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk)

**Resources for new Evangelisation – Reaching In... Reaching Out:** A new diploma/certificate course is being planned by our diocese to help people to "reach into the deep roots of the faith and reach out to the world with hope and love". Information is available in both porches about this pastoral programme. If you are interested in taking part, please let Fr Ravi know.

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**Burton and Neston History Society:** Would like to hear from Nestonians who have artefacts or records from WWI that give insights into Neston Life at the time of WWI, with a view to holding an exhibition at the library next year. Information on St Winefride's parish or school life particularly wanted. Contact Ed Hilditch on 336 4510 for more information.

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**Advent Week I**

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

30 Nov	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Catherine Walsh
1 Dec	SUNDAY	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Peter's Pence</i>	8.45 am	Alex & Dale Connelly
			10.45 am	The Parish
2 Dec	MONDAY		9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
3 Dec	TUESDAY	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9.00 am	Peter Creamer
4 Dec	WEDNESDAY	<i>St John of Damascus</i>	9.00 am	Sp Intention
5 Dec	THURSDAY	<i>Requiem</i>	10.00 am	Alan Glen
6 Dec	FRIDAY	<i>St Nicholas</i>	9.00 am	Gerry Robinson
7 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>St Ambrose</i>	9.00 am 12 noon	Terry Hughes Isabella Theresa Ellen Dykes
		<i>Baptism</i>		
7 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	6.30 pm	John & Lynda Smith
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**From Fr Ravi...**

*The Joy of the Gospel*

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation - *Evangelii Gaudium* - has caught the imagination of the world. The 224 page document is indeed a song, easy to read and understand and is considered to be the 'I have a Dream' speech of our beloved Holy Father.

The Catholic Church is called upon to be more missionary, more merciful and with the courage to experience conversion. The following quotes may help our advent meditation and even inspire us to read the full text.

"I dream of a 'missionary option,' that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world, rather than for her self-preservation."

"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak"

"How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure but it is news when the Stock market loses two points"

The whole world - including the media - is in awe of Pope Francis. Maybe, we could attempt to go further, in realising his vision for the Church, by living the Gospel of God's all embracing love to humanity.

God bless.

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**Bible Study Group:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2 Alan's Meadow commencing at 7:30 pm. Please read chapters 45 - 47 in preparation.

**Prayer Group:** Meets every Friday evening at 2 Alan's Meadow at 7:30 pm. and finishing at 9pm. An informal gathering where we read and meditate on the Sunday mass readings using the principles of Lectio Divina under the guidance of Fr Denis. It offers a wonderful opportunity to widen our understanding of biblical texts in a sociable and friendly atmosphere. Advent is a good time to join us and anyone wishing to do so will be made most welcome. If you require any further information or help with transport please contact Fr Denis or Geoff Davies (336 4046).

**Children's Peace Garden:** If anyone would like to keep their crosses that have been placed in the Peace Garden, please do feel free to take them. Our decorating session of our Peace Garden tree will be on December 8th after 10:45 mass: decorations provided - see you there!

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**The Catholic Women's League:** are collecting new toys and gifts for Catholic Children's Society. Your gift may be the only gift someone receives this year. Donations gratefully received. There will be a box in the new church porch for donations. Any queries please call Marie-Lou on 07725 313879. Thank you.

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**Heating:** As winter begins to makes it felt, our heating system is on full alert! To keep our church cosy please could all radiators be left as they are. The heating is automated and they will switch on and off automatically. Many thanks.

**Thank yous:** To our excellent Christmas decorators who have yet again are doing such a marvellous job in making our church feel so special at this time of year. Also to our newsletter editors on the first anniversary of the current format – many have found it informative and reflective. If anyone would like to help with the newsletter or the website they are most welcome.

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**Ordinary Time Week XXXIV**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King – Day of special prayer for Young People. Closing of the Year of Faith – Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	6.30 pm	Dave and Agnes Boyd
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SUNDAY		8.45 am	John and Lynda Smith
			10.45 am	The Parish
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	MONDAY	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	9.00 am	Heinz Pizarek
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Phil and Cerry Topping
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Ann Davies
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	THURSDAY		9.00 am	November List
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FRIDAY	<i>Funeral Service – Blacon Crematorium</i>	9.00 am 2.00pm	Health: Rose Hart Patricia Heywood
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SATURDAY	<i>St Andrew Ordinary Time ends</i>	9.00 am	Gemma Standing
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Next weekend</i> SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Catherine Walsh
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**Parish Christmas Dinner:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm at Kri Kri, Neston. Contact Tony Wright on 3366291, Kieron Grace on 3367492 or Fr Ravi.

**Christmas Singing:** To make our Christmas services more meaningful, we need more singers. Please come and join us in church on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

**Prayer Group:** Meet Fridays at 2 Allan's Meadow at 7.30-9pm. It where we read and meditate on the Sunday mass readings using the principles of Lectio Divina. This is a good time to join and anyone wishing to do so will be made most welcome. Contact Fr Denis or Geoff Davies (336 4046).

**Confirmation:** Our next sessions at 9.45 am (9.30 for snacks) on 24th November, 8th December and 15th December. Parents please check your emails for information.

**CWL Christmas Fair:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am-1.00pm at Neston Town Hall. Gifts especially cakes and volunteers appreciated, contact Maria 336 4622. Raffle tickets for the Christmas Hampers will be on sale at all Masses.

**Piety Stall:** Christmas stock is on sale in the church hall after each weekend Mass. We also have a new selection of CTS booklets covering a range of topical subjects. All profits to The Diocesan Children's Society.

**YSVP:** Cake sale for Children in Need raised £58, many thanks for all your support. Raffle Tickets on sale after 10.45 Mass in Church Hall, for hand stitched Advent Calendar.

**SPUC:** Christmas cards on sale after all Masses, only £2.40 for 10, with the traditional Christmas message.

**PASTORAL LETTER**

**At the Close of the Year of Faith Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**

St Luke tells us in the Gospel: *"The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus"* (Lk 23:35). St Luke is careful to describe for us the reaction of people around the Cross on the first Good Friday: leaders jeer, soldiers mock, a dying man derides Our Lord. We notice in the Gospel that this is something more than ignorance or doubt; there is a real antagonism: *"He saved others,"* they say *"let him save himself"* (Lk 23:35). This was the scene on Calvary two thousand years ago and it is a drama which continues today wherever the claims of Christ are now rejected and derided. It is the hour for our faith to be proved amid the continuing uproar around the Cross of the Lord.

I write to you at the end of the *Year of Faith* called by Pope Benedict and continued by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. During this Year we have had several reminders of how Christians in many parts of the world face increasing threats of violence and intimidation in order to stand by Christ's Cross (*'Persecuted & Forgotten'* www.acnuk.org/persecution.) We are aware that during these same months, Christians have suffered violent deaths rather than renounce the name and the love of Christ. All this gives to our celebration of the *Year of Faith* a new perspective. It also gives perspective to the antagonism we can experience to the claims of Christ and to the witness of Christians in the life of our own society. This situation may at times tempt us to avoid speaking the name of Christ if it makes our contemporaries uneasy, to remove His Cross from view or to understate His claim of Kingship. On Calvary, there was one voice which made a profession of faith. St Luke tells us of a dying criminal who cut through all the fear and intimidation around him to say: *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"* (Lk 23:41). This man receives the promise: *"Today you will be with me in paradise"* (Lk 23:42). This is the faith which leads to the eternal promise St Paul describes in the Mass today: *"(The Father) has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins"* (Col 1:13).

**Children's Peace Garden:** Christmas decorating will be after 10.45am mass on December 8th. Decorations will be provided for our Peace Tree Garden. Please come along to help!

**Winter Wonderland:** St. Winefride's Primary School Christmas Market, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Father Christmas will be arriving at 3:45pm.

**Foodbank:** Information evening regarding the setting up of a distribution centre for the Neston foodbank on 29<sup>th</sup> November at the United Reformed Church at 7.30pm, all invited.

The celebration of this *Year of Faith* has surely invited us all to raise our own voices calmly and clearly in a renewed profession of our faith.

The first message of Pope Francis was that we can work as much as we want and construct many things, *"but if we do not confess Jesus Christ, things go wrong"*. Pope Francis insists: *"We may become a charitable Non-Governmental Organisation but not the Church, the Bride of the Lord ... When we do not confess Jesus Christ, we confess the worldliness of the devil, a demonic worldliness"* (*Pro Ecclesia* Mass, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013). You might have noticed a few words inscribed beneath the coat of arms of our Diocese. Every Bishop is asked to choose three or four words from Sacred Scripture to sum-up his hope and purpose. My motto for the years I will serve as bishop is simply this: *"Nihil sine Christo"* - *"nothing without Christ"*. This is a three-word summary of the words of Our Lord found in St John's Gospel where He tells us: *"Without me, you can do nothing"* (Jn 15: 5). It is surely the lesson we must constantly re-learn in our own lives. It is the lesson which leads us back to the means of grace entrusted to the Church, above all to Christ Himself truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I have no doubt that the future of our Diocese will be decided by the courage and constancy of such faith. In my first letter to the Diocese three years ago I echoed the prayer of the first apostles who said to the Lord: *"Increase our faith!"* (Lk17:5). At the end of this *Year of Faith* I ask you to renew with me this same prayer in the Mass today where *"the sacrifice of Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present"* (CCC 1364). Before Christ our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, let us say: *"Lord, increase our faith!"* Increase our faith so that we may go from Mass every Sunday to give our own courageous and constant witness to Christ the King.

Wishing you the joy of the approaching Season of Advent and a truly blessed celebration of Christmas,

+ Mark Davies  
 Bishop of Shrewsbury

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**17<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

16 Nov	SATURDAY	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
17 Nov	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents	8.45 am	Peter Anderson
			10.45 am	Irene O'Sullivan
18 Nov	MONDAY	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul	9.00 am	Catherine O'Brien
19 Nov	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
20 Nov	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	All Souls – Eileen Miller
21 Nov	THURSDAY	The Presentation of the BVM – Requiem Parish Bereavement Mass	10.00 am	Edna Bernadette Ellwood
			7.30 pm	CWL & Bereavement Group
22 Nov	FRIDAY	St Cecilia	9.00 am	Edward Lawson Webb & Family
23 Nov	SATURDAY	St Clement I, St Columban	9.00 am	November List
		Baptism	12 noon	Annabel Rose Cooke
23 Nov	SATURDAY	Next Weekend Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	6.30 pm	Dave & Agnes Boyd
24 Nov	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for Young People	8.45 am	John & Lynda Smith
			10.45 am	The Parish
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**From Fr Ravi...**

*God loves a cheerful giver*

Our parish community here at St Winefride's has always been known for its generosity whether it be supporting our parish or in contributing to second collections, supporting retired priests or reaching out to those in need.

This weekend we welcome Mike Russell, Diocesan Gift Aid Coordinator, who will be thanking our parish community for our past generosity and also suggest ways and means of making our regular offerings effective and efficient.

On behalf of the parish I would like to thank Mike Jevons who has been doing our parish accounts for many years, Brian Byrne who has overseen the weekly collection and all those who collect and count our offerings so diligently.

May our Blessings increase even as we share them with others, especially the less fortunate among us.

God Bless.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**Church Cleaners:** Brian & Veronica Casey.

**Annual Bereavement Mass:** for the Parish and CWL members on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30 pm. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

**Parish Christmas Dinner:** All are welcome. Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at 6.30pm. at the Kri Kri Greek Restaurant, Neston. Starter & main course with a glass of wine - £10 only! If you wish to join us please contact Tony Wright (336 6291, tonywright22@gmail.com), Kieron Grace (336 7492, kierongrace@btinternet.com) or Fr Ravi as soon as possible.

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**Confirmation Candidates:** Thanks to all those who contributed so imaginatively with their "precious items" last week. Our next meetings are on the following Sundays: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December and a change to 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please check emails for further information. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**CWL Christmas Fair:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am - 1.00pm, Neston Town Hall. Gifts especially cakes and volunteers appreciated. Contact Maria 336 4622. **Raffle Tickets** for the Christmas Hampers will be on sale after all Masses on weekends 16/17 and 23/24 November.

**Keep Christ in Christmas:** Sandymount Retreat House, Crosby, Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. A one day retreat led by Philip McParland offering some suggestions on how we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations 10.00am to 4.00pm. Offering: £12. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information or to book a place, phone 0151 924 4850.

**Piety Stall:** We now have our full range of Christmas stock on sale. A good selection of advent calendars, cards, books, gifts and candles are available in the church hall after each weekend Mass. We also have a **new** selection of CTS booklets covering a range of topical subjects. Please take time to browse and don't forget our glass display cabinet. We are here to serve the Parish and all profits go to support The Diocesan Children's Society.

**Winter Wonderland:** St. Winefride's Primary School will be turning their hall into a winter wonderland on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Come along and enjoy the festive market, take your chances on the Tombola, start your Christmas shopping at a selection of beautiful stalls and get into the festive spirit with mulled wine and a mince pie. Father Christmas will be arriving at 3:45pm.

**Retiring Collection this weekend:**  
**CAFOD's Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal**

We have all seen the devastating images of suffering and grief following the typhoon in the Philippines and we are still waiting to see the full impact on communities and individuals. This is reported to be the worst storm ever experienced, killing at least 10,000 people in the city of Tacloban alone and devastating the lives of many others with the widespread destruction of homes, schools and roads. The typhoon hit some of the areas that were affected by an earthquake in October, adding further damage and hampering aid efforts.

CAFOD has been very grateful to receive generous support from parishes, schools and individuals following the recent Harvest Fast Day which ensured that communities around the world can address the scandal of extreme poverty and injustice in their lives. Sadly we need to appeal once again to our Catholic community as we respond in its name to this new emergency. We are now launching the **Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal** which was fully supported by the bishops of England and Wales in their plenary meeting on 11 November.

How CAFOD is responding on behalf of the Catholic community: We are working with *Catholic Relief Services* and with *Caritas Philippines* to provide the most urgently needed aid: food, emergency shelter and essential household goods (such as pots, pans, blankets and cooking equipment) for people who have lost everything. With water supplies disrupted in many areas, we shall also provide clean water and sanitation to prevent the spread of disease

In the longer term, donations from the Catholic community will help people to rebuild their homes and to make a living again. Because of the scale of the flooding and because roads have been blocked, some parts of the country remain difficult to reach and we are supporting our Church partners to rapidly scale up their response in the worst hit areas.

Today there will be a special collection after Mass for CAFOD's emergency response to the extensive damage and suffering caused by Philippines Typhoon Haiyan. CAFOD is working with local Church partners to provide emergency shelter, food and water. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/typhoon](http://cafod.org.uk/typhoon), or by calling CAFOD on **0500 85 88 85**.

*CAFOD is appealing as part of a national response by the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). In the unlikely event of income exceeding need for this appeal, additional monies will be allocated to other urgent emergencies.*





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**Ordinary Time Week XXXII**

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

9 Nov	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Terry Hughes
10 Nov	SUNDAY	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	8.45 am	The Parish
		Baptism	10.45 am 12 noon	Helen & Dick Spencer Sienna Lilly Power
11 Nov	MONDAY	St Martin of Tours	9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
12 Nov	TUESDAY	St Josaphat	9.00 am	Roebuck Family
13 Nov	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	John F Mahony
14 Nov	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Peter Durrant
15 Nov	FRIDAY	St Albert the Great	9.00 am	November List
16 Nov	SATURDAY	St Edmond of Abingdon, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude.	9.00 am 12 noon	Josephine McDonnell Martha Lang
16 Nov	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
17 Nov	SUNDAY	Day of special prayer for prisoners and their dependants	8.45 am 10.45 am	Peter Anderson Irene O'Sullivan
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**Extraordinary Synod October 2014 - Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelisation:**

This Sunday across the dioceses of England and Wales a Questionnaire is being circulated that will allow many to actively participate in helping the preparations for the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in October next year to consider questions surrounding the proclamation of the Gospel in the context of "Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization".

Do take the time to look at the questionnaire which is available via the Diocesan Website, this weekend's Universe, or by going online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>. I have asked that there should be some paper copies of the questionnaire at the back of church for those who do not have computer access. If you are able to make this personal contribution to the preparations for the Synod please complete the questionnaire and return it to Canon Jonathan Mitchell either by using the Survey monkey online version of the questionnaire, emailing an e-version of the questionnaire taken from the Diocesan Website to Frjonmitchell@cantab.net, or posting a paper version to St John Vianney Presbytery, 142 Witton Street, Northwich Cheshire CW9 5NP

The closing date for submissions is the 13th of December. Canon Mitchell will then collate all the responses on behalf of our Shrewsbury Diocese.

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bishop Mark's Pastoral Visitation:**

The celebration of Bishop's visitation was a grace-filled moment for our parish. As we thank each other for the joy of belonging to St Winefride's, we should certainly mention our Altar Servers and their parents, First Communion and Confirmation candidates, Readers, Musicians, choir, Flowergirls, booklet/newsletter editors, Sacristans, Church cleaners, Catechists, Gardeners, our hall-arrangers, coffee/tea personnel, not forgetting our Clergy and so many others who made it so special for our community. May we all continue the great tradition of generously supporting the life and mission of our Parish.



**Church Cleaners:** Wendy Morgan, Anne-Marie McLean.

**Church Cleaning Volunteers:** The church is cleaned by volunteers and the current rota requires the teams to be on duty once in every six weeks. If you can join us please contact Louise Wilkinson on 336 1096.

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**RCIA:** The RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has helped a number of our community members in the past and will begin from January 2014. Those willing to be fully received into the Catholic Church and those wishing to be strengthened in their faith are most welcome to register their names before Christmas this year. Catechists/volunteers willing to share their faith with those participating in the programme are most welcome to give their names to Fr Ravi.

**Singing Practices:** Will continue at 10am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – please do come along to boost our singing. New singers are most welcome.

**Resources for New Evangelisation - Reaching In... Reaching Out:** A diploma/certificate course is being planned by our diocese to help people to "reach into the deep roots of the faith and reach out to the world

with hope and love". Information available in both porches about this pastoral programme. If you are interested in taking part, please let Fr Ravi know.

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**Gluten free communion hosts:** Should you require communion of this sort, please let Fr Ravi know prior to the start of mass.

**Little Church:** Require helpers to prepare and deliver "Little Church" as 3 of the long serving helpers are unable to continue. If you can help with this important work, please contact Dorothy Barber 336 5532.

**CWL Christmas fair:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am - 1.00pm in Neston Town Hall. Gifts, especially cakes and volunteers appreciated. Contact Maria 336 4622

**CWL meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Church Hall (Please note meeting a week early)

**Raffle tickets:** On sale at all Masses 16/17 and 23/24 November.

**SPUC:** Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in Church Hall. All welcome.

**Christmas Market:** St Winefride's Primary School Christmas fair will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm – 6pm.

**Christmas Cards:** SPUC and Piety Stall now on sale after all Masses. Cards at reasonable prices and all with traditional Christmas messages.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** New rotas now in the sacristy/online.

**Visit to Childwall Synagogue:** Following on from the fascinating talk by Rabbi Wollenburg, we are planning a visit to the synagogue on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, arriving by 10am. If you are interested, please let Fr Denis know by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov (336 2877).

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**OTHER**

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**Ordinary Time Week XXXI**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**

2 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Patronal Feast of St Winefride</i>	6.15 pm	Blessing of Cemetery
3 Nov	SUNDAY	<i>Visitation of Bishop Mark Davies</i>	6.30 pm	Catherine O'Brien
			8.45 am	The Parish
4 Nov	MONDAY	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	10.00 am	Doreen F O'Mahony <i>with St Winefride's Primary School</i>
5 Nov	TUESDAY	<i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am	Fred Barber
6 Nov	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Irene O'Sullivan
7 Nov	THURSDAY	<i>St Willibrord</i>	9.00 am	May Walsh
8 Nov	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Int: Gaynor & Eddie Nolan
9 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.00 am	Robert Pisarek
9 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> <i>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Josephine McDonnell
10 Nov	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Terry Hughes
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**From Fr Ravi:**

**A Time of Grace...**

St Winefride's Neston is delighted to welcome the Rt Rev Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury, who is in our Parish this weekend for his pastoral visitation. It is a moment of grace and blessing for our entire Parish community, as Bishop Mark listens to our faith experiences, helps us in our faith formation and guides us in our faith action. That this visitation happens in the Year of Faith is significant indeed. In keeping with the Bishop's visit, we have planned for a celebration of our Past, our Present and our Future.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, Bishop Mark will bless the Cemetery, praying for those of our loved ones buried here or elsewhere, that they may enjoy God's peace and rest. It is a sign of our gratitude to those who have been part of our history for 170 years, because what we are today is due to their labour of love in this parish family.

On Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Bishop Mark will preside at our two Eucharistic celebrations and will also be welcoming those candidates preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. He will experience St Winefrides' warmth and love when he meets with us and our children in the Parish Centre immediately after each celebration.

On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, I will be presiding at the Eucharist with all the children from St Winefride's Primary school, praying for God's special blessings on our children as they seek to cherish the gift of faith, lived and celebrated in our parish community and continue the glorious tradition of St Winefride's by being, 'firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in love'!

St Winefride, Pray for Us!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**First Communion and Candidates:** The candidates for first communion and confirmation are especially blessed this year by being welcomed by Bishop Mark during the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

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**CWL Committee Meeting:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

**CWL Coffee Morning:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November hosted by Irene at 4 Leighton Court from 10 am – 12 noon. Bring and Buy, entrance free but please bring a bottle for the Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fair, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Cards:** SPUC and Piety Stall now on sale after all Masses. Cards at reasonable prices and all with traditional Christmas messages.

**Foodbank:** The amount donated in October amounted to a staggering 250 kilograms, in part aided by the splendid efforts by the Children off St. Winefride's Primary School Harvest Festival. Many thanks to the kind benefactor of the box of toothpaste. Toiletries such as soap and toothpaste are much in demand. There will be an information evening for the Neston foodbank on 29<sup>th</sup> November at the United Reformed Church at 7.30pm to which all are invited.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Thank you to everyone who helped in whatever way be it to fill the shoeboxes: knitting, buying articles for the boxes, covering and packing the boxes and the many minor things that go to make it a successful project. We have 103 boxes to send.

**The Poor Clare Community in Hawarden:** send their heartfelt thanks your most generous response to last week's second collection. It means as a parish we can deliver fresh food from Neston Market for the next 11 months. Thank you again. To volunteer to help please call Joe 336 1261.

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**Ordinary Time Week XXX**

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

26 Oct	SATURDAY	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Poor Clares' Hawarden	6.30 pm	Stanley and Agnes Jones
27 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	
			10.45 am	Kevin Morris
28 Oct	MONDAY	<i>Ss Simon and Jude</i>	9.00 am	Mary and Julie Mullighan
29 Oct	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Health: Julia Jones
30 Oct	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	
31 Oct	THURSDAY	<i>All Saints Vigil Mass</i>	9.00 am 7.30 pm	
1 Nov	FRIDAY	<i>All Saints</i>	9.00 am 7.30 pm	Josephine McDonnell
2 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</i>	9.00 am	May Walsh
2 Nov	Next weekend SATURDAY		6.15 pm	Blessing of Cemetery by Bishop Mark
			6.30 pm	Catherine (Katie) O'Brien
3 Nov	SUNDAY	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Patronal Feast of St. Winefride	8.45 am	
			10.45 am	Selina Ashington
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**From Deacon Mike:**

One of the many wonderful privileges afforded to me as Deacon here at St Winefride's, is the opportunity to come into church in the evening to pray. One hundred and seventy years of heartfelt prayer and joyful hymn singing passing through the rafters and stonework, along with one hundred and seventy years of Christ's presence have, I believe, left an indelible imprint upon the fabric of this beautiful building. Sitting alone in near darkness before my loving God, with just the gentle candle light from the sanctuary and Lady Chapel lamps for illumination is the perfect setting for meditative and reflective prayer. I am often reminded of the passage in 1 Kings 19: 11-14 when Elijah seeks God at Horeb. Standing in the mouth of a cave, Elijah experiences a hurricane, an earthquake, and a great inferno, in which God was not present. It was in the gentle breeze that followed that Elijah encountered God. Modern life with all its demands upon our attention and time can often be obstructive to prayerful encounters with Jesus, but if you are passing, or have a few moments to spare, why not come into church and set aside the demands of the day, sit before your loving God and enjoy the peace only he can give.

As we prepare for the visitation of Bishop Mark next weekend, we can reflect on our 170 years as a parish: our past, our present and our future. Bishop Mark will be blessing the churchyard on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6:15 pm, prior to our evening mass, as we remember those who have gone before us. We will celebrate our Sunday Eucharist together on the Feast of St Winefride as one community who are "Firm in Faith, Joyful in Hope and Active in Charity". We look to the future of the parish with our First Communion children and our young people preparing for Confirmation. They will join us at 10:45 mass with their families to commit themselves in preparation for these important sacraments. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November we will again look to the future with a school mass at 10:00 am here in church. We very much look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark to our parish and sharing our celebrations with him on this special weekend for St Winefride's.

God Bless!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome Back Fr Ravi!** We hope that you have had a relaxing and happy holiday with your family in India. Our expert interim "Clergy Parish Management Team" can now "pass on the baton" and we all look forward to the next months with our newly energised parish priest. From Fr Denis, Fr Chris, Deacon Mike and all at St Winefride's.

**Thank you:** After a very lively, energetic and entertaining talk to complement our Year of Faith Vatican II series, we would like to thank both Rabbi Wollenburg for speaking so inspiringly and Fr Denis for organising such an interesting evening. The attendance was truly impressive with 67 parishioners and visitors, and the talk certainly enhanced our understanding of Judaism and "The Life of a Rabbi" in modern times. Many thanks to all those who came and those who organised the hall and refreshments. Rabbi Wollenburg has invited any interested parishioners to visit the Synagogue (Shul) in Childwall (on a Saturday morning for about 10am). If you would like to visit the Shul, please inform Fr Denis.

**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris.

**Bible Study Group:** Next meeting will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 2 Allan's Meadow starting at 7.30pm. Please read chapters 39 - 40 in preparation.

**Altar Servers:** Next practice session will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm. If you intend to serve on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November for the Bishop's Visitation please do try and come to the rehearsal.

**Confirmation and First Communion Candidates:** A reminder that Bishop Mark will be welcoming you all at 10.45 Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We look forward to seeing you and your families on the day. Please could Confirmation candidates be at church for 10.15 am.

**SPUC:** National coffee morning this year is held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am – 11.30am. Tea, coffee, tea cakes and crumpets available. Raffle and bring and buy stall. All welcome.

**Christmas Cards:** SPUC and Piety Stall now on sale after all Masses. Cards at reasonable prices and all with traditional Christmas messages.

**New Rota:** Would Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please collect the new rota now available in the sacristy on the right hand side.

**Website:** Pictures from Thursday's talk are online (in the newsletter section) and pictures of all the

food for the foodbank donated by St Winefride's school are in our gallery (under Events) as well as a report by Dorothy Barber about the recent sponsored walk in the SVP section of Parish Life.

**Children's Peace Garden:** Thank you to Jeff Rowland for making the November crosses for the Children's Peace Garden. These will be available after all masses this weekend and children can write names on the crosses of those whom they would like to remember and can place them in the garden. They will remain there during November. Thanks also to Joe Tunstall for painting our Children's Peace Garden log!

**Poor Clare Colettine Community:** 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Poor Clares' of Hawarden at all masses this weekend. If you unable to make a donation after Mass, please do so at any time during the week. Representatives from this group will make an appeal at all masses.

**World Mission Sunday:** Thank you for your generous contribution of £499.63 to last week's World Mission Sunday collection Your prayers and kindness will help missionaries across the world continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that they may remain strong in their witness to Christ's love for all people.

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**Ordinary Time Week XXIX**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

19 Oct	SATURDAY	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Mission Sunday	6.30 pm	The Parish
20 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Peter Anderson
			10.45 am	Dickie Breen
21 Oct	MONDAY		9.00 am	
22 Oct	TUESDAY		9.00 am	
23 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St. John Capistrano	9.00 am	Mary and Julie Mulligan
24 Oct	THURSDAY	St. Anthony Claret	9.00 am	Josephine McDonnell
25 Oct	FRIDAY		9.00 am	
26 Oct	SATURDAY	Ss. Chad and Cedd	9.00 am	May Walsh
26 Oct	SATURDAY	Next weekend 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Poor Clare's Hawarden	6.30 pm	Stanley and Agnes Jones
			8.45 am	
27 Oct	SUNDAY		10.45 am	Kevin Morris
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**RIP:** Glenys O'Reilly, Frances Dooley

**From Fr Chris**

In last week's message, Fr Denis nourished us with some spiritual reflections. As we prepare to welcome back Fr Ravi, I shall tell you a story.

Two years ago a Bishop told me that whenever he had to appoint a new man to a vacant Wirral parish, he knew that within six months the cleric would be back to tell him that he either 'loved' or 'hated' his appointment. I was a bit surprised at first: how could anyone dislike the Wirral? On reflection, I realised that we can be a bit insular, standoffish and starry-eyed about our good fortune. Yes, Wirral is a bit of a 'global village', where everybody has been to the same schools, enjoys all the local gossip, and looks down on everyone who lives 'over the water'.

Despite these impressions of Wirral, I always wanted to return to my birthplace and to settle within striking distance of my last parish (St Mary of the Angels). I count my blessings every day: wonderful views over the River Dee to Wales, Ness Gardens, memories of St John Plessington at Puddington and Burton, a thriving and friendly parish under the amiable leadership of Fr Gerry and Fr Ravi, and the companionship of the dynamic Fr Denis. Since I am Fr Ravi's second Curate, I have no uplifting message to give you – except to say that you are a wonderful set of parishioners.

God Bless!

**FROM BISHOP MARK**

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, 130 people from our Diocese will set off under my leadership to the Holy Land. Over the coming week we will walk in the footsteps of Christ our Saviour.

As we gather to pray and celebrate Mass at the various sites associated with our Lord's life, death and Resurrection, we pray for a renewal of faith throughout our Diocese.

I will be praying, beginning in Nazareth, especially for all the vocations so needful for our Diocese in the years ahead of us.

I invite the whole Diocese to join us in prayer during these days of pilgrimage and especially on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October when we will be celebrating the Day of Resurrection with Mass in the Holy Sepulchre Basilica in Jerusalem.

We keep also in our prayers the Christian communities in the Holy Land who are suffering so much at this time and pray for a peaceful and just resolution of the problems that beset this troubled land.

Our Lady Queen of Peace: Pray for us.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Liz Dolley and Peter Higgins.

**World Mission Sunday:** Today the Pope asks all Catholics to join together to pray and care for the whole family of the Church. 40% of the Church needs help to survive and grow to self sufficiency. Your donations support the work of missionaries as they build schools, provide healthcare and share faith, often in dangerous circumstances. Please give what you can and use the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

**Rabbi Wollenburg Talk:** We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Wollenburg who will visit our parish on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. He has chosen the theme, "One day in the life of a Rabbi" and will be open to questions afterwards. Please come and support what promises to be an interesting evening.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Shoeboxes, gift items and donations for postage needed. Please see porch for details. Help is also required to prepare boxes on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10am in Church Hall.

**Confirmation:** Next session Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in the presbytery. We look forward to seeing our energetic confirmation candidates as we prepare for the Bishop's visit with Deacon Mike.

**Altar Servers:** Next practice session Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm. If you intend to serve on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November for the Bishop's Visitation please do try and come to the rehearsal.

**Music Ministry:** Practice at 10am each Sunday. All are welcome!

**SPUC:** National coffee morning this year is held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am – 11.30am. Tea, coffee, tea cakes and crumpets available. Raffle and bring and buy stall. All welcome.

**SPUC:** Many thanks to all those who supported out 'Celtic Notes' concert last week. A great night was had by all and we raised £263 for our pro-life work.

**SPUC Christmas Cards:** Now on sale after all Masses. Cards at reasonable prices and all with traditional Christmas messages.

**Chester and Ellesmere Port Foodbank:** would like to thank the pupils, staff and parents of St. Winefride's Primary School, for an amazing 192 kilos of food which was collected at the Harvest Festival Mass.

**Foodbank:** Thanks to all who helped with the foodbank information stall at Neston Market on Friday. There will be an information evening for the Neston foodbank on 29<sup>th</sup> November at the United Reformed Church at 7.30pm to which all are invited.

**Children's Garden of Peace:** In the coming weeks crosses will be available for placing in the Children's Garden of Peace in memory of anyone who has passed away. The crosses will remain in the garden throughout November.

**One World Week:** "The Week" is an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice and take action for justice locally and globally. The One World Week service is at Willaston Church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

**Poor Clare's:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Poor Clare's of Hawarden next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> October). Volunteers from St Winefride's buy fruit and vegetables from Neston Market and deliver to the Convent. Representatives from this group will make an appeal at all Masses.

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**Ordinary Time Week XXVIII**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

12 Oct	SATURDAY	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Family Fast Day	6.30 pm	Josephine McDonnell
13 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	TG Mary Percy
			10.45 am	TG Betty Davies
14 Oct	MONDAY	St. Callistus	9.00 am	Mary and Julie Mulligan
15 Oct	TUESDAY	St. Teresa of Avila	9.00 am	Margaret Webb and Family
16 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Harvest Mass:	9.00 am 9.10 am	In Church School
17 Oct	THURSDAY	St. Ignatius of Antioch	9.00 am	May Walsh
18 Oct	FRIDAY	St. Luke Evangelist and physician	9.00 am	Winnie Litten
19 Oct	SATURDAY	St. Peter of Alcantara	9.00 am	Josephine McDonnell
19 Oct	Next weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
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**From Fr Denis**

On Tuesday we celebrate the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa reformed the Carmelite Order in Spain in the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century and worked closely with St. John of the Cross. In all, she founded 17 new convents throughout Spain. Teresa was known for her warm personality, charm and common sense - one of her sayings being "God preserve us from stupid nuns". She is one of the 33 "Doctors of the Church" and can serve as a guide for all of us, especially in prayer. A famous story concerning Teresa describes her journey to Burgos. When crossing a ford, the Saint recalls, "The water had risen so high that it had submerged the pontoons ... there was water everywhere and on both sides it was very deep". Eventually they made it through. That night she turned to Jesus in prayer and complained about her perilous journey to Him. He said, "That is how I treat my friends". Teresa retorted, "Yes, My Lord, and that is why you have so few of them". A supporter of St. Teresa was St. Peter of Alcantara, whose feast day we celebrate on Saturday and is one of the patrons of Shrewsbury Cathedral.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century Edith Stein, a Jewess, read Teresa's autobiography in a day and said, "This is the Truth". Edith became a Catholic, and then entered Carmel. She died in a concentration camp in World War 2 and was canonised by Pope John Paul II. Let us remember to pray for our Carmelite Sisters in Birkenhead and elsewhere.

God Bless!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wood and Fran Byrne.

**Bible Study:** The next meeting of the Bible Study Group is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. Please read chapters 37 - 39.

**Rabbi Wollenburg:** Following on Fr Denis' enlightening Year of Faith talk, on Christians and Jews, we are delighted to welcome Rabbi Wollenburg from Liverpool who will visit our parish on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. He has chosen the theme, "One day in the life of a Rabbi" and be open to questions afterwards. Please come along as this visit will offer us an interesting insight into the life of a Rabbi.

**Altar Servers:** Preparation for the Bishop's Visitation will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October both at 6:30 pm in church.

**CWL:** Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the church hall. We will be having a speaker from 'Wirral Mind'. Can members please bring their gifts for the Christmas Hamper raffle.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Shoeboxes, gift items and donations for postage needed. Please see porch for details. Help is also required to prepare boxes on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10am in Hall.

**Confirmation:** We welcomed 16 of our confirmation candidates to their first session in the presbytery last Sunday. For us catechists, it was very encouraging to see how enthusiastic our young people are and to see many of them so eager to play a part in our parish life. We welcome them wholeheartedly as they start their catechesis and feel sure we will all draw great inspiration from them. The next session will be on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am. Further details on the website (under Parish Life/Catechists).

**SPUC:** Jordan Henshaw (YSVP President) and two members of our group took part in the Pro Life Walk of witness through Liverpool last weekend. All sponsor money will be gratefully received. See photographs on the notice board in the New Porch or on the Parish website.

**SPUC Christmas Cards:** Now on sale after all Masses. Lovely cards at reasonable prices and all with traditional Christmas messages.

**SVP:** The District SVP wish to thank all parishioners for their wonderful support in raising a magnificent £775.00 towards the running costs of the holiday home in Talacre, through sponsoring the many walkers or buying the Theatre Tickets, a big 'Thank You.'

**St Winefride's SVP:** Wish to thank you for the generous response to last weekends appeal to support the work of the SVP in the Parish.

**YSVP:** is proud to announce that following the enrolment of new members over recent weeks, we now have members who attend the following schools: Chester Catholic High, Neston High, Wirral Grammar (Girls and Boys), St Anselm's and Upton Hall. This is the first time in our 16 year history that all of these schools have been represented at the same time. St Winefride's YSVP group - working together for the parish and for the Lord.

**Music Ministry:** Please come along at 10am each Sunday to practice new hymns and Liturgy. All are welcome! If you sing or play an instrument and can join us, please contact Maria on 336 4622.

**Children's Garden of Peace:** In the coming weeks crosses will be available for placing in the Children's Garden of Peace in memory of anyone who has passed away. The crosses will remain in the garden throughout November.

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**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A.C.T.S (ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY):** Annual retreat is taking place this October and all aged 18-35 are welcome. Canon Brendan Hoban will lead us prayerfully through the weekend focusing on 'God's forgiveness'. The retreat is at Sandymount Retreat Centre, Blundellsands. The cost is by anonymous donation (suggested contribution £95). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan on 0161 4772783 / 07761138947, or email at [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net)

**RCIA:** Catechists meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Saint Columba's in Chester. Please see poster in porch with all the details. It would greatly help us if you can book in advance. However, you are also welcome to turn up on the day. If you have any queries, please contact Pauline McCulloch on 0151 6529855.

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**Ordinary Time Week XXVII**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

5 Oct	SATURDAY	<i>Baptism</i> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: SVP	12:00 noon 6.30 pm	Jack Ian William Stanley & Agnes Jones
6 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish Cropper Family
7 Oct	MONDAY	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.00 am	May Walsh
8 Oct	TUESDAY		9.00 am	SP Int. D Strawson
9 Oct	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Denis and Companions, St John Leonardi, Blessed John Henry Newman</i>	9.00 am	Richard Powell
10 Oct	THURSDAY	<i>St Paulinus of York</i> <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am 10.30 am	Alban and Ada Knox Celia Agnes Ashington
11 Oct	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Bill and Eileen Scarratt
12 Oct	SATURDAY	<i>St Wilfrid</i>	9.00 am	TG M Henesy
12 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Family Fast Day	6.30 pm	Josephine McDonnell
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**RIP:** Eileen Devonald, Celia Ashington

**From Deacon Mike...**

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary mainly because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed towards the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII (papacy: 1878-1903) strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. Many other popes have contributed to help increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings.

Pope Francis attributes his own devotion to the Rosary from the example of John Paul II: "If I remember well it was 1985. One evening I went to recite the Holy Rosary that was being led by the Holy Father. He was in front of everybody, on his knees. The group was numerous; I saw the Holy Father from the back and, little by little, I got lost in prayer. I was not alone: I was praying in the middle of the people of God to which I and all those there belonged, led by our Pastor.

In the middle of the prayer I became distracted, looking at the figure of the Pope: his pity, his devotion was a witness. And the time drifted away, and I began to imagine the young priest, the seminarian, the poet, the worker, the child from Wadowice... in the same position in which knelt at that moment, reciting *Ave Maria* after *Ave Maria*. His witness struck me. I felt that this man, chosen to lead the Church, was following a path up to his Mother in the sky, a path set out on from his childhood. And I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego: "Don't be afraid, am I not perhaps your mother?" I understood the presence of Mary in the life of the Pope. That testimony did not get forgotten in an instant. From that time on I recite the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day."

You are invited to join the dedicated parishioners praying the Rosary, one of our best known devotions, during this month of October. Even if you can only join for a "decade" you are most welcome. The Rosary is said directly after daily weekday mass at the back of the church. You are all most welcome!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** B & V Casey.

**Bible Study:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th October at 2 Allan's Meadow at 7:30pm. Please read sections 32, 35-36 of the Judaism study book.

**SVP:** This weekend a representative from our SVP group will talk at each mass about our work in the Parish. There is a retiring collection for the work of the SVP after mass.

**Confirmation:** The first meetings for candidates will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9:45 am with a second on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 9:45 am in the presbytery. Their Act of Commitment will be made at 10:45 am mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November with Bishop Mark.

**Music Ministry:** A reminder that there will be music practices at 10am each Sunday to help us learn some new hymns, practice the mass settings – ALL WELCOME! If you sing or play an instrument and can join us, please contact Maria on 336 4622.

**Altar Servers:** Preparation for the Bishop's Visitation will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October both at 6:30 pm in church.

**RCIA:** The RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which has helped a number of our community members in the past, will begin from January 2014. Those willing to be fully received into the Catholic Church and those wishing to be strengthened in their faith are most welcome to register their names before Christmas this year.

**CWL:** Committee meeting on Thursday 10 October at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

**SPUC:** Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

**SPUC Concert Celtic Notes:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm in St Winefride's School Hall. Singing both Folk and Irish songs coupled with humour, Celtic Notes will provide a very entertaining evening. Tickets only £6 including a light supper. Bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets on sale after mass or from Margaret 336 2050. Transport available if required.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal:** Many thanks to those who helped cover shoe boxes last Saturday. More help needed on Friday 11th October from 6-7 pm and 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10am for wrapping and filling boxes. Lists of items for boxes in the porches or online at: <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/what-to-pack>

**Piety Stall:** In addition to our usual items, Christmas Stock is now on sale. We have a good selection of cards, advent calendars, diaries, candles, books and gifts in the Parish Hall after each Sunday Mass. Cards also available from the vending unit at the back of church. The display case in the hall has rosaries, crucifixes, and gift items. All profits and donations go to The Shrewsbury Diocese Children's Society.

**Catholic Voice:** The autumn addition is now available in both church porches and includes articles by Fr Chris and a report on the Ordination to the diaconate of Deacon Mike.

**Rotas:** Updated rotas are now online including newsletter, Ministry of the Word, Flowers and Piety Stall.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generous support.

**ECUMENCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christian Aid Rep:** We are still need a/some volunteer/s to liaise with the Neston Christian Aid committee on behalf of St Winefride's. Support will be given by the Neston and District Churches Together reps and we'd be delighted to have you on board! If you can help please contact Barbara Rivers (336 2972) or Deacon Mike (353 0253): [ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

**Christian Aid - Quiz Aid:** On Friday, 11th October 7.30pm at Parkgate & Neston URC Hall, Moorside Lane - Fun Quiz evening with Fish n' Chip Supper (or Chicken Salad). Tickets are £7.50 which include supper and soft drinks. Bring your own alcoholic drink if you wish. Tickets from Lynne Vaughan 336 8920. Please let her know by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October if you wish to come.

**Foodbank:** Working in conjunction with the N&D Churches Together, agencies in Neston are looking to set up a foodbank distribution centre in our town. An information stall at Neston Market is planned for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If anyone is able to help on the stall do get in touch, and please do come and see us on the day: [ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk) or Helen Jones (07856908297).

The amount donated to the foodbank through the SVP in September amounted to 160kg a big thank you to all who have generously donated items.

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**World Mental Health Day:** Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> October. A Healing Mass, at 7.30pm at St Catherine's Church, Birkenhead Road, Hoylake, NH47 5AF. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered and all are welcome. Further information contact Ann Crisp 0151 632 6617

**Marriage and Family Life Commission:** Conference on Passionist Parish Family Groups on Friday, 25th October, 12.30 - 2.30 pm at Our Lady's Presbytery Parish Centre, Shaw Heath, Edgeley, Stockport SK3 8BQ Tel: 0161 480 2489 [pat.munroe@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.munroe@btinternet.com)