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Lent IV

30th March 2014

29 Mar	SATURDAY	4 th Sunday of Lent – "Reconciliation Sunday", Mgr Jack Kennedy: Confessions after each mass	6.30pm	The Parish
30 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45am	Sp Int: Lilian Jones
			10.45am	Catherine & John Southwell
31 Mar	MONDAY		9.00am	Health: Veronica West
1 Apr	TUESDAY		9.00am	Health: Jim & Mavis Milstead
2 Apr	WEDNESDAY	St Francis of Paola	9.00am	Norah Crawshaw
3 Apr	THURSDAY		9.10am	Alice Breen
4 Apr	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross - Ministers of Word and Communion – St Isidore	9.00am	Pat O'Neill
5 Apr	SATURDAY	St Vincent Ferrer	9.00am	Health: S.Gordon
5 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	5 th Sunday of Lent – "Holy Land" Sunday	6.30pm	Chris Farley
6 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Thomas Sargent
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From Fr Ravi: Healing the world...

As seen in last week's message, the Sacrament of Reconciliation heals us individually, heals our communities and heals the world. Our hurts and our wounds are touched by the mercy of divine love freely and unconditionally given to us in this Sacrament. We are led to accept ourselves with our strengths and struggles, restore relationships with God and with nature, build bridges of love with those in our families and also with those with whom we may have differences. May this Reconciliation Sunday be a time of grace, healing and peace for all of us in our parish community.

What better way to share this inner joy than to express it by saying a hearty thank you to all the mothers in our parish. They love and care, affirm and challenge us and they are always there for us. Additionally, their contribution to the faith life of our parish is immense. They help to bring up children in the faith, accompany them on their first communion and confirmation journeys, encourage them to take part in the sacraments regularly and keep reminding the family of what is essential – faith, hope and love.

If your mother is around, please tell her, that at St Winefride's we prayed for her. If she is not here, she is with God and loves you just the way she always did.

Happy Mother's day everyone!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Louise Wood, Fran Byrne.

Reconciliation Sunday: We welcome Mgr Jack Kennedy of Liverpool Archdiocese who will lead us in our Reconciliation Sunday Celebrations and preach at all masses. There will be four priests available after each mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). I invite you all to fully experience the grace of the Sacrament, especially in this season of Lent.

Holy Land Sunday: As we focus our eyes on the passion of Christ we are invited to see the plight of those suffering for their beliefs, convictions and values in different parts of the world, especially in the Holy Land. We will be made aware of their suffering and their need of our support at all masses over the next weekend.

RCIA: We accompany the catechumens and candidates all over the world who will be received into Catholic Church this Easter with our prayers. In our parish we have five who will receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil and when Bishop Mark visits our parish in June. As part of the RCIA process, they will be given a copy of the Creed and the Lord's prayer at 8.45am mass this Sunday. We wish them, their sponsors and all other participants of the Programme, God's closeness in their faith-journey. Contact: rcia@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

First Communion: Our First Communion children will animate the 10.45 mass on Sunday 6th April and on 18th May. The remaining preparation meetings for children not attending St Winefride's school will be on 1st May, 15th May and 12th June. They will celebrate their First Forgiveness during Holy Week (14th to 16th April) from 9.30 to 10am. We thank all our catechists, both at school and in the parish, Mrs Liz Dolley who guide our children so well. firstcommunion@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Confirmation: Our Confirmation candidates, thanks to the generous commitment of their catechists, have been involved in various activities for the last few months. We thank their parents for their active support of our programme and their appreciation. After leading us in the Stations of the Cross, our candidates will animate the 8.45am mass this Sunday and also on 4th May. The next preparation session takes place on 27th April from 2 to 3pm and then on 11th May and 18th May. The liturgy rehearsal will be on 15th June at 7pm and the celebration of the sacrament with Bishop Mark on Wednesday 18th June. confirmation@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Marriage Preparation: If you plan to get married in the near future, you are welcome to attend our Marriage Preparation programme on Saturday 5th April from 10am to 12 noon. marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Lent 2014: We thank CWL for leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday morning and who are celebrating 50 years of their presence in our parish. We also thank our Confirmation candidates for leading us in our evening Stations. As we look towards our Easter celebrations,

praying the Stations can lead us to a deeper understanding of the paschal mystery. Home masses at different houses are a great means to foster unity and fellowship around the altar of the Lord in an intimate family setting.

Explore 2014: For all in Year 11 to those in their 20's and 30's on Sunday, 13th April, from 2pm to 5.30pm at St Chad's Catholic High School, Runcorn WA7 5YH. Contact: lukeneedham@outlook.com

Music Rehearsal: We have already begun practicing hymns for Easter but would still welcome more singers. If you can join us, please come along to rehearsals on Wednesday 2nd April at 8pm on Sunday 30th March at 4pm in Church.

Bible Study Group: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st April at 2 Allan's Meadow commencing at 7.30pm. Please read chapters 58 - 59 of the study book in preparation.

From the Hall Committee: Since Christmas many changes have taken place in our hall. It has been modernised in several areas. We now have a portable ramp for disabled access, with a new approach to the entrance. Thanks go to Sean McKeown for his excellent alteration to the garden area.

The patio doors now have much better closures making the exit to the cemetery much easier. The hall now has state of the art CD/DVD players, projector and screen with computer and broadband connections, along with the necessary new electrical wiring. Future plans include updating of the equipment in the kitchen.

The hall is available for private hire to parishioners for functions such as family gatherings, weddings, baptisms and birthdays. hall@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

The NE Singers present 'A Salute to Tommy' commemorating the First World War through music and poems at Parkgate and Neston URC Church on Saturday 12th April at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. Tel: 336 8426.

Foodbank: Thank you for your continuing support of West Cheshire Foodbank. Your help in hosting a collection box is vital in helping people in times of crisis in the Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston areas. At the moment, we are experiencing shortages of the following items: Sugar, UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Meat/ Meat Items, Jam, Instant mashed potato. We would appreciate any help you could give us in replenishing our stocks of these items.

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LENT III

23rd March 2014

22 Mar	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday in Lent <i>Confirmation Candidates</i>	6.30pm	Health: Debbie Caulfield
23 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Sandra Sally
24 Mar	MONDAY		9.00am	Elizabeth McHugh
25 Mar	TUESDAY	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.00am	Brian Haggart
26 Mar	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Margaret Belcher
27 Mar	THURSDAY		9.10am	Alan Gordon
28 Mar	FRIDAY	<i>Stations of the Cross – CWL - Abstinence</i>	9.00am	Ken Bayley
29 Mar	SATURDAY		9.00am	Victor Clyronomides
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R.I.P Silvia Saddler

From Fr Ravi: Let Peace Flow through us....

Next weekend, Mgr Jack Kennedy has been invited to our parish to lead us in meaningfully celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and thus prepare ourselves to joyfully sing the Easter Alleluia. The weekend masses will start and conclude at regular times and four priests - Frs Jack, Chris, Denis and myself - will be available after each mass to celebrate the Sacrament individually with you.

This Sacrament is certainly not just about ourselves and our sins! As you know well, we understand sin as 'the deliberate and conscious carrying out of something we know to be wrong,' which can be harmful, as it damages ourselves, our relationship with others in the community, with nature and with the God of love. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, even as it helps us to be aware of our experiences, is primarily about God's love and mercy which is freely and unconditionally given to us. The grace of the Sacrament heals the wounds of both the individual and the community. Peace begins to flow, and it flows through us out into the world helping us experience the joy of relating with the God, who never, ever abandons us, especially when we fail, fumble and falter. There is a rebuilding of relationships, leading us to new hopes, new possibilities, new prayers and new dreams.

I am told there are even 'apps' like *Confession* and *Mea Culpa* that smart phone owners can use! Of course, as many will say, possibly the best 'app' is to sit in silence contemplating the compassionate face of Jesus on the cross...

May God bless us all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian and Veronica Casey

Archbishop of Liverpool: Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon O.P. (Bishop of Nottingham) has been appointed the ninth Archbishop of Liverpool. His Mass of Installation will be at 12 noon on Thursday, May 1st 2014 at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.

Reconciliation Sunday: Next weekend (29th/30th March) we welcome Mgr Jack Kennedy, who will preach on the theme of Reconciliation at all masses. A leaflet sent to us by Bishop Mark to help us celebrate this sacrament is available in both porches and online.

RCIA: Those preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil in our parish will be given a copy of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer at 8.45 mass on Sunday 30th March. Please do keep them in your prayers.

First Communion: Preparation meetings for children who do not attend St Winefride's school are on Thursdays at 4-5pm in the church hall on: 27/03, 01/05, 15/05, 12/06. The children will animate our 10.45am Sunday masses on: 06/04 and 18/05. They will celebrate First Forgiveness during Holy Week (14/04 to 16/04 from 9.30 to 10am). The First Communion celebration will be on Saturday 14th June at 10am. For further information please contact: firstcommunion@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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Lent 2014: We thank the SVP, Deacon Mike and all those involved in leading the Stations of the Cross last Friday. The evening Stations are conducted to especially enable those who work during the day to participate in this meaningful Lenten devotion. The presence of St Winefride's children at our Thursday masses is very encouraging.

Explore 2014: For all in Year 11 to those in their 20's and 30's on Sunday 13th April, from 2pm to 5.30pm at St Chad's Catholic High School, Runcorn WA7 5YH. This event for young people is organised by the Bishop's Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth. Contact: lukeneedham@outlook.com

Music Rehearsal: We have already begun practicing hymns for our Easter services but would still welcome more singers to help us make a joyful sound! If you can join us, please come along to the rehearsal on Sunday 23rd March at 4pm in Church.

SPUC: Attention all Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, School Governor's. Do you know what is being taught in schools re Sex Education? Do you know what your rights are? You are invited to the SPUC AGM on Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Antonia Tully head of SPUC's "Safe at School" campaign. The title of her Talk is "Sex Education The Destruction of Childhood." All are welcome to attend. Please see the posters and notice of the AGM on the notice boards.

Bereavement Group: Meeting on Friday 28th March in the presbytery after Stations of the Cross. All interested are welcome to attend. Contact Kate Hughes: bereavement@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

New Rota: Now available for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for use in April onwards. Please collect from sacristy or access online.

Website: A reminder that all our Lenten Activities are available online under the Lent 2014 section along with Lenten Reflections that go with the weekly Lenten posters displayed on the ambo.

Hymn Book Amnesty: Do you have any hymn books that have been "borrowed" and not yet returned to church? If they could find their way back it would be much appreciated!

Gift Aid Scheme 2014/15: New 2014/15 boxes for parishioners using envelopes are in the rear porch. The new envelopes start on Sunday 6th April 2014 (the new tax year). If you are no longer a tax payer please let Mike Jevons know as soon as possible.

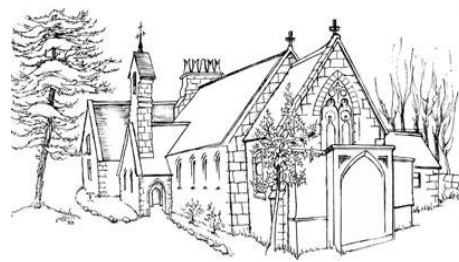
If you are you a tax payer and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as we can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you. There is a minimum potential sum of over £1500 that we lose every year. All you have to do is sign a form (available on our website or from Mike) declaring you are a taxpayer and then decide on a method of payment. Contact Mike on 0151 336 5026.

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Lent II 16th March 2014

15 Mar	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Sp Int: G Moreton & Family
16 Mar	SUNDAY	Collection: Family Fast Day	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Pat, Joe & Tom Ellis
17 Mar	MONDAY	St Patrick	9.00am	Don Thomas
18 Mar	TUESDAY	St Cyril of Jerusalem	9.00am	Sp Int: Rosa Mulligan
19 Mar	WEDNESDAY	St Joseph	9.00am	Margaret Harris
20 Mar	THURSDAY		9.10am	TG: Mary Henesy
21 Mar	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – SVP - Abstinence	9.00am	Agnes Williams
22 Mar	SATURDAY		9.00am	Health: Claire Jones
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R.I.P Marjorie Williams

From Fr Ravi: Many of you have recently told me that they have found the reading material published in the last few weeks in our newsletter - on healthcare, the school's Ofsted report, Volunteer Form, our Lenten Programme, Bishop Mark's Lenten message - very helpful and enriching. And our Lenten Calendar is, I'm told, on many of our parishioners' fridges! As you are aware, at St Winefride's we give equal importance to the three areas of our parish life - faith-formation, faith-celebration and faith-action in our vision of becoming a community that is 'firm in Faith, joyful in Hope and active in Charity'.

Pope Francis has spoken of the Internet as 'a gift from God', while inviting us to use it prudently to proclaim the Gospel. I know that some of you will have already experienced a few of the new features of our Parish Centre. Inside we have a new projector and screen which can be used for showing DVDs or connecting to a computer for presentations, slideshows etc. We also have fixed internet access which enables us to experience the World Wide Web on both small and large screen. All this gives our community a great opportunity to use our new technology for fellowship and learning. And I urge you, individuals and groups alike, to make good use of our new equipment and the hall, regularly and imaginatively, for increasing our knowledge, deepening our faith and fostering unity in our parish family. Outside, to aid access to the hall we have also installed an exterior ramp and the door leading into the churchyard from the hall, has been repaired. May communication lead to communion of minds and hearts!

God bless!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Wendy Morgan, Anne-Marie McLean

Reconciliation Sunday: In this Year of Reconciliation, we celebrate our Reconciliation Weekend on 29th and 30th of March when four priests will be available after each mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) to enable us to experience the Grace of this sacrament. Mgr Jack Kennedy will preach on the theme of Reconciliation at all masses. A leaflet sent to us by Bishop Mark to help us meaningfully celebrate this sacrament is available in both porches.

RCIA: At least 10 from our parish participated in the Rite of Election Celebrations presided over by Bishop Mark at Shrewsbury Cathedral last Sunday. There are 20 Catechumens (non-baptised individuals) and nearly 50 candidates (baptised Christians) in the Shrewsbury diocese who will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil this year. Please accompany them all with your prayers. rcia@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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Music Rehearsal: The turn out for last week's rehearsal was extremely encouraging; however we still need more singers. If you enjoy singing, we would love you to join us. Please contact Maria Slater on 336 4622 or come along to the rehearsal on Sunday 16th March at 4pm in Church.

SVP: Wish to thank everyone in the Parish and wider community for supporting the NDCT Lenten Lunch, £169.70 was raised.

CWL: Monthly meeting Thursday 20th March 7.30pm in the church hall. All welcome.

Bereavement Group: meeting on Friday 28th March in the presbytery after stations. All interested are welcome to attend. Please contact Kate Hughes at bereavement@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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Are you a tax payer and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate? If you are, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as we can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you. There is a minimum potential sum of over £1500 that we lose every year. All you have to do is sign one form declaring you are a taxpayer and then decide whether to donate by a bank standing order (second form) or by weekly envelopes.

The forms can be downloaded from the parish website or directly from **Mike Jevons**, Scheme Administrator (Tel 0151 3365026). If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mike.

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A LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER "DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION"

My dear brothers and sisters,

"I would like to ask you – but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his or her heart: when was the last time you made your Confession?"

This is the question Pope Francis has recently put to us. The Holy Father continued:

"Everyone think about it ..." Is it "two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years?... And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests. Jesus receives you, he receives you with much love. Be courageous and go to Confession!" (General Audience of the Holy Father, 19th February 2014)

This is the call of Pope Francis which I wish to echo at the beginning of Lent in this year which we have dedicated in the Diocese to peace and reconciliation. (Pastoral Letter for Peace Sunday 19th January 2014)

"Do not be afraid of Confession!" Pope Francis says in his simple and direct teaching. "When one is in line for Confession," he reflects, we feel those things which weigh on our hearts; "but when one finishes Confession, one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!"

This is the Sacrament which Christ gives us for our salvation; for the forgiveness of sins after Baptism; and to enable you and me to reach the holiness, the perfection of charity which is the goal of our Christian lives. (Lumen Gentium 40)

So, what is it that holds us back from this Sacrament? I think I know from personal experience what can hold us back. Confession is the moment when I have to put aside all illusions about myself and about the state of my Christian life and be ready to say, "Father, these are my sins." It would be so much easier to say: these are someone else's sins and faults! But, no; this is where I have gone wrong! Confession is a 'reality check' when I recognise how far I still have to go in the Christian life and receive the grace to go forward.

In our Emeritus Pope Benedict's words: *"We must accept our frailty but keep on going, not giving up but moving forward and becoming converted ever anew through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a new start ..."* (Pope Benedict XVI 17th February 2007)

This is surely a moment when you and I are "led by the Spirit" (Mt 4:1) to reject the temptations of the Devil, as Our Saviour did in the wilderness. We must never forget the Lord Jesus Himself, God the Son sharing our humanity, was

tempted by the Evil One. We, then, must expect to face the same struggle in our lives. The sincere Confession of our sins is the moment when we put aside the illusions we can all so easily entertain about ourselves.

Before Christmas Pope Francis described how he goes to Confession.

"Priests and bishops too have to go to Confession. We are all sinners" the Holy Father explained, "The Pope is also a sinner. And the Confessor hears what I tell him, he counsels me and forgives me, because we are all in need of this forgiveness."

Pope Francis reminds us that confessing our sins can involve shame. But he calls it a "good shame," for our sins are the one thing of which we should be ashamed! However, it is in the very moment we confess them (in the Holy Father's words) God sends "a brother to bestow his pardon, the certainty of his forgiveness in the name of the Church ..."

Through the ministry of the priest, Pope Francis reflects, God holds us "in a new embrace and regenerates us and allows us to rise again and resume our journey" (General Audience, 20th November 2013)

Today's Gospel ends with these beautiful words: *"Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him"* (Mt 4:11)

It is a scene of peace following the struggle in the wilderness. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation brings us peace: "Go in peace" the priest says to us.

I am sending Pope Francis's words of encouragement to you in a leaflet, together with a simple guide on how to go to Confession. During Lent there will be many opportunities to approach this "great and beautiful Sacrament". I have asked your priests to be especially available on Good Friday, as I will be in the Cathedral. With Pope Francis, I invite you to put this question to yourself: How long is it since I was last at Confession? Please do not lose any time. The Holy Father reminds us:

"It is Jesus Himself who awaits us in this great and beautiful Sacrament: have courage and go to Confession!"

With my prayer for you all,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

Lent I		9 th March 2014	
8 Mar	SATURDAY	1 st Sunday in Lent Rite of Election (RCIA)	6.30pm The Parish
9 Mar	SUNDAY	Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter First Communion Children's Mass	8.45am Clare Pentall
			10.45am David Stringer
10 Mar	MONDAY		9.00am Margaret Sheela Webb
11 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00am Sp Int: R Mulligan
12 Mar	WEDNESDAY		9:00am Louis O'Sullivan
13 Mar	THURSDAY	1 st Anniversary of Pope Francis' Election	9.10am Special Intention
14 Mar	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – Fr Denis Marmion Friday Abstinence – Family Fast Day	9.00am Health: Sue Bryan
15 Mar	SATURDAY		9.00am Ned O'Mahoney
15 Mar	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 2 nd Sunday of Lent Collection: Family Fast Day	6.30pm Sp Int: G Moreton & Family
			8.45am The Parish
16 Mar	SUNDAY		10.45am Pat, Joe & Tom Ellis
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Church Cleaners: Louise Wilkinson and Tina Davies

Confirmation and First Communion: We thank our confirmation candidates and their catechists who helped us celebrate our 8.45am mass very meaningfully last Sunday. We welcome our First Communion children who will read, sing and pray with us at 10.45am mass this Sunday (9/3). The next preparation meeting for children who do not attend St Winefride's school is Thursday, March 13th at 4pm-5pm in the Church Hall.

Easter Music Rehearsal: On Sunday 9th March in church from 4-5pm. If you enjoy singing, we would love you to join us as we need more people (including men!) If you would like to sing a psalm at one of the Easter services, please contact Maria Slater on 336 4622 or come along to our rehearsal.

CWL Committee meeting this Thursday 13 Mar 7.30pm at Pauline's.

YSVP: Lenten Projects - we are collecting "Pennies in a Bottle" during Lent in Aid of a local charity for the homeless. Please join us and collect an empty bottle from the church hall or donate any loose change. Raffle tickets on sale every Sunday after 10.45 mass for Easter Egg Prizes.

Website update: All our lenten activities are now online in addition to weekly lenten reflections and stations of the cross. Our Virtual Tour is also live. Please do take a look!

SPUC: Meeting on Tuesday 11th March in our church hall 7 30pm. All Welcome. AGM: Wednesday 26th March 7 30pm in our Church Hall. The guest speaker is Mrs Antonia Tully head of Spuc's " Safe at School " campaign. Her talk will be entitled "Sex Education The Destruction of Childhood".

Hall Bookings: Please contact Peter and Louise Dee 0151 336 8806 until 20th March.

Piety Stall: We are open in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass selling a full range of religious items, gifts, books and cards for all occasions including Easter cards, along with a limited new stock of First Holy Communion and Confirmation items. Cards and Prayer Cards are also available at all times from the vending unit now located in the rear entrance porch of the Church. All money raised goes to the Diocesan Children's Society and your support is very much appreciated.

NDCT: The first Lent lunch is this Wednesday (12th) here at St Winefride's at 12.30. All proceeds to FoodBank.

Healing Mass: For those with Mental Health issues at St Mary's Middlewich at 12 noon on Saturday 15th March.

Foodbank: The amount donated in February amounted to 130kg, the Foodbank agency wish to thank the parishioners of St.Winefride's for their support.

Gift Aid Scheme 2013/14: Could the owner of the Weekly Offertory Box Envelope Number 27 please contact Mike Jevons 0151 336 5026 to confirm their name and address.

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



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Ordinary Time Week VIII/Lent

2nd March 2014

1 Mar	SATURDAY	8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 nd Collection: Catholic Education Services	6.30pm	Jack Kirby
2 Mar	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates	8.45am	Margaret Harris
			10.45am	The Parish
3 Mar	MONDAY	Requiem	9.00am	Int: Clare, M & R Jones
			10.30am	Mary Josephine Green
4 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00am	Joyce Jackson
5 Mar	WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday Fasting & Abstinence	7.30am	The Parish
			9.10am	Fryderyk Poloczek
			7.30pm	Ken Bayley
6 Mar	THURSDAY		9.00am	Special Intention
7 Mar	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – SPUC Friday Abstinence	9.00am	Christine Bickerstaff
8 Mar	SATURDAY	St John of God	9.00am	Int: Ken & Theresa Oakley
8 Mar	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 1 st Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	The Parish
9 Mar	SUNDAY	First Communion Children's Mass	8.45am	Clare Pentall
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Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

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Confirmation: Children will animate the 8:45am Sunday masses on 2/3, 6/4, 4/5 and their involvement in other liturgical activities. Dates are all online under Sacraments.

Easter Liturgy Music Rehearsal: Sunday 2nd March 4-5pm in Church.

Lent House Groups: Full details are in the church porches and online under Parish Contacts. They start week beginning March 10th: Monday 10am, 7.30pm, 8pm; Tuesday 10.30am, 7.30pm; Wednesday 7.30pm, 8pm; Thursday 2pm.

Piety Stall: We are open in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass selling a full range of religious items, gifts, books and cards for all occasions, including Easter cards and prayer cards.

Foodbank: Volunteers please call West Cheshire Foodbank on 0151 355 7730 or make contact via the website <http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/> The Neston distribution centre will be opening at Ss Mary and Helen's Church shortly. The amount donated in January was 140kg, many thanks to all.

NDCT: Welcome all for fellowship and soup to their Lent lunches, the times and venues are in the porches and online. The SVP will be hosting the St Winefride's lunch on March 12th at 12.30, all proceeds going to the Foodbank.

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LITURGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES IN LENT 2014

(excluding regular weekday and Sunday Masses)

"he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1)

Wed 5 th March	Ash Wednesday	7.30am 9.10am 7.30pm	Mass
Fri 7 th March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	SPUC Deacon Mike Topping & others
Thur 13 th March	Special Mass on the First Anniversary of the Papacy of Pope Francis		
Fri 14 th March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	Fr Denis Marmion Deacon Mike Topping & others
Fri 21 st March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	SVP Deacon Mike Topping & others
Fri 28 th March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	CWL Confirmation Candidates
Sat 29 th – Sun 30 th March	Reconciliation Sunday Preacher Mgr Jack Kennedy, Priests available after each Mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)		
Fri 4 th April	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Deacon Mike Topping & others
Sun 6 th April	"Holy Land" Sunday		
Thur 10 th April	Lenten School Mass	9.10am	St Winefride's Primary School
Fri 11 th April	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	Catechists Deacon Mike Topping & others
Sun 13 th April	Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) – HOLY WEEK		
Mon 14 th -Wed 16 th April		After 9.00am Mass	Priest available for Sacrament of Reconciliation/First Forgiveness
Wed 16 th April	Chrism Mass	7.00pm	St Anthony's Wythenshawe
Thur 17 th April	Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm – Fr Denis Marmion Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight	
Fri 18 th April	Good Friday	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 9:00 – 10:00am Stations of the Cross 10.00am - Canon Brendan Hoban Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm – Fr Chris Lightbound	
Sat 19 th April	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil 7.30pm – Fr Ravi Bosco	
Sun 20 th April	Easter Sunday		
Mon 21 st April	Mass	10.00am	
OTHER SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES IN LENT			
Tuesdays 6.45 – 8.00pm RCIA			
Mon 10 th March	NDCT weekly Lenten House Group begins		
Wed 12 th March	NDCT Lenten Lunch by the SVP in the Parish Centre, 12.30pm		
Sat 5 th April	Marriage Preparation Course, 10.00am-12 noon		
St Winefride's children in church for mass on 5/3, 13/3, 20/3, 27/3, 3/4			
First Communion children special mass on 9/3, 6/4			
Confirmation candidates special mass on 23/3, 6/4			
Home Masses at 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm on 12/3, 19/3, 26/3, 2/4, 9/4			



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Ordinary Time Week VII

23rd Feb 2014

22 Feb	SATURDAY		6.30pm	Sarah & John Hogan
		7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
23 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45am	Norman Perryman
			10.45am	The Parish
24 Feb	MONDAY		9.00am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
25 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00am	Sp. Int: Mary Henesy
26 Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Health: Paula Tunstall
27 Feb	THURSDAY		9.00am	Health: Thomas Mahney
28 Feb	FRIDAY		9.00am	Ken Bailey
		Requiem	11.30am	Margaret Mary Harris
1 Mar	SATURDAY	St David, Patron of Wales	9.00am	Int: Gerard Robinson
		Wedding	12noon	Jessica Haynes & Matthew Weir
1 Mar	SATURDAY	Next Weekend	6.30pm	Jack Kirby
		8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
2 Mar	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates	8.45am	Margaret Harris
		2 nd collection: Catholic Education Services	10.45am	The Parish
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Confirmation: Our young people will be animating the 8:45am Sunday masses on 2/3, 6/4, 4/5 and their involvement in other liturgical activities. Dates are all online under Sacraments.

Lenten Preparation: House masses will be said on Wednesday evenings during Lent. If you wish to have a mass with your neighbours and family please contact Fr Ravi. NDCT Lenten Lunches information is in the porches (St Winefride's SVP will be hosting ours on March 12th at 12:30 in the Parish Hall), Lenten House Groups Information also online and in the porches.

Bible Study Group: Wednesday 26th February, 7:30pm at 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read chapters 54 - 55 of the study book.

Singers and Musicians: We will be starting rehearsals for the Easter services on Sunday 23rd February from 4pm-5pm in church. Our group is friendly and informal so, if you enjoy singing, please come and join us.

Safeguarding: Recertification of Volunteers

All catechists, bereavement counsellors, Little Church helpers and SVP members are reminded to attend the meeting with Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Pauline Butterfield on Tuesday 25th February in the Church Hall for renewal of certification with the Diocese and the DBS. Please bring your completed application forms together with supporting documentation at any time between 6.30 pm and 7.30pm.

Thanks: Paula and Joe Tunstall wish to say a big and sincere thank you to all those lovely people who have given so kindly Mass intentions, cards, prayers and good wishes.

SPUC: Many thanks for your generosity last weekend and your response to our appeal for the Glasgow Midwives. Completed Postcards can be left in the baskets in the porches and we will send them off for you.

EWTN: Bishop Philip Egan accompanied by priests of Portsmouth Diocese on EWTN Global Catholic Television this Lent as they offer special seasonal reflections. Starts Sunday 9th March.

Wanted: Old Rosary beads, medals, crucifixes and holy pictures for Philippino sailors. Will be collected at each Mass next weekend.

From the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship – February 2014

'Assisted dying' is often in the news. There is a Private Member's bill before Parliament to try to legalise it. But just what is 'assisted dying'? What does the law say about it? What do doctors have to say about it? What does the Church say about it and what are the problems with it? What exactly is 'assisted dying'?

'Assisted dying' really means assisting someone to commit suicide. It is the language used by those who want to change the law to legalise assisted suicide. A law permitting 'assisted dying' would licence doctors to supply lethal drugs to terminally ill patients.

Shouldn't everyone have the right to decide when and how they die?

An 'assisted dying' law could easily put vulnerable people at risk. There are real concerns that there is scope for such a law to be abused. For example, some terminally ill people might feel under pressure to end their lives, either from others or from feeling that they should remove a care or financial burden from their families. Others might wish to do so as a result of depression, a common feature of terminal illness. A 'right to die' could become a 'duty to die'.

Why should dying people be forced to stay alive and suffer?

End-of-life care in Britain has advanced hugely since the days when death was commonly associated with pain and suffering. An international survey by *The Economist* in 2010 ranked Britain top among 40 nations, including the United States, for quality of end-of-life care. What is needed is to ensure that everyone has access to the best palliative care available. In contrast, assisted suicide is a counsel of despair.

What's the law on this now?

It's against the law to encourage or assist another person's suicide. This reflects a widely-held view that, while people who attempt suicide should be treated with compassion, helping someone to commit suicide is not something that should be encouraged. Indeed, as a society we go to great lengths to prevent suicides.

What does the Church say about assisting suicide?

In a message addressed to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, Pope Francis said, "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect". The Church supports high quality care for the dying and protection for the weak and vulnerable. The Church teaches that life is a gift from God (*John* 10:10) and that suicide is the ultimate inability to accept the gift of life. Although attempting suicide should be treated with compassion rather than with blame, suicide should never be encouraged or promoted. Moreover the Church teaches that deliberately ending or helping to end someone else's life, even if that person may have requested it, is wrong. Those who take someone else's life take to themselves the power of life and death, which ultimately belongs to God.

What does the medical profession have to say about it?

The BMA and the Royal Colleges of Physicians, General Practitioners and Surgeons are opposed to legalising physician-assisted suicide. And most doctors don't regard it as a proper part of clinical practice - they are all too well aware from experience that dying patients can be vulnerable.

What's wrong with changing the law?

There are powerful practical reasons why the law shouldn't be changed. It's almost impossible to be sure that a request for assisted suicide from someone who is terminally ill reflects a clear and settled wish that has not been influenced by depression or pressure of one sort or another. Changing the law might give a very small number of strong-minded people what they want but it could easily put much larger numbers of vulnerable people at risk of harm.

Wouldn't there be safeguards in any legalised system?

Yes, but what safeguards and how effective would they be? In the tiny number of other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised there is emerging evidence that the safeguards don't work. For instance, some laws seek to restrict access to assisted suicide to terminally ill people who are in full possession of all their faculties and are acting freely. But prognosis of terminal illness is fraught with difficulty: terminally ill people often live for much longer than the predictions they are given when they are diagnosed - occasionally, they even recover. And the evidence from overseas shows that doctors have sometimes failed to spot clinical depression among those who have been supplied with lethal drugs to end their lives.

If I can end my life by refusing treatment, why can't I have medical help to end it?

Everyone has the legal right to refuse treatment, but patients who refuse treatment rarely do so in order to end their lives: they do it because they are finding the treatment burdensome and they want to let nature take its course. There's a world of difference, in medical ethics and in law, between accepting that death can't be prevented and seeking assistance to end your own life.

Don't doctors sometimes hasten patients' deaths under the guise of pain relief?

These days pain relief is a sophisticated science. When analgesics are properly prescribed and administered, there is no risk to the patient's life. Research has shown that in Britain illegal action of this kind by doctors is rare or non-existent.

British people are going to Switzerland to get help with suicide. Why should they not be able to get that help here?

Though every 'Swiss suicide' makes the headlines, only around 1 in every 25,000 deaths of Britons in the last 10 years has taken this form. The fact that a very small number of British people choose to seek assisted suicide in another country doesn't mean we should legalise the practice here. We make our own laws, and the legal protection of the weak and vulnerable is a fundamental duty of the state and of society.



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Ordinary Time Week VI

16th Feb 2014

15 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>6th Sunday in ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	Fr Gerry Courell
16 Feb	SUNDAY	<i>First Communion Children's mass</i>	8.45am	Health: David Williams
			10.45am	Ian & Dorothy Ilott
17 Feb	MONDAY	<i>Seven Founders of the Servite Order</i>	9.00am	Margaret Harris
18 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00am	Tom Sellers
19 Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Mr & Mrs W Cuthbert
20 Feb	THURSDAY		9.00am	Sp Int: John & Karan
21 Feb	FRIDAY	<i>St Peter Damian</i>	9.00am	William Davies
22 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>The Chair of St Peter – Anniversary of Bishop Mark's Episcopal Consecration</i>	9.00am	Ken Bayley
22 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i>	6.30pm	Sarah & John Hogan
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Confirmation: Many thanks to our confirmation candidates for all their hard work in their session on Sunday afternoon. We look forward to them animating the 8:45am Sunday masses on 2/3, 6/4, 4/5 and their involvement in other liturgical activities. Dates are all online under Sacraments.

Marriage Preparation: The first marriage preparation course for this year will be on Saturday 5th April at 10-12 in the church hall. Please confirm your participation by emailing marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk.

Home Masses in Lent: If any group of families living in the same area would like to have Mass celebrated in their home on Wednesday evenings (March 12th, 19th, 26th; April 2nd, 9th) during Lent, please contact Fr Ravi.

Easter Play: We are planning to put on an "Easter Extravaganza" on Palm Sunday (April 13th) this year. All those interested in taking part in "The Bunny's Easter" should come to the Parish Hall on **Saturday February 22nd at 4:30pm.** We need high school aged actors/singers for the main parts as well as primary aged children for additional involvement. Rehearsals will be Saturdays at 4:30pm in the parish hall. Contact: Katharine Powell 336 1208 kaththeorganist@gmail.com

Safeguarding: Would all catechists, bereavement counsellors and Little Church helpers who have not already done so please obtain a set of forms for renewal of DBS certification from the church porch. Completed forms to be brought to the Church Hall with Pauline Butterfield on Tuesday 25th February between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

OFSTED Inspection

Pupils, staff and Governors at St Winefride's Catholic Primary School, Little Neston are celebrating following their recent Ofsted report where they received 'Good' across the board, with some outstanding features.

The excellent report highly praises the good teaching; all pupils making at least 'good' progress; a high expectation of behaviour, which is evident throughout the school; good governance and the head teacher's strong resolve to continue the drive for improvement, as well as a clear vision about what needs to be done to build upon the achievements of the school to date.

The inspectors rated the quality of teaching in all classes to be consistently 'at least good' and on occasion, outstanding. They found that children get off to a good start in the Early Years Foundation Stage and make good progress in a well structured environment, leaving St Winefride's, at the end of year 6, with attainment above the National average. The teachers make learning interesting and stimulating with great opportunities for pupils to practise their skills in reading, writing and mathematics in other subject areas. Reading and writing skills of the children is of a high standard throughout the school, with the inspectors describing the children as 'fluent readers who often read for pleasure outside of school.' Writing produced by the children is lively, interesting with accurate application of spelling and grammar. The report highlights that the Mathematical and calculation skills of the children are thoroughly developed and the most able rise to the challenge of investigative work.

The inspectors particularly enjoyed the cross curricular links between subjects which were evident in the

CWL "Milestones in Jewish-Catholic relations since Vatican II": Speaker Sister Theresa Brittain. Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. This is a follow up to the talk on Holocaust Memorial Day given by David Arnold Co-chair of the Council of Christians and Jews in Manchester last month. All welcome.

Lent House Groups: NDCT have arranged house groups for fellowship and discussion with other Christians in Neston during Lent. Full details of location, hosts and contacts are in the church porches and online under Parish Contacts. Dates: March 10th Monday 10:00am, 7:30pm, 8:00pm. Tuesday 11th 10:30am, 7:30pm. Wednesday 12th 7:30pm, 8:00pm. Thursday 13th 2:00pm. Resource materials will be provided and if you wish to participate please call the designated contact person to confirm your attendance.

Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth are organising a day at St Chad's High School, Runcorn for young people 16+ on Palm Sunday (April 13th) from 2pm - 5.30pm. Please email lukeneedham@outlook.com if you would like to attend.

Singers and Musicians: We will be starting rehearsals for the Easter services on Sunday 23rd February from 4pm-5pm in church. Our group is friendly and informal so, if you enjoy singing, please come and join us.

children's participation in a version of 'The Young Apprentice.'

This project enabled the children in year 6 to meet a candidate from the television programme and work alongside him to develop 'real-life' skills by setting up their own businesses and raising money. The inspectors remarked upon how confident and articulate the children are. The children enjoyed speaking with the inspectors and sharing their learning, which clearly underlined how proud they are of their school and how much they value the warm and trusting relationships that underpin their positive attitudes to learning.

Keeping pupils safe and secure was judged as 'outstanding.' The school is a happy, safe and secure environment in which pupils are well cared for by all adults. The inspectors say that it is obvious that pupils have great respect for each other and the adults who care for them. It was reported that 'An air of calm and friendliness permeates the whole school.' The report acknowledges that all areas for improvement from the last inspection have been addressed robustly. The only area in which the report suggests that the school could progress further is to improve the already good quality teaching to outstanding across the board.

Proud Head Teacher, Dawn Ormes reports: "I am delighted that the hard work of all of the children and staff at our school has been acknowledged by Ofsted; resulting in an excellent report. The inspectors recognised that, despite being labelled a 'good' school, our school was also found to be an improving school. I feel that this is a true reflection of our school community and we will continue to build upon our successes."

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bookings for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in July are such that the plane is over half full already. Our greatest need at the moment is for more nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals to accompany the pilgrimage. Details for medical staff can be obtained by contacting Matron Nuala Fitzmaurice (Medical Office) 07970 943940, or the pilgrimage website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

A.C.T.S - A Day of Reflection: Sat 22nd February, Wistaston Hall, Crewe 9:30-5pm led by Fr Nick Kern for those aged 18-35. Prayerful reflections on 'The Joy of the Gospel' ('Evangelii Gaudium'). Cost £20 (£15 for unemployed/students). Contact Siobhan 0161 4772783 07761138947 siobhanbc@talktalk.net

Anti-Human Trafficking Forum: Led by Major Anne Read, the Salvation Army National Anti-Trafficking Response Coordinator on 29th March 2014. If you think you may like to attend or find out more, please contact Frodsham Churches Together frodshamforuminfo@gmail.com

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK V

9th February 2014

8 th Feb	SATURDAY		6.30pm	The Parish
9 th Feb	SUNDAY	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45am	Ken Bayley
10 th Feb	MONDAY	St Scholastica	10.45am	TG: Ron & Maureen Jones
11 th Feb	TUESDAY	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Funeral Service</i>	9.00am	TG: Christine Connolly
12 th Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Vera Hennessy Victor Bernard Clyronomides
13 th Feb	THURSDAY	<i>Requiem</i>	9.00am	Int: Nolan Family
14 th Feb	FRIDAY	Ss Cyril & Methodius Pilgrims pray at the grave of T Higginson	9.00am 10am-4pm	Nora & Patrick Wool Brian Gerard Haggart
15 th Feb	SATURDAY		9.00am	Bill Owen Adoration, Mass, Rosary
15 th Feb	SATURDAY	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Helen Flocks
16 th Feb	SUNDAY	First Communion Children's Mass	6.30pm	Fr Gerry Courell
			8.45am	Health: David Williams
			10.45am	Ian and Dorothy Ilott

Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass
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POPE FRANCIS TO RECEIVE QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On 3 April 2014 Pope Francis will receive in audience Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This was made public by Buckingham Palace and confirmed last Tuesday (4th February) afternoon by the Holy See Press Office.

Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by Prince Philip of Edinburgh, will be in Rome upon invitation by the president of the Republic of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano. It will be the first encounter between Pope Francis and the Queen, as at the Holy Mass at the beginning of his pontificate the United Kingdom was represented by Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester.

On her last visit to Rome, in 2000, the Queen was received by Blessed John Paul II. The Queen met with Benedict XVI during his apostolic visit to the United Kingdom in September 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: B and V Casey

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Confirmation: Candidates will be animating 8:45am Sunday mass on 2/3, 6/4 and 4/5. Our next meeting is on Sunday 9th February at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Please check the website for all important dates (under Sacraments).

Marriage Preparation: The first marriage preparation course for this year will be on Saturday 5th April, 10-12 in the church hall. Please confirm your participation by emailing: marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk The next session will be in the second half of the year.

Home Masses in Lent: If any group of families living in the same area would like to have Mass celebrated in their home on Wednesday evenings (March 12th, 19th, 26th; April 2nd, 9th) during Lent, please contact Fr Ravi.

Masses with St Winefride's Primary School: Children from school will come to church for mass at 9.10am on 5th (Yrs 2 to 6), 13th (Yrs 3, 5), 20th (Yrs 4, 6), and 27th of March (Yrs 3, 5), and 3rd of April (Yrs 4, 6). Mass will be celebrated at school at 9.10am on Thursday 10th April.

Bible Study: The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 12th February at 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read chapters 53 - 54 of the study book.

Easter Play: We are planning to put on another "Easter Extravaganza" on Palm Sunday (April 13th) this year. All those interested in taking part in "The Bunny's Easter" should come to the Parish Hall on **Sunday February 9th at 4:30pm**. We will need high school aged actors/singers for the main parts as well as primary aged children for additional involvement. The script is online in the resources section. Rehearsals will be Saturdays at 4:30pm in the parish hall. Contact: Katharine Powell 336 1208 kaththeorganist@gmail.com

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SPUC Annual White Flower Appeal: will take place next Sunday 15th/16th February. Our talk this year will be about the two brave Glasgow Midwives. Please give generously to this very worthy cause. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 11th February 7:30pm** in the church hall. After our appeal at the Volunteering Weekend, please come along along to our meeting to see if you want to join us in our pro life work. You will receive a very warm welcome.

CWL - "Milestones in Jewish-Catholic relations since Vatican II": Speaker: Sister Theresa Brittain. Thursday 20 February at 7.30 pm, church hall. This is a follow up to the excellent talk on Holocaust Memorial Day given by David Arnold, Co-chair of the Council of Christians and Jews in Manchester last month. All welcome!

Women's World Day of Prayer: Prayer slots to join with worldwide prayer on March 7th are 9:30am - 9:45am and 9.45am -10:00am for our contribution. If anyone is willing to hold the WWDP in prayer at these times please contact me. Also if anyone is interested in taking the part of an ancient Egyptian at the evening service in the Parish Church would they contact Gillian Barber on 336 1746.

Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth are organising a day at St Chad's High School, Runcorn for young people 16+ on Palm Sunday (April 13th) from 2pm - 5.30pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life: Noon on Saturday 15th February at St Columba's, Chester with Bishop Mark Davies presiding.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bookings for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in July are such that the plane is over half full already. Anyone wishing to fly is asked to send their booking form in as soon as possible. Our greatest need at the moment is for more nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals to accompany the pilgrimage. Details for medical staff can be found on the pilgrimage website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or contact Matron Nuala Fitzmaurice (Medical Office) 07970 943940.

A.C.T.S - A Day of Reflection: Sat 22nd February, Wistaston Hall, Crewe 9:30 am – 5pm led by Fr Nick Kern for those aged 18 – 35. Prayerful reflections on 'The Joy of the Gospel' ('Evangelii Gaudium'). Cost £20 (£15 for unemployed/students). Contact Siobhan 0161 477 2783/07761 138947 siobhanbc@talktalk.net

Anti-Human Trafficking Forum - 29th March 2014: promoted by Justice and Peace Commission - led by Major Anne Read, the Salvation Army National Anti-Trafficking Response Coordinator. If you think you may like to attend or find out more, please contact Frodsham Churches Together frodshamforuminfo@gmail.com

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK IV

2nd February 2014

1 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>The Presentation of the Lord Volunteering Sunday</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
2 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45am	Dilly Beardsworth
			10.45am	Frank Morgan
3 Feb	MONDAY	<i>St Werburgh</i>	9.00am	Health: Paula & Joe Tunstall
		<i>School</i>	9.10am	Candlemas
4 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00am	Health: Claire Thompson
5 Feb	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Agatha</i>	9.00am	Health: Margaret Harris
6 Feb	THURSDAY	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9.00am	Health: Gerald Sanderson
		<i>Funeral Service</i>	10.00am	Anthony Rupert Foulkes
7 Feb	FRIDAY		9.00am	Int: Theresa & Ken Oakley
8 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	9.00am	Int: Rodney & Clarendon Gritten
8 Feb	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
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Poor Clare Colettines: Holy Mass and the blessing of St Colette, patron of hopeful and expectant parents, mothers and of babies, the sick and the unborn at Upper Aston Hall Lane Hawarden CH5 3EN, 12.30 Saturday 8th February:

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"To build up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:12)

Name: _____

Email and Phone: _____

FOR CHILDREN			FAITH ACTION	
Little Church (From 3 years +)	<i>child</i>	<i>adult</i>	CWL (3 rd Thursday 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Altar Servers (First communion +)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPUC (2 nd Tuesday 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR TEENS			SVP (Mondays 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
YSVP (Sunday 10am)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justice & Peace	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAITH CELEBRATION			Poor Clare's Food Delivery (monthly)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welcoming	<input type="checkbox"/>		ADMINISTRATION	
Readers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Money Counters (Sunday after mass)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eucharistic Ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Gardens and Grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music – Singers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Cleaners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music – Instrumentalists	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ushers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Website	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flowers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Newsletter Editors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sacristy	<input type="checkbox"/>		Piety Stall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liturgy Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>		Library	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAITH FORMATION			Wedding Registrar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catechists (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Bereavement)	<input type="checkbox"/>		SOCIAL	
Prayer Group (Fridays 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Event Organisers (meals, quiz nights, cultural activities etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bible Study (Fortnightly, 7:30pm Wednesdays)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Trips/Pilgrimages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Churches Together (Bimonthly)	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK III

26th January 2014

25 Jan	SATURDAY		6.30pm	The Parish
26 Jan	SUNDAY	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Retirement Fund First Communion Children's Mass</i>	8.45am	Isabelle & Joseph Loughe
			10.45am	John & Barbara Healy
27 Jan	MONDAY	<i>St Angela Merici</i>	9.00am	Mary Agnes & Laurence Binns
28 Jan	TUESDAY	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.00am	Int: Jim Mulligan
29 Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Pauline Mellor
30 Jan	THURSDAY		9.00am	Christina Malone
31 Jan	FRIDAY	<i>St John Bosco</i>	9.00am	Ken Bayley
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From Bishop Mark...

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today the annual Special 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 your Offertory Envelope with you, or you give to your Parish by means of a Standing Order, write in your name and home address. In this way, it will be possible to reclaim the tax on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme.

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 donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid to boost your donation to the Fund. 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Louise Wilkinson, Tina Davies.

Dialogue and Unity: In January we have had the privilege of receiving the Rev Alan Leach, Church of England from St Peter's, Heswall who joined us for the Blessing of Baptismal Water; David Arnold, Co-chair of the Council of Christians and Jews in Manchester, who was with us for Holocaust Memorial Day; Rev Hilary Bell, URC, Neston, who preached an inspiring homily on Friday 24th and also many friends from faith based and other communities.

A Tour Around our Church: We thank Msg Chris Lightbound and Steve Fox for preparing an elegant and informative leaflet to guide us and our visitors. Please do take a copy.

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Marriage Preparation 2014: We encourage all those who are planning to marry at St Winefride's to attend the following Marriage Preparation sessions in the Church Hall on Saturdays (10:00 – 12:00 noon): March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd. Please confirm your participation by emailing marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk.

Volunteering Sunday: Next weekend (1st/2nd February) representatives from some of our active parish groups will speak to us and encourage us to participate in their activities

Home-masses in Lent: If any group of families living in the same area would like to have Mass celebrated in one of their houses on Wednesdays during Lent at 7.00 or 7.30pm, please let Fr Ravi know. Dates available are: 12th, 19th and 26th of March, 2nd and 9th of April.

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Readers New Rota: Important changes to rota means you need a copy now in sacristy or online. Thank you! Joe Tunstall: 336 1261.

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Annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life: Celebrated at noon on Saturday 15th February at St Columba's, Chester (Newhall Road, CH2 1SA) with Bishop Mark Davies presiding. All are welcome. If you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (silver, ruby, golden or platinum), then please let Fr Ravi know by 2nd February and he will arrange for a special invitation to be sent to you on behalf of the Bishop.

SVP Sudan Baby Appeal: Thank you to everyone who supported the Appeal - the sum raised was £663.00.

The National SVP: As recognition of the work of the SVP throughout the Country, we have received a "Big Society Award." David Cameron said: "The St Vincent de Paul Society turns concern into action. The Society's incredible number of volunteers build on a 200 year history of lending a practical hand to support those in need. I'm delighted to recognise all 10,000 St Vincent de Paul volunteers, and the staff who support them to do their vital work, with this Big Society Award."

CWL: The Catholic Women's League raise funds every year for local and national charities. We would all like to thank everyone in the Parish for supporting us by buying hamper raffle tickets, attending one of our coffee mornings and visiting our Christmas Fair. Thanks to your generosity, we donated over £2,500 last year to good causes listed below:

Special Olympics (EP&Chester) £240; URC Church £100; The ARK Birkenhead (homeless) £50; The Medaille Trust (stop human trafficking) £100; Water Aid £200; White Father Missions £100; ARC N West (Arthritis research) £50; Mary's Meals (school feeding project in the developing world) £350; Sense (Deaf & Blind) £200; Sponsorships for a Cancer charity and youth volunteering in Borneo £50 each; Wirral Autistic Society £100; Romanian Orphanage £130; Wirral Mind £100; Youth SVP Shoe Box Appeal £100; MacMillan Nurses £327; Cafod Philippines Appeal £250; Wirral Hedgehog Rescue £50; Christmas Gifts for the Catholic Children's Society.

As a group, we decide on who we donate the funds to. If you want to know more, then come along on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Contact Maria Slater: 0151 336 4622

Website: You may have noticed our new Gallery page which features pictures from recent events. If your group is participating in any picture-worthy activities, please do send us your photos!

Ecumenical Taizé service at 6.30pm at St Thomas' Church, Parkgate on Sunday, 2nd February. All welcome!

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Ordinary Time Week II

19th Jan 2014

18 Jan	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter – Peace Sunday	6.30pm	John & Joan Schofield
19 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Harold William Thelwell
20 Jan	MONDAY	St Fabian, St Sebastian	9.00am	Ken Bayley
21 Jan	TUESDAY	St Agnes	9.00am	Michael Halley
22 Jan	WEDNESDAY	St Vincent	9.00am	Joyce Ablett
		Requiem	11.00am	Kenneth John Bayley
23 Jan	THURSDAY		9.00am	Alison Davies
24 Jan	FRIDAY	St Francis de Sales	9.00am	Dan Roberts
		Funeral Service – Blacon	2.00pm	John Heywood
		Ecumenical Prayer	7.30pm	NDCT
25 Jan	SATURDAY	The Conversion of St Paul	9.00am	Beatrice Vella
25 Jan	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Retirement Fund	6.30pm	The Parish
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Catechists: All Catechists involved in different ministries (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage preparation etc) are invited to plan for a team-meeting with me, preferably in January. The response for Marriage preparation and Baptism meetings last year was very positive and it is important to announce the dates for these sessions as soon as possible.

Baptism Sunday: We welcomed 14 children and one adult along with their families, reminded them about our core identity of being God's beloved and reaffirmed our commitment to make St Winefride's, 'a home for all'. For parents planning their child's baptism this year, we would love to see them all on Sunday 11th January 2015.

Parish Meeting of leaders/volunteers/ministers: The second meeting held on Wednesday 15th January was well attended. Along with many other issues discussed, it was decided to hold a 'Volunteering Sunday' on the weekend of 1st and 2nd Feb, when the community would be reminded of the many groups/activities/ministries that take place in the parish. We hope to encourage more people to actively participate at all levels of Parish life - formation, celebration, action, administration etc. Like last year, the groups will also help in conducting the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in the Season of Lent.

Home-masses in Lent: If a group of families living in the same area would like to have Mass celebrated in one of their houses on Wednesdays of Lent at 7 or 7.30pm, please let Fr Ravi know. The dates available are, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3, 2/4 and 9/4.

YSVP: Sadly, Jordan Henshaw has stepped down from his role as YSVP president due to study commitments. Dominic Lisboa is newly appointed President and Jonathan Connolly is Vice President. We wish them every success in their work and look forward to hearing about their contribution to Parish Life and also thank Jordan for all his hard work over the last four years.

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Disabled Access: Please can people park ensuring enough space for wheelchair access opposite the ramp at the back of Church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January: Our 2014 theme "Is Christ Divided?" Please do take a moment to read through the reflections on the board at the back of the church.

Holocaust Memorial Day: Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

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Christmastide/Ordinary Time Week 1

12th January 2014

11 th Jan	SATURDAY	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> <i>The Christmas Season ends today</i>	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
12 th Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sp Int: Lilian Jones
13 th Jan	MONDAY	<i>St Hilary</i>	9.00 am	Mary and Julie Mulligan
14 th Jan	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Gerard McNulty
15 th Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Int: R & M Saunders & Family
16 th Jan	THURSDAY		9.00 am 9.10 am	Michael Everitt School
17 th Jan	FRIDAY	<i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	9.00 am	Int: G Moreton and Family
18 th Jan	SATURDAY	<i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	9.00 am	Dorothy Hickman
18 th Jan	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter – Peace Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	John and Joan Schofield
19 th Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Harold William Thelwell

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RIP: Ken Bayley, Gerard McNulty, John Heywood

From Fr Ravi... Looking ahead!

This weekend we are delighted to welcome all those children who were baptised in 2013 and their families. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we especially pray for them at 10.45am mass and also experience the joy of sharing together the life and mission of the Church.

Next Sunday (19th January), we celebrate 'Peace Sunday' and Bishop Mark's Pastoral letter on the theme, 'Living as One Family is the Foundation and Pathway to Peace', will be read at all masses. In the Beatitudes, we read, 'Blessed are the peacemakers' and not just 'peace lovers'. As we pray for peace, we all could do something in the New Year to learn to the art of peace building in our lives. It could be learning some inter-personal skills, methods of counselling, reading about the Church's role in conflict resolution and peace building, studying about other cultures/faiths, welcoming the 'stranger' home, etc. I remember taking a course in 'non-violent communication', some years ago!

We also celebrate the Unity Octave from 18th to 25th January and the list of activities in Neston is given in the announcement section. During this period, we shall also be reflecting on the theme for this year: 'Has Christ been Divided?' in our daily masses.

We had a planning session of the RCIA programme last Thursday and it was decided to have our learning sessions on Tuesdays in the Parish hall from 6.45 to 8pm. At the Easter Vigil this year, four candidates will be received into the Church, one (catechumen) will be baptised with four parishioners accompanying them on their journey. As I invite you to pray for them, you are also welcome to come along, if you feel the need to know the fundamentals of the Catholic way of living, sharing and celebrating our Christian faith.

God bless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dolley, P Higgins

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Confirmation: After our trip this weekend, the next meeting will be held on Sunday 26th January at 9:30am in the presbytery. Our LPA Confirmations will take place at St Winefride's on Wednesday 18th June at 7pm.

Leaders' Meeting: For leaders of groups and those involved in different ministries a meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Considering the energy at the first meeting earlier in 2013, I am confident that such efforts will lead to greater participation of many at all levels of our life and mission.

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CWL Annual Dinner: Thursday 16th January 7pm for 7.30pm at The Grange.

SPUC Meeting: Next Tuesday 14th January 7.30pm in the church hall, all welcome.

Food Bank: The amount donated in December amounted to 127kg, thank you for your continued support. Since the Parish first became involved with Foodbank, we have donated over 885kg of food.

SVP Walsingham Pilgrimage 2014: Will take place from Monday 28th April to Thursday 1st May. The cost will be £170 per person including coach travel, accommodation and meals in Walsingham and gratuities. For more details, and to arrange to join the pilgrimage, please contact Derek on 336 8426 or email derekpoover@gmail.com.

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Lent Study Groups: As in previous years the NDCT are coordinating ecumenical Study Groups during Lent. We would be very grateful if anyone is willing to host or co-host a group. There will be 5 meetings with material provided. It's a good way to prepare for Easter and join in informal discussion with our fellow Christians. If you feel you could help please let Barbara Rivers (336 2972) or Deacon Mike (353 0253) know as soon as possible: ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk.

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Christmastide

5th January 2014

4 Jan	SATURDAY	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	6.30 pm	Tom Rainford
5 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
6 Jan	MONDAY		10.45 am	Selina Ashington
7 Jan	TUESDAY	<i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	9.00 am	TG: Agnes Harrington
8 Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Sp Int: K K
9 Jan	THURSDAY		9.00am	Catherine Walsh
10 Jan	FRIDAY		9.00am	Sally & John Hogan
11 Jan	SATURDAY		9.00am	G. Moreton & Fly
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From Fr Ravi... A Home For All!

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. In many places across the world, Christmas gifts are exchanged on January 6th, when this feast is traditionally celebrated. The Magi, reading the signs of the times, reached the stable 'outside' Bethlehem. The three seekers see in Jesus, 'the light of the nations', a Saviour for all peoples. Epiphany happens! The Gospel accounts of his birth - born outside a village, to be recognised by distant travellers - foreshadow Jesus' crucifixion 'outside' Jerusalem, again, to be recognised by another foreigner, the Roman Centurion. In a way, this feast calls on us to make the universal Church, and St Winefride's in particular, 'a home for all'.

Apart from cards and gifts, this is also the season for resolutions and new beginnings. In the past few days some amusing texts were in circulation: 'my new year resolution is not to hang out with those who ask me about my new year resolutions' and ' may your troubles last as long as your new year resolutions' ... I found the following anecdote helpful in my new year meditation: A monk from Thomas Merton's abbey visited a priory and the superior apologised to him for the many steps as they climbed the stairs. "There are many steps in our abbey, too," the monk replied. Then he added, "I count them as I climb.... This is how I count them: *one, one, one...*"

Every step in life is a new beginning, hence it is never too late to begin anew!

God bless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Wood & F Byrne.

Baptism Sunday: As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, we welcome those children who were baptised in our church during 2013, together with their parents and godparents and renew our Baptismal promises along with them. We celebrated 26 baptisms at St Winefride's in 2013.

RCIA: The first meeting for those who have registered for RCIA will be on Thursday 9th January at 6.30pm in the Presbytery. Please bring your 2014 diary with you to plan our sessions for the months ahead.

Communion to the Sick: As previously announced, we have begun our Communion visits to the sick and housebound on Wednesdays from 1st Jan 2014. There are currently 40 people who receive weekly communion from our Eucharistic ministers and are visited regularly by the priest. Due to health and safety regulations, a visit to a home or care home is only possible if we are invited or called and an arrangement is then made to visit on a regular basis. Hence it is important that Fr Ravi or Tony Topping are informed of anyone in your family who requires regular pastoral care through communion visits.

First Communion and Confirmation: The parish community accompanies our candidates preparing for First Communion and Confirmation and we look forward to them regularly animating our Sunday 10.45 Eucharistic celebrations soon. A particular word of thanks to the catechists who have generously committed themselves to this faith-formation activity. The first meeting for parents of First Communion children is on Monday 13th January. First Communion children will animate our 10.45am masses on following Sundays: 26/1, 16/2, 9/3, 6/4, 18/5 and the First Communion celebrations will be on Saturday 14th June.

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Prayer on New Year's Eve: The last two years have seen an encouraging response to the Thanksgiving Prayer on New Year's Eve and we intend to make it a regular feature in the years ahead. One of the resolutions suggested was to welcome the New Year with a modest celebration in the hall immediately after Benediction.

Diocesan Directory and Liturgical Calendars 2014: Now available from Parish Office priced £5 each. The regular Parish Diaries are available in our two porches.

Catholic Voice: The latest copy is available in both porches. A contribution of £1 would be welcome.

Bible Study: The next meeting of the Bible study group will be on Wednesday 8th January. Anyone wishing to join us at the start of a new year will be most welcome. Existing participants should read up sections 50 & 51 of the study book in preparation. We meet at 2 Allan's Meadow at 7.30pm for about one hour followed by a cup of tea.

Win & Christopher Bayley: Wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for Mass cards and all the prayers and good wishes received during Ken's illness. Also to our Eucharistic Ministers Tony and Karl, God bless you.

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Is the theme for this 2014. Sharing what is common to all of us is a way of strengthening our links with the wider Christian community and events at various venues during Christian Unity Week (detailed below) enable us to experience different styles of prayer and worship. All are very welcome to join any of the events and to join the AGM of the NDCT after the Unity Service on Sunday 19th January.

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Ordinary Time Week XIII

29th June 2014

28 June	SATURDAY	Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter	6.30 pm	The Parish
29 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sp Int: Anne-Marie
			10.45 am	Ken Hardman
30 June	MONDAY	The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	9.00 am	Aline Gillett
1 July	TUESDAY	St Oliver Plunkett	9.00 am	Special Intention
2 July	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Richard Hall
3 July	THURSDAY	St Thomas	9.00 am	Ken Bayley
4 July	FRIDAY	St Elizabeth of Portugal Pilgrims to the grave of Teresa Higginson	9.00 am 11am-3pm	Gerry Cummins Private Devotions
5 July	SATURDAY	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria Baptism	9.00 am 12.00 noon	Health: Joan Cleary Marlo Flyn Joseph Wright
5 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Barbara Dyas
6 July	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Eric Belcher
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RIP: David Williamson				

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dolley, P Higgins

Assisted Dying Bill: Please write to a member of the House of Lords. The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. If you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, please visit: www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill It is vital to write as soon as possible and certainly before 18th July.

SPUC: Sunday's garden party raised £301.90. Many thanks to Maureen and Jack Aland and to all came and enjoyed a fantastic afternoon in their wonderful garden.

SPUC Petition: For those who missed it, please sign our petition to the Secretary of State for Health asking that doctors do not misinform and mislead women by authorising abortion on invalid mental health grounds.

Piety Stall: This weekend the piety stall will be at the school fair, not in the Church Hall and is the last time the stall will be open prior to the summer break. We will reopen on Sunday September 7th. If you require anything during the break contact Margaret on 3364046. Occasion and prayer cards will be available in the rear porch.

New Sacristans: Would you like to be a part of our team of sacristans? Duties include preparing the altar for Masses and locking the church at the end of the day. Training will be given. Currently we are a team of three but with more we could run a weekly rota. If you are interested, contact Gillian Barber on 3361746 or gillymustard@gmail.com

Summer Fair: Sunday 29th June 12.30pm to 3.30 pm. Chester High School Band, refreshments, face painting, pony rides, tombola, crazy golf, stocks, raffle and more.

NDCT: Neston Village Fair on Saturday July 5th. If you can help out please contact Mike Topping, Helen Jones or Kate Hughes at ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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A PASTORAL LETTER
On the Great Challenge for our Generation

My dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you on the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, when we hear in the Gospel the great promise of Our Lord to Simon Peter:

"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16:18).

The past century has been marked by the emergence of inhuman ideologies and such unprecedented bloodshed and destruction that it often seemed as if *"the gates of hell"* had prevailed. However, the Successors of St Peter in the Holy See of Rome have stood at the forefront of the defence of human life, the defence of the value of every human person. They have proclaimed the Gospel of Life in the face of what Saint John Paul II described as, *"the culture of death"*. Today, that culture of death is manifested in the hidden destruction of the unborn on an industrial scale, and the threat to the sick and the aged of a killing, which its advocates perversely call *"mercy."*

Pope Francis continues this unfailing witness in our time, by his words and gestures affirming the eternal value of every human being, especially the weakest and the frailest. In his most recent Exhortation, the Holy Father asks us to be attentive to the new forms of poverty and vulnerability. Pope Francis specifically speaks of those elderly people

"who are increasingly isolated and abandoned" and of the unborn children *"the most defenceless and innocent among us"* (Evangelii Gaudium n. 210, 213).

I don't need to remind you of the widespread concern about the ill-treatment of the aged and those at the end of life in some of our care homes and hospitals -and this in spite of the many dedicated people working in these fields of care. It seems all the more incomprehensible, then, that we would be considering a change in the law to diminish the protection given to those most vulnerable.

Next month a Bill to legalize *"assisted suicide"* for those at the end of life will begin its passage through Parliament. This legislation will be presented as a *"compassionate"* measure, whose sole aim is to relieve the suffering of the

sick and the aged. Yet, it is far from compassionate to remove the legal protections provided for some of the most vulnerable members of society. The proposed change to our laws will license doctors to supply lethal drugs to assist the deaths of those expected to live for six months or less. If Parliament allows exceptions to the laws which protect the very sanctity of human life, it would be impossible to predict where this will end. In 1967, the politicians who legalised the killing of unborn children in limited and exceptional circumstances did not foresee how violating the sanctity of human life would lead to the wanton destruction of millions of lives. It is not surprising that many vulnerable people, including those with disabilities, are today worried by Lord Falconer's *"assisted dying"* Bill. It might sound reasonable to speak of *"choices at the end of life"* - as the campaigners for euthanasia do - but what choice will be left for many?

The recent commemorations of D-day have reminded us of how an earlier generation was ready to face death in the defence of human life and dignity, in what Britain's war-time Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, described as a battle for the survival of *"Christian civilisation"* (House of Commons, 18th June 1940). It is the Christian faith which has led us to recognise the sanctity of every human life, the value of every human person. In their quest for the elusive definition of *"British values"*, our political leaders need look no further for the foundations of our society. And whilst we recall the heroism of generations before us, we must not fail to recognise the great challenge for our own generation. We are now being called upon to defend the sanctity of human life amidst the growing threats against it.

Defending the value of the life and dignity of every human person, from their conception until their natural death, represents the great battle of our life-times, a battle we must fight with the weapons of peace. Together with Pope Francis, the Successor of the Apostle Peter, may you and I be able finally to repeat the words of the Apostle Paul:

"I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith ..." (II Tim 4:7).

May it be so, for each one of us.

With my blessing,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

Ambry at St Winefride's

All of us at some time in our lives have experienced sacramental anointing, whether at baptism, confirmation, or perhaps when we were ill. As the tabernacle houses the Blessed Sacrament, traditionally the ambry is the place where the sacred oils were kept in respect and reverence. In our church the ambry is already beautifully designed in the sanctuary adjacent to the tabernacle and below the Good Shepherd window, possibly to remind us of God's abiding presence and the church's eternal care for each and every one of us.

The Oil of Catechumens (*Oleum Catechumenorum*) is used during baptism (mainly for infants); The Oil of Chrism (*Sacrum Chrisma*) is for baptism, confirmation and ordination (a mixture of oil and balsam); and The Oil of the Sick (*Oleum Infirmorum*) is for anointing those who are ill. Historically olive oil played an integral role in people's lives: it was used in preparation of food, fuel for lamps, welcoming guests, preparing bodies for burial and in the Old Testament it was used for anointing kings and prophets. In the New Testament James writes about the anointing of the sick with oil (James 5:14).

"My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows"





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Catechists: As we have concluded our sessions for First Communion and Confirmation, we are happy to welcome others interested in sharing our faith with others. Depending on your interest, there are different teams - Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, RCIA, Bereavement etc. There will be training sessions at the diocesan level and you will receive all the support and help that may be required.

Parish Pastoral Council: As announced on Pentecost Sunday, during the following weeks, I shall be contacting different groups active in our parish community and exploring possibilities of forming a representative and committed PPC that will help us all in our faith-formation, faith-celebration and faith-action.

SPUC: Garden party this Sunday 22nd June from 2.00pm at Medicott in Haddon Lane, Ness (Park in the Riding School and walk through, past the stables to house). Admission Adults £3 - children free! Bring and Buy and Raffle (Donations welcome)! Contact Margaret on 226 2050.

YSVP And Little Church Adult Helpers: URGENT meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th June at 25 Furrocks Lane to discuss planning and availability for next year. Please contact Barbara Rivers 336 2972 if you are unable to attend.

Music: Choir practices have finished now for the summer holidays and will resume in September. We look forward to welcoming new members then.

RCIA: We thank all those who have participated in this year's programme. We will resume again on the first Tuesday in Advent (2nd December) for those interested.

Shrewsbury Catholic Voice: June 2014 edition available in both porches.

Summer Fair: Sunday 29th June from 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Show your support by having a fun day out with friends and family. Chester High School Band, Refreshments, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Cakes, Tombola, Crazy Golf, Stocks, Raffle and more....! Donations of plants, books, cakes and good quality second hand items to be delivered *directly to school* on Friday 27th between 3.30pm - 4.30 pm or Saturday 28th between 10.00 am and 12.00. **Please do not leave in the church porches.** Any offers of help, contact Alison Harper on 07909 331 362.

NDCT: Neston Village Fair on Saturday July 5th - if anyone could help out in our NDCT tent, including a Foodbank section), please contact Mike Topping, Helen Jones or Kate Hughes. ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Foodbank: Trussell Trust have had discussions with UNICEF regarding the provision of infant formula milk at foodbanks and will now no longer accept any donations of infant formula or distribute any formula products to mothers. They will still assist mothers by directing them to organisations who are able to help them. Many thanks for your support. westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

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Ordinary Time Week XII

22nd June 2014

21 June	SATURDAY	<i>The Body and Blood of Christ</i>	6.30 pm	Mary & Julie Mulligan
22 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Selina Ashington
23 June	MONDAY	<i>St Etheldreda</i>	9.00 am	Health: J Henesy
24 June	TUESDAY	<i>The Birth of John the Baptist</i>	9.00 am	James Nickson
25 June	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Catherine Nickson
26 June	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Alice Fearn
27 June	FRIDAY	<i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.00 am	TG: Fr Denis Maher
28 June	SATURDAY	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary/St Irenaeus</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
28 June	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
			8.45 am	Sp Int: Anne-Marie
29 June	SUNDAY		10.45 am	Ken Hardman

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: Mgr John Williams, Marie Nagle

From Fr Ravi... To Stand Up and to Stand Out!

The 39 candidates who were confirmed in our Church last Wednesday were congratulated by Bishop Mark for their courage, 'to stand up and to stand out' as responsible, adult members of the Church, filled with the Power of the Spirit and willing to commit themselves to the mission of proclaiming God's love to everyone. Our visitors from neighbouring parishes, as well as the parents and sponsors of the candidates, were fully appreciative of the enormous efforts that made the liturgy both solemn and participative - a moment of grace for everyone!

On behalf of the Parish, I would like to express our gratitude in a special way to the dedicated team of Catechists - Sue Davies, Micheline Johnson, Helen Jones, Luke Needham and Dee Roberts - who prepared our candidates over a period of 10 months. Their meticulous planning for the Confirmation liturgy and their organisational abilities were noted by everyone. The Choir, yet again, were in excellent form. After their amazing singing during the Holy Week, they have once more proved at the Confirmation celebrations that with regular practice and commitment, we are capable of doing wonders at St Winefride's! We thank all our choir members and especially Maria Slater and Louise Wilkinson. The trio of deacons led by Mike Topping and the concelebrating priests - Mgr Chris, Canon Hoban, Fr Lucas - helped the liturgy come alive. We also thank our altar servers and all those who helped behind the scenes to prepare the church for the celebration and those helping to refresh us all afterwards with food and drink.

Many of you may still remember the solemn Corpus Christi processions of olden times: on this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, may we find strength in receiving the Lord in the Sacrament and experience peace in praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

We are happy to see Fr Denis home after his sojourn in Glan Clwyd Hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

May God Bless us all.

Ambry at St Winefride's

All of us at some time in our lives have experienced sacramental anointing, whether at baptism, confirmation, or perhaps when we were ill. As the tabernacle houses the Blessed Sacrament, traditionally the ambry is the place where the sacred oils were kept in respect and reverence. In our church the ambry is already beautifully designed in the sanctuary adjacent to the tabernacle and below the Good Shepherd window, possibly to remind us of God's abiding presence and the church's eternal care for each and every one of us.

The Oil of Catechumens (*Oleum Catechumenorum*) is used during baptism (mainly for infants); The Oil of Chrism (*Sacrum Chrisma*) is for baptism, confirmation and ordination (a mixture of oil and balsam); and The Oil of the Sick (*Oleum Infirmorum*) is for anointing those who are ill. Historically olive oil played an integral role in people's lives: it was used in preparation of food, fuel for lamps, welcoming guests, preparing bodies for burial and in the Old Testament it was used for anointing kings and prophets. In the New Testament James writes about the anointing of the sick with oil (James 5:14).

"My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows"





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Ordinary Time Week XI

June 15th 2014

14 June	SATURDAY	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.30 pm	Patrick Caffrey
15 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	James Hilton
16 June	MONDAY	<i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	9.00 am 9.10am	L Tommony & D Cunningham School
17 June	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Hughes Family
18 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>LPA Confirmation</i>	9.00 am 7.00 pm	Anne & Richard Gribren For candidates & their sponsors
19 June	THURSDAY	<i>St Romuald</i>	9.00 am	TG M Henesy
20 June	FRIDAY	<i>St Alban</i>	9.00 am	Sp Int: Michael
21 June	SATURDAY	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.00 am	Sp Int: A Harrison
21 June	<i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Mary & Julie Mulligan
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RIP: Mgr John Williams

From Fr Ravi... In Trinity's Circle of Love!

St Winefride's has a very special place for children, and their well being and growth in faith is at the centre of our life and mission. It was a joy to see them receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and we assure them of our presence and prayers in their faith journey. We take this opportunity to congratulate and thank their parents, teachers, and in a special way our catechists - Liz Dolley, Tony Topping, Sue and Barry Lyonette, Suzanne Hoskinson, Pauline O'Gormon and the Headteacher and staff of St Winefride's Primary School.

On Wednesday 18th June, we will be welcoming Bishop Mark to St Winefride's as we host this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Local Pastoral Area (LPA). There are 39 Candidates drawn from Pensby (8), Heswall (2) and our own parish (29). Fr Lucas Ngwa (Pensby), Fr Terry Boylan (Heswall) together with our own Fr Denis and Fr Chris will concelebrate with Bishop Mark, assisted by three Deacons, Lawrence Hordley, Jeffrey Telford and of course, Mike Topping. A special welcome to those from our neighbouring parish communities visiting our church for the celebrations!

On this Father's day, we say a big "Thank you" to all the fathers - those present now and those with God - for the love we have all experienced from them. When we trace the Sign of the Cross today as we celebrate the Holy Trinity Sunday, let us remind ourselves of its rich meaning - in the **presence** of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - which enables us to be included in the circle of the Trinity and helps us experience God's warm embrace every moment of our lives!

May God bless us all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: B and V Casey

Sacrament of Reconciliation: To help prepare our candidates, their sponsors and parents to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation meaningfully, priest/s will be available for confessions, 30 minutes before and after the rehearsal this Sunday evening!

Confirmation: Our rehearsal for candidates and sponsors will be this Sunday evening 15th June at 7pm and Bishop Mark will preside at the celebration on Wednesday 18th June at 7pm (please could candidates and sponsors arrive in good time and be seated by 6:45pm).

Parish Hall: We thank the hall team for improving and adding a number of facilities for the use of our community. Besides the wheelchair access, internet and media projector, they have also added a mini refrigerator and a heating tray in the kitchen. They will be pleased to have your comments as well as suggestions.

Catechists: As we conclude our preparatory sessions for First Communion and Confirmation, we are happy to welcome others interested in sharing our faith with others. Depending on your interest, there are different teams - Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, RCIA, Bereavement etc. There will be training sessions at the diocesan level and you will receive all the support and help that may be required.

Parish Pastoral Council: As announced on Pentecost Sunday, during the following weeks, I shall be contacting different groups active in our parish community and exploring possibilities of forming a representative and committed PPC that will help us all in our faith-formation, faith-celebration and faith-action.

CWL Meeting: Thursday 19th June at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Will members please bring their gift for the food hamper, which will be at the Village Fair on Saturday 5th July

SPUC: Under the 1967 Abortion Act, nearly 4000 babies are aborted every week in Britain, 97% of which are authorised due to a perceived risk to the mothers' mental health. However, recent medical evidence affirms that abortion does not lead to better mental health for women. Please sign our petition to the Secretary of State for Health after Mass to ensure that doctors do not misinform and mislead women by authorising abortion on invalid mental health grounds.

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Mgr John Williams (1931-2014): The Requiem Mass for Mgr John Williams former parish priest of Our Lady and St John's Heswall (1993-2005) has been arranged Thursday 19th June at 11.30am at Heswall.

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Pentecost/Ordinary Time Week X

June 8th 2014

7 June	SATURDAY	<i>Pentecost Sunday – Day of special prayer for the Church</i>	6.30 pm	Anthony R Foulkes
8 June	SUNDAY	<i>Baptism</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Mary Jones Poppy Rae Williams
9 June	MONDAY	<i>St Ephrem of Syria/St Columba</i>	9.00 am	Int: A Graham
10 June	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Kevin Moreton
11 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Barnabas</i>	9.00 am	Ellen Sellers
12 June	THURSDAY	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest</i>	9.00 am	Molly Gordon
13 June	FRIDAY	<i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	9.00 am	TG: C Haimes
14 June	SATURDAY	<i>First Holy Communion</i>	10.00 am	For children
14 June	<i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.30 pm	Patrick Caffrey
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From Fr Ravi ...Happy Birthday Everyone!

We can identify many 'founding' moments in the Scriptures to mark the beginnings of the new community of Jesus, the Church – such as when Peter was entrusted with the mission of proclaiming God's reign of love, or at the foot of the cross when unconditional acceptance of the other was experienced and I am sure you can think of other events. Generally, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated as the 'birthday' of the Church; hence, the invitation to pray in a special way for the Church today.

The Pontifical Yearbook, published recently, presents some interesting data: the Catholic presence in the world has risen slightly from 17.3% to 17.5%, as the number of the baptised people around the world rose from 1115 to 1229 million between 2005 and 2012. The 2012 data shows Europe as being home to 23.3% of the world's Catholics (a drop from 25.5% in 2005) while Africa has 16.2%, a significant increase from 13.8% in 2005 – which explains to some extent, the violence against Christians there. There are at present 2,981 dioceses (ecclesiastical districts or similar units).

Ignatius of Laodicea Orthodox Metropolitan, shared the following insight at the 3rd Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppasala in 1968, which can inspire us all today: "Without the Holy Spirit, God is distant, Christ is merely an historical figure, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is just an organisation, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, liturgy is only nostalgia, and the work of Christians is slave labour. But with the Holy Spirit, Christ is risen and present, the Gospel is a living force, the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity, authority is a service that sets people free, mission is Pentecost, the liturgy is memory and anticipation, and the labour of Christians is divinised."

Come Holy Spirit!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Wendy Morgan, Anne-Marie McClean

First Communion: During the week, the children preparing for first Communion will be in church at different times for rehearsals. As our children are excited about their big day, we accompany them with all our prayers and best wishes. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents and catechists for their keen interest in preparing our children for this special day. The concluding session for children not attending St Winefride's will be on 12th June and the First Holy Communion celebrations will take place on Saturday 14th June at 10am.

Confirmation: This weekend marks the concluding session for our Confirmation candidates. Again I am grateful to each of them and their parents for their determination during a long period of preparation and our special thanks go to the catechists for the commitment they have shown throughout this period. Our rehearsal for candidates and sponsors is on Sunday 15th June at 7pm and Bishop Mark will preside at the celebration on Wednesday 18th June at 7pm.

World Communications Sunday: Helen Jones of BBC and Srs Catherine & Lalaine have asked me to convey their gratitude for the warm welcome they received and for your 'attentive' listening! A brief report is being prepared for the Diocesan 'Catholic Voice'.

Office items: There are two unused filing cabinets, a card index cabinet in the office and also two printers. If anyone is interested in taking them, please do contact by Tuesday 10th June.

Bishop Mark Davies: On EWTN Global Catholic Television as he reflects on the life of St John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, parishes and the New Evangelisation on Sunday 8th June.

1 St John Vianney – Heart of the Priesthood 16:00

2 Pastoral Plan 16:30

3 Saints and the New Evangelisation 17:00

4 Vocations 17:30

Available on Sky Channel 589 or at www.ewtn.co.uk

Parish Hall: The copier we used in the office has been moved to the parish hall and soon Derek Pover and the hall team may also find suitable places for a mini refrigerator and a heating tray. Please do encourage your family and friends to use our parish centre for family and social events

Ladies Day Parade: Neston was at its best last Thursday to mark the 200th anniversary of this special event and we congratulate all who participated in it and Robert D Halsall for serving as Hon. Secretary for the last 27 years.

CWL: Committee Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th June in the hall.

SPUC Garden Party: Sunday 22nd June from 2pm at 'Medicott' in Haddon Lane, Ness; (Parking available at the Riding School). Tickets now available priced £3.00, which includes light refreshments. There will also be a bring and buy and raffle. All welcome. For tickets or further information, contact Margaret on 336 2050 or any of our group.

SPUC: Meeting Tuesday 10th June 7.30pm in the church hall. All welcome.

NDCT: The next prayer breakfast will be on Saturday 14th June at 8.30am in Neston Methodist Church.

SVP: Last chance to buy SVP raffle tickets to win a new VW car generously donated by a Shrewsbury parishioner. The number of tickets in circulation is limited and are only being sold in the Shrewsbury SVP Conferences, closing date is 28th June and the raffle is being held on 5th July. Tickets cost £1.00 each and will be on sale after all masses this weekend and mid week.

Music Rehearsal: We will be rehearsing the music for the Confirmation Mass today, Sunday 8th June at 5pm (not our usual time) and also on Monday 16th June at 7pm in church. Confirmation candidates and parents/sponsors are welcome to join our regular singers.

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Thank You: The family of Gerry Cummins thank all those who attended Gerry's Requiem Mass, sent Mass cards and letters of sympathy and for the ongoing prayers and support which means so much. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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EASTER WEEK VII

1st June 2014

31 May	SATURDAY	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>World Communications Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Francis Joseph Jones
1 June	SUNDAY	<i>Wedding</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
2 June	MONDAY	<i>Ss Marcellinus & Peter</i>	10.45 am	Int: Karen Kirby
3 June	TUESDAY	<i>SS Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	1.30 pm	Jemma Parker & Flavio Arragoni
4 June	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
5 June	THURSDAY	<i>St Boniface</i>	9.00 am	Int: Mary Wilson
6 June	FRIDAY	<i>St Norbert</i>	9.00 am	Mc Donnell family
7 June	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Gerry Cummins
7 June	<i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Church</i>	9.00 am	Health: Evie-Rose Jones
8 June	SUNDAY	<i>Baptism</i>	6.30 pm	Martin McNamara
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From Fr Ravi: Communication leading to Communion...

The sight of our parishioners and friends, especially the house bound, reading our newsletter from top to bottom is always very gratifying. We are blessed at St Winefride's with efficient communication teams whose commitment to this important ministry is truly inspiring. On this, World Communications Day, we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to each one of them: our newsletter compilers - Louise Wood, Louise and Scott Wilkinson, Ian Trotman, Marie-Lou Reid and Veronica Cuthbert; our webteam - Judy Howard, Tara O'Cleirigh, Veronica Cuthbert and Mat Taylor; and our facilitators Helen Jones and Karl Ankers. We thank them all on behalf of the parish.

Our website as many of you already know includes:

- Mass times (especially over the Easter and Christmas Seasons)
- Newsletters
- Parish Contacts and Rotas
- Information regarding Baptism, Marriages and Funerals
- Mini Winnies for children
- Parish History and much more besides....

The webteam will be on hand after every mass in the Parish Hall to guide you through the website. Our weekly newsletter and parish website serve to foster unity by making relevant information available to all.

This weekend we welcome Helen Jones from BBC Radio Merseyside, who is well known to us here and Srs Catharine Skelton and Lalaine Lilio from the Daughters of St Paul (who you might know from Pauline Books and Media in Bold Street, Liverpool). They will be sharing with us their experiences of communicating the faith in this digital age.

May God bless us all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson, Tina Davies

First Communion: The next session for those children not attending St Winefride's will be on 12th June and the celebration will take place on Saturday, 14th June at 10am. We thank all our children, their catechists and parents for the meaningful 10.45am Eucharist we had last Sunday.

Confirmation: Our final session will be on 8th June at 9:30am. **Please make every effort to attend.** Our rehearsal for candidates and their sponsors is on Sunday June 15th at 7pm. Bishop Mark will preside at the celebration on Wednesday 18th June at 7pm.

Music Rehearsal: For Confirmation Mass, 4pm Sunday 1st June. All welcome.

Summer Fair: On Sunday 29th June from 12.30pm at school. Donations of books, good quality second hand items, cakes and plants would be welcome and please deliver directly to school on Friday 27th June between 3.30-4.30pm or on Saturday 28th between 11am and 2pm. Help would be very much appreciated for a variety of stalls. Please contact Alison Harper on 07909 331 362.

YSVP: Information evening Wednesday 4th June 7.30pm in parish hall for anyone who may be interested in joining a team of adult leaders in assisting and supervising the Youth SVP members in their parish work next year. Volunteers urgently needed for this vital parish work. Contact Barbara if you require further info on 336 2972.

Pope Francis' World Communications Day Message

'It's no good trying to communicate the Gospel if we are not open to encounter the lives and the truth of others.'

This is the Pope Francis' first message for World Communications Day and it offers a profoundly personal and Franciscan vision of the way that modern media technology must help us, not just to connect virtually, but to promote a real encounter with people and ideas that are often very different from our own. A culture of encounter demands that we be ready not only to give, but also to receive and the internet, the message says, offers immense possibilities for encouraging encounter and solidarity. Noting the continuing "scandalous gap between the opulence of the wealthy and the utter destitution of the poor", the Pope says media can help create a stronger sense of the unity of the human family.

While acknowledging that the internet can isolate and create barricades between people, Pope Francis says the Church must respond with fresh energy and imagination to the challenges of the ongoing

SPUC Garden Party: Sunday 22nd June from 2pm at 'Medicott', Haddon Lane, Ness (parking at the Riding School). Tickets available priced £3: includes light refreshments. There will be a bring and buy and a raffle. All welcome. Contact Margaret on 336 2050.

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Invocation 2014: A vocations festival at St Mary's College, Oscott from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th July 2014. The festival is a mixture of faith and friendship; prayer and worship, adoration and reconciliation, engaging talks and inspiring workshops. It is a discernment festival- a weekend full of opportunities for you to think about who God is calling you to be. More details from invocation.org.uk

Last Sunday's Offering: Loose plate £183.75; Offertory envelopes £401.70; Standing orders £547.00. Thank you for your generous support.

technological revolution. He uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to explain how we must see ourselves as true neighbours, ready to take responsibility for the needs of others. Returning to one of his favourite themes, the Pope says our streets are teeming with people who are often hurting and looking for a sign of hope and salvation. It's not enough to be passers-by on the streets and digital highways of our world: rather we must keep open the doors of our churches and our digital environments so that people can enter and the Gospel message can reach to the ends of the earth.

World Communications Day Prayer

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.

*Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.*



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EASTER WEEK VI

May 25th 2014

24 May	SATURDAY	6 th Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	The Parish
			8.45 am	TG: Sadie Douglas
25 May	SUNDAY	Baptism To pray for Pope Francis & Peace in the Holy Land	10.45 am	Allan & Monica Storey
			11.45 am	Jack Rowlands
			3-4 pm	Adoration
26 May	MONDAY	St Philip Neri	10.00 am	Michael Saunders
27 May	TUESDAY	St Augustine of Canterbury	9.00 am	James Nickson
28 May	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Mary Henesy
29 May	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Peter Durrant
30 May	FRIDAY		9.00 am	John M Piccolo
31 May	SATURDAY	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am	Gary Burgon
31 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	The Ascension of the Lord World Communications Sunday	6.30 pm	Francis Joseph Jones
			8.45 am	The Parish
1 June	SUNDAY	Wedding	10.45 am	Int: Karen Kirby
			1:30 pm	Jemma L Parker & Flavio Arragoni
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Message from Bishop Mark...

I am sure you are aware that later this month our Holy Father Pope Francis will be making an apostolic visit to the Holy Land. It has been proposed by the Friends of the Holy Land that this will be an opportunity to be united in prayer with Pope Francis for all the people of the Holy Land. On Sunday 25th May I would invite you to join Pope Francis specifically in prayer perhaps organising an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the parishes between 3pm and 4pm. I am conscious this is the time when Pope Francis will be visiting Bethlehem and so is an especially appropriate moment for us to be united across the Diocese in prayer with the Holy Father and intercession for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

World Communications Sunday: World Communications Day takes place this year on Sunday 1st June 2014 - the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. This is the day when Catholics are asked to reflect on the necessity of fulfilling the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. A key to communicating with "the whole world" is the world of the media and its demands for news relating to every aspect of the life of the Church and its people. We are delighted to welcome Helen Jones from the BBC to talk to us at some of our masses next weekend about the role of the media in her life and her experience of communicating the faith.

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Music Rehearsal: Please note there will NOT be a rehearsal today (25th May). The next rehearsal for confirmation mass will be on Sunday 1st June at 4pm in church.

Piety Stall: Due to holidays the piety stall, for this week only, will not have its usual full display but items can be bought from the display cabinet after Sunday mass as normal. Cards of all kinds will continue to be available from the unit in the back porch.

Summer Fair: On Sunday 29th June from 12.30pm at school. Donations of books, good quality second hand items, cakes and plants would be welcome and please deliver directly to school on Friday 27th June between 3.30-4.30pm or on Saturday 28th between 11am and 2pm. **Help would be very much appreciated** for a variety of stalls. Please contact Alison Harper on 07909 331 362.

Pilgrimage to Poland: We wish Fr Denis and other friends from our parish, who have joined the Salford diocesan group in a pilgrimage to Poland, a safe and enriching trip. Please do let us know if a parish trip to Rome in May 2015 could be explored!

RCIA: The RCIA group will be attending a Thanksgiving mass to be celebrated by Bishop Mark on May 31st at Hale Barnes. The fellowship meal last Wednesday to celebrate the presence of five candidates who were welcomed into the Church at Easter, was attended by everyone. Special thanks to the 'leading lights' who accompanied them in their journey.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Many thanks to Gillian Barber who has been our rep for this year. Veronica Cuthbert will be the St Winefride's rep for the next World Day of Prayer in March 2015. We are sure that she will well supported by us all. ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Seder (Passover) Meal: Photos from our evening on 14th May are now online in the Gallery Section.

NW Justice and Peace Network: The May edition of the E-bulletin is available online in the Parish Life section.

Website: Thank you to all who are regularly accessing our site, those who occasionally dip in and for your useful feedback. Some statistics: we currently get approximately 120 to 160 visitors weekly. It is gratifying that so many are returning visitors, mostly viewing our most popular pages: newsletter and rotas. There is a wealth of information on the website and it is our St Winefride's community that we are supporting - please do take time to visit the site if you haven't yet done so. We hope we manage to cater for all age groups from our younger ones (with our Mini Winnie's pages) to our more senior members. As ever, we welcome anyone to lend a hand to the webteam.

To celebrate World Communications Day we will be "show casing" our own website in the parish hall after all masses. If you haven't had a chance to access it, you can come along and a member of our non threatening webteam will show you the ropes!

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EASTER WEEK V

May 18th 2014

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18 May	SUNDAY	First Communion Children	8.45 am	Fr Gerry Courell
			10.45 am	David Rowlands
19 May	MONDAY	St Milburga School Funeral Service	9.00 am 9.10am 10.00am	Int: Joan Cleary Fr Gerry Courell Mary Leadbetter
20 May	TUESDAY	St Bernadine of Siena	9.00 am	Int: Elizabeth Roebuck & Family
21 May	WEDNESDAY	Dedication of Shrewsbury Cathedral	9.00 am	Int: Ann-Marie Courell
22 May	THURSDAY	St Rita of Casia	9.00 am	Bill Davis
23 May	FRIDAY	Funeral Service	9.00 am 10.30 am	Barbara Russell Bill Davis
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RIP: Mary Leadbetter, Bill Davis

Passover Meal - Report from Fr Denis...

Those of us who were lucky enough to be at the Passover meal on Wednesday were delighted with the occasion. The hall was decorated with flowers and candles; as soon as we walked in we knew it was a festive occasion. I have never seen the hall looking so welcoming. David and Teresa were excellent guides; for all of us it was a unique occasion. I would like to offer my thanks and the thanks of all who attended to the team who planned the occasion and cooked the baked potatoes and prepared the salad. The Passover has been around for *thirty-five centuries* which explains why it is complicated and celebrated in different ways in various countries.

The core message is that God saved his people from slavery in Egypt, so it is a service celebrated *at home* with thanksgiving and praise of God. We ate parsley dipped in salt water to remind us of the tears of the Israelites in their slavery – and many other symbols... the offering of a Pascal lamb, which is no longer part of the service, and the unleavened bread may well go back to the time when the Israelites were nomadic shepherd, before the Exodus. The service starts with the mother of the household lighting the candles – as she does every Friday evening. This is soon followed by the youngest child asking four questions: Why is this night different from other nights? - and the father of the household tells the Exodus story – both in words and symbols. There are four toasts; a cup for Elijah is filled and the door opened for him; and we say “next year in Jerusalem!” The service finishes with psalms and songs.

Both David and Teresa were invaluable in explaining the symbols to us. Having a practicing Jew leading us made all the difference. Thanks to both of them it was a night we shall always remember. Virginia Bowes gave us the vote of thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dolley, P Higgins

Holy Father: Pope Francis will be making an apostolic visit to the Holy Land this week and we have been asked to pray with him for Peace in the Holy Land. Whilst the Holy Father is in Bethlehem, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here in church to pray for peace in the world.

First Communion: We thank our first communion children, who will be doing various ministries to make our 10.45am mass this Sunday special, and our catechists. The next session for those children not at St Winefride's will be on 12th June. Our First Communion celebrations will take place on Saturday 14th June at 10am.

Confirmation: Our next sessions will be on Sunday 18th May and 8th June with our rehearsal on Sunday June 15th (for candidates and sponsors at 7pm). Bishop Mark will preside at the Confirmation celebration on Wednesday 18th June at 7pm.

Music Rehearsal: We will be meeting this Sunday (18th May) at 4pm in church, practising for the forthcoming confirmation celebration. All candidates and their parents/sponsors are most welcome to join our regular singers.

Memorial Mass: In memory of Fr Courell in school on Monday, 19th May at 9.10am. Immediately following this, the official opening of the Outdoor Classroom will take place. All parents, grandparents, friends are welcome to attend.

RCIA: We are grateful to Father Chris for the interesting 'question-answer' session we had last Tuesday. Listening to Fr Chris was indeed an inspiring and enriching experience for all of us. The RCIA group will also be attending a Thanksgiving Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Mark on May 31st at Hale Barnes.

YSVP: Information Evening on Wednesday 4th June 7.30pm in the parish hall for anyone who may be interested in joining a team of adult leaders in assisting and supervising the Youth SVP members in their parish work next year. Volunteers urgently needed for this vital parish work. Contact Barbara for further info on 336 2972.

Well done to YSVP members Zoe, Dominic, Jonathan, Emily, Rachael and Elinor for giving up their Saturday morning to bag pack for Clatterbridge Cancer Centre: £280.55 collected.

SVP: Raffle tickets still available to win a new VW car generously donated by a Shrewsbury parishioner. The number of tickets is limited and will only be sold in the Shrewsbury SVP Conferences. Late date is the 28th June - raffle drawn on 5th July.

Part-Time National Director for the SVP to lead, facilitate and co-ordinate all the services of the Vincentian Volunteer Programme. Salary: £25,000 (pro-rata). For full details and to apply contact Sr Susan Molloy, St Matthew's Presbytery, Worsley Road, Winton, Eccles, Manchester, M30 8BL; susan.molloy@hotmail.co.uk, 07708314996. Applicants apply in writing, including a full CV. Closing date: Fri 23rd May; interviews Fri 30th May 2014.

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Website: The “Mini Winnies” section for our younger congregation members is now live on our website – please do have a look!

Foodbank: Shortages currently are as follows: Meat (luncheon meat, spam, corned beef, ham); Table sauces (brown sauce, ketchup); Chocolate (any chocolate bars, chocolate treats); Crackers; Fruit cordials; Toiletries (any toiletries that are sealed and in date). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Dementia Awareness Week 18th – 24th May: As part of our efforts to raise awareness we have arranged four one-hour Dementia Friends sessions, as part of Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends programme, an initiative launched in February 2013 to help members of the public understand what it might be like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action. Alzheimer's Society is aiming to have one million Dementia Friends by 2015, to help make England more dementia friendly and improve the lives of the 670,000 people currently living with the condition.

Sign up at www.dementiafriends.org.uk
 Tues 20th May 7pm: Burton & Puddington Sports & Social Club
 Wed 21st May 9:30am: Ness Gardens
 Frid 23rd May 10am: Burton & Puddington Sports & Social Club
 Wed 4th June 10am: Neston Cricket Club, Parkgate

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EASTER WEEK IV

11th May 2014

10 May	SATURDAY	4 th Sunday of Easter – Prayer for Vocations	6.30 pm	Gerry Cummins
11 May	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
12 May	MONDAY	Ss Nereus & Achilleus	9.00 am	David Weston
13 May	TUESDAY	Our Lady of Fatima	9.00 am	John M Piccolo
14 May	WEDNESDAY	St Matthias	9.00 am	Rena Jones
15 May	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Harris
16 May	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Gerry Cummins
17 May	SATURDAY		9.00 am	In Thanksgiving
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Vocation Sunday: From Pope Francis...

How does one become a Priest? This is an initiative which the Lord takes. The Lord calls. He calls each of those whom he wills to become Priests. Perhaps there are some young men present here who have heard this call in their hearts... If some of you have heard this call in your heart, it is Jesus who has placed it there. Pay attention to this invitation and pray that it might grow and bear fruit for the whole Church.

A Prayer for Vocations from Bishop Mark...

Eternal Father, we thank you for every priest who has faithfully given his life for the salvation of his brothers and sisters. We give thanks for those priests who have brought to us your Word of truth, the grace of the Sacraments and, above all, the supreme gift of the Holy Eucharist. Father through your Son Jesus Christ, who called the Apostles to follow him, we ask you to raise up new and generous vocations to the priesthood in our time. Send forth the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of a new generation to your call and enable them not to be afraid but to recognise the joy of giving the whole of their lives in love through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: W Morgan and AM McLean.

May Procession: We thank St Winefride's School for their wonderful singing and for reading so beautifully on Friday and for the support of their teachers, parents, siblings and friends.

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From Fr Denis - Passover (Seder) Meal: This will take place this coming Wednesday (May 14th) at 6:45pm for 7:00pm. Apologies for not giving you earlier notice of this! Both David and Sr Teresa are coming from Manchester so we need a prompt start to help them avoid a late arrival back in Prestwich. We are very fortunate in having David, a Jew, to assist us at the Passover meal. He knows how to recapture the spirit of Passover: it's in his blood. **Please sign up today if you would like to be part of this unique occasion.** Our numbers are limited to 38 places. A small offering of £2.00 to cover basic costs, including wine is requested.

CWL Meeting: Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

SPUC: Next Meeting Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All welcome. Many thanks to those who came to our coffee morning and to all who gave donations. We raised £140 for our pro-life work.

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N.E. Singers Spring Concert: Friday 16th May at Ss Mary & Helen's at 7:30pm. Entrance £7.00. Children under 13 free. Contact Irene 336 8426

Safeguarding - Confirmation of Re-appointment of Volunteers: All catechists, bereavement counsellors, Little Church helpers and SVP members should have received their enhanced DBS certificates. Please send your certificate to the address below: the original will be returned to you with confirmation of your re-appointment: Pauline Butterfield, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Diocese of Shrewsbury, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX.

Christian Aid Week: 11th - 17th May: Bucket Collection at Gordale on Sunday 11th 10:00am - 4:00pm; Service in Neston Methodist Church on Sunday 11th May 6:30pm; Bag Pack in Sainsbury's on Friday 16th May between 9:30am - 8:00pm. If you can help with these activities, be involved with the house to house collection, or volunteer to be the St Winefride's rep, please contact the Neston Christian Aid Organiser Lynne Vaughan on lynnevneston@gmail.com 336 8920/ 07752967963

NDCT Prayer Breakfast: URC May 17th at 8:30am.

A Special Kind of Retreat: A *Foyer de Charité* Retreat will be held at the Franciscan Friary, Pantasaph, North Wales from Sunday 10th August. (6pm) – Saturday 16 August. (2pm). The theme is *God's Plan for the Fullness of Time*, and the preacher will be Mgr Keith Bartrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Bartrop: 020 7229 1548; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ; keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk.

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EASTER WEEK III

4 May 2014

3 May	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	TG: Maureen & Trevor Green (Silver Wedding)
4 May	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates Wedding	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am 3.30 pm	Dennis Othick Philippa Jones & Christopher Norman
5 May	MONDAY		10.00 am	Health: Amal and Nirmal
6 May	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
7 May	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Tom Sellers
8 May	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Ellen Sellers
9 May	FRIDAY	May Procession	9.00 am 2.00 pm	Reg Gilbert
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From Fr Ravi... Spring Blossoms

As we enjoy the beauty of nature with new leaves and spring flowers delighting our eyes and spirits, I am pleased to let you know you that our invitation to the community to share in the life and mission of the parish is bearing fruit. Many of you are coming forward to accept responsibilities for various ministries, as was powerfully seen when our choir was in such good voice during our Holy Week liturgies.

I am grateful to Denise and Tony Barry who have generously volunteered to be our Health and Safety Officers. I have assured them of our help and cooperation in keeping our church and surroundings safe and secure for everyone and specifically for those who need extra care and support. For contact: healthandsafety@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Based on the positive response to our parish Christmas dinner last year, it was felt that a stable Social Committee was needed to foster unity and fellowship in our Parish. Accordingly, Barbara & Simon Ety, Cathy & Kieron Grace and Carmel & Tony Wright have happily agreed to coordinate our community social events. For contact: socials@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

To them and to all who contribute in very many ways, often invisibly 'behind-the-scenes' - a big thank you from us all. We enrich each other in different ways and most of all with our gentle and loving presence in our church that we all love so much!

May God bless us all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian and Veronica Casey.

CWL Congratulations: On behalf of the parish we congratulate the Catholic Women's League as they celebrate 50 years of their glorious history at St Winefride's Neston. Besides the number of Charities they support, their active contribution to the life of the parish is immense. We are happy for them and are indeed proud of them! We thank Fr Lucas Ngwa for celebrating mass and for his illuminating reflections on the Church in Cameroon.

First Communion: Our First Communion children will play a special part in the 10.45am Eucharist on Sunday, 18th May and children attending schools other than St Winefride's will have their next preparatory session on Thursday, 15th May. The celebrations will take place on Saturday, 14th June at 10am. We also thank Liz Dolley for attending the Diocesan Catechists' Day in Chester on Saturday.

Confirmation: Our dynamic young candidates have been preparing intensely for the Sacrament of Confirmation and we thank them for their active participation in various liturgical ministries at 8.45am mass this Sunday. The next session will be on Sunday, 11th May. Bishop Mark will preside at the Confirmation celebration on Wednesday, 18th June at 7pm.

Bible Study: The next meeting will be at 2 Allan's Meadow on Wednesday 7th May. Please read Chapters 62 - 63 of the study book.

Music Rehearsal: We will be meeting next Sunday, 11th May, at 4.00pm in church and will be practising for the forthcoming Confirmation Mass. All confirmation candidates and their parents/sponsors are most welcome to join our regular singers.

YSVP: Easter Raffle: £96 raised for Sylvia Wright Trust. Thank you for your support. We will continue to collect any loose change you would like to donate in aid of a local charity for the homeless until Saturday 17th May.

Ceilidh Band and Dance Night at the Civic Hall - fundraising for CAFOD and MIND. Tickets on sale after every mass (or contact Barbara 336 2972) - Adults £6, Children £3. Please buy or reserve your tickets asap. Donations for Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Piety Stall: A good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards is now available and is located in the rear Porch of the Church on the window shelf adjacent to the Library. All cards are also available as usual from the Piety Stall in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass.

Safeguarding - Confirmation of Re-appointment of Volunteers: By now, all catechists, bereavement counsellors, Little Church helpers and SVP members should have received their enhanced certificates from the DBS. If you have not already done so, you should now send your certificate to the address below. The original will be returned to you along with confirmation of your re-appointment. Pauline Butterfield, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Diocese of Shrewsbury, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX.

SPUC: The Pro-Life Times will be handed out after all Masses this weekend. There will be a Coffee Morning on Monday 5th May after 10 am Mass, all are welcome. Any items for Raffle and Bring and buy would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Parish Christmas Dinner: Please keep Thursday, 4th December for our Parish Christmas Fellowship Meal free. Our Social Group will keep us updated, when practical details are finalised.

Website: A reminder that the "Mini Winnies" section for our younger congregation members is now live on our website - do have a look!

Foodbank: The amount of food donated in April amounted to 200kg. Thank you for your continued support. SVP wish to thank everyone who supported the cake sale and raffle in total the sum of £126.00 was raised. SVP raffle tickets will continue to be sold for the next few weeks to win a NEW VW car generously donated by a Shrewsbury parishioner, the number of tickets in circulation is limited and are only be sold in the Shrewsbury SVP Conferences, closing date is the 28th June and the Raffle is being held on the 5th July.

A Special Kind of Retreat: A *Foyer de Charité* Retreat will be held at the Franciscan Friary, Pantasaph, North Wales from Sunday 10th August. (6pm) - Saturday 16 August. (2pm). The theme is *God's Plan for the Fullness of Time*, and the preacher will be Mgr Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: 020 7229 1548; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ; keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk.

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EASTER WEEK II

April 27th 2014

26 April	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
27 April	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Sandra Sally
28 April	MONDAY	St George	9.00 am	Mr Cheung
29 April	TUESDAY	St Catherine of Siena	9.00 am	Health Harold Prett
30 April	WEDNESDAY	St Pius V	9.00 am	Health: Anne Marie Fletcher
1 May	THURSDAY	St Joseph the Worker CWL	9.00 am 7.00 pm	TG: Mary Henesy Mass – 50 th year of Founding
2 May	FRIDAY	St Athanasius	9.00 am	Margaret Harris
3 May	SATURDAY	Ss Philip & James Wedding	9.00 am 12.00 pm	Angela Clark Veronique Pye & Lee Oldfield
3 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday of Easter Confirmation Candidates	6.30 pm	TG: Maureen & Trevor Green (Silver Wedding)
4 May	SUNDAY	Wedding	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am 3.30 pm	Dennis Othick Philippa Jones & Christopher Norman
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 RCIA: Tuesday 6.45pm to 8pm				

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RIP Gerry Cummins, Denis Othick

Church Cleaners: Wendy Morgan & Anne-Marie McLean

Live Coverage: The canonisation celebrations of Pope John XXIII & Pope John Paul II will be shown in the parish hall on Sunday 27th from 9am. All welcome.

First Communion & Confirmation: Next session for First Communion is on May 15th. Meeting for Confirmation candidates in the parish centre this afternoon (27th April).

CWL: Celebrating 50 years with Mass at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1st May. AGM to follow in Church Hall.

CWL and URC Women's Guild: Fashion Show Wednesday 30th April at 7.30 pm in the Civic Hall. Tickets £5 from Veronica Cuthbert.

SPUC: Coffee morning after 10am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday (5th May). Bring & buy stall and raffle.

May Procession: Friday 9th May at 2pm. Parishioners are welcome to join the children of St Winefride's School in their annual procession around the Church and its grounds, in honour of Our Lady. The procession and service, which includes the children sharing readings and prayers and singing hymns to Our Lady, starts at 2pm and lasts about 45 minutes.

SVP: Coffee morning after 10.45 mass 27th April (today), celebrating their founder's birthday: Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

YSVP: We are collecting loose change in aid of a local charity for the homeless. Ceilidh Band and Dance night at Civic Hall, 17th May. Tickets Adults £6 Children £3. Contact Barbara 336 2972

Rota's: Readers and EMHC; in sacristy and online.

Website: Mini Winnies page now live; especially for our younger parishioners. Please do go and visit!

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP MARK

On the Canonisations of Saint John XXIII & Saint John Paul II

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today in Rome two, great Saints will be recognised by the whole Church. Two saints whose lives belong, not to a distant era, but to our own times: Saint John XXIII who died little more than half a century ago, and Saint John Paul II who died just nine years ago on the eve of this Divine Mercy Sunday. I am aware that much will be said this weekend of the historic events of which they were part. However, I would like us to reflect on how both of these men - from different times and places - responded wholeheartedly to their calling. I want us to glimpse in what their greatness really consisted and how we can hope to imitate the faithfulness of these two new Saints.

I have no doubt history will give to Saint John Paul II the title 'John Paul the Great' in recognition of his part in the momentous events which shaped both the world and the mission of the Church at the end of the last century and the beginning of this Third Christian Millennium. I am sure many miracles will continue to flow from his prayer for us. However, one of his closest collaborators said the greatest miracle of Pope John Paul's life was the way he lived each day: how he worked and used his time, his constant good humour, even during times of stress and suffering (Interview with Dr Joaquin Navarro Valls, 4th April 2014).

"We see the saints praised for their great works," a spiritual writer observed (Dom Eugene Boylan) but the only greatness which mattered to them was to live everyday in union with Christ "by faith, by love, by humility, and by a complete abandonment to His will". It is in such everyday faithfulness that the "miracle" of true holiness is always to be found. The Acts of the Apostles reminds us that it was by such daily faithfulness that the first Christians made so great an impression on a hostile world (Acts 2: 42-47).

After Pope John XXIII's death, his Secretary recorded not a list of public achievements, but rather Pope John's "radical humility ... superhuman trust sustained by intense prayer ... unquenchable and burning faith and I came to the conclusion" he wrote, "that only with Christians, priests made in this mould could the Second Vatican Council carry out its work, avoid the pitfalls, recognise the voice of the Spirit and light new Pentecostal fires" (Cardinal Loris Capovilla, 'Reflections on the Second Vatican Council').

The words of the Apostle Peter could be repeated of both our new Saints: their faith was indeed "tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold ..." (1 Peter 1: 7). It was surely in the faithful living of their vocation that we can glimpse their true greatness. Our Lord's words in the Gospel have echoed down the centuries, and been heard anew in many hearts:

"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you" (John 20: 21).

Angelo Roncalli, who was to become Pope John, could never remember a time when he did not want to give his life in the Priesthood. Karol Wotyla, who became Pope John Paul, had other plans; he hoped for marriage, becoming an academic and a teacher. Gradually, however, he recognised amidst the terrors of the Nazi occupation of Poland that God was calling him to the Priesthood. Today we must give thanks that these two men responded wholeheartedly to their vocation.

This Sunday, I ask you to pray for the priests of the future, the priests on whom the future of our Diocese depends. I hope that in our time many young men will - like Saint John and Saint John Paul - be ready to respond wholeheartedly to this wonderful calling. This Easter I have sent prayer cards to all the parishes with some words of Pope Francis and my own prayer for this intention. I announced at the Chrism Mass last week the plan to establish at Shrewsbury Cathedral a 'house for discernment' for men considering a vocation to the priesthood. This house will open its doors in September 2015 creating a community at the heart of our Diocese where the vocation to the Priesthood can be discerned in a year-long programme.

It is, I have been reminded, a brave plan in present conditions. However, it is a venture I entrust to the prayer of Our Lady, Help of Christians and of St John Vianney. Today I also entrust all our hopes for the new evangelisation of our country, for a new generation of priests and for a renewed faithfulness in all our vocations to the prayer of two Popes many of us knew and loved: Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, pray for us! Amen.

Wishing you the great joy of Easter,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

Catechists Day: Catechists are encouraged to attend a meeting on Saturday 3rd May at St Columba's Chester.

Holy Family Pensby: Divine Mercy Celebrations on Sunday 27th April from 2.30pm onwards.

CAFOD Novena for Peace: Mass at St Clare's Chester on 29th April. More information on notice board.

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EASTER WEEK 1

April 20th 2014

19 th April	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Vigil - Baptism: Michael Gibbs Reception: Jayne Peet, Kate, Jennifer & Rosie Williams</i>	7.30 pm	The Parish
20 th April	SUNDAY	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	Eddie Remond Don Miller
21 st April	MONDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	10.00 am	Bill Murray
22 nd April	TUESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Int: Jayne Peet
23 rd April	WEDNESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Rena Jones
24 th April	THURSDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Bill Owen
25 th April	FRIDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Michael Halley
26 th April	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i> <i>Wedding</i>	9.00 am 1.30 pm	Fr Gerry Courell Heather France & Mark Jevons
26 th April	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
27 th April	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish Sandra Sally
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Thank You: To our Altar Servers, readers, flower arrangers, cleaners and all who helped make this Holy Week so special. And not forgetting our choir and musicians who really lifted our spirits (and the roof!) during our Easter liturgies.

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson, T Davies

First Communion and Confirmation: Next meeting for confirmation candidates on Sunday April 27th 2pm – 3pm in the parish hall. The next session for First Communion children (not attending St Winefride's) with Liz Dolley is on 1st May.

Readers; please note new rota will be available from the sacristy from the 26th of April.

CWL: Celebrating 50 years with Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday 1st May. The AGM will follow in the Church Hall. Will members please bring their food contribution and table golden flower arrangement.

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SVP: Coffee morning after 10.45 mass on Sunday 27th April celebrating their founder's birthday: Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

Foodbank: Donations in April 47kg. Since the Foodbank started nationally 15 months ago the number of people helped has risen from 700,000 to 1.2 million. Many thanks for your continued support.

YSVP: We are collecting loose change in aid of a local charity for the homeless. Please support us and donate any loose change. Raffle tickets on sale every Sunday after 10.45 mass for Easter Egg Prizes in aid of Sylvia Wright Trust. Ceilidh Band and Dance night at Civic Hall, 17th May. Tickets on sale after mass. Adults £6 Children £3. Contact Barbara 336 2972

Holy Family Pensby: Divine Mercy Celebrations on Sunday 27th April from 2.30pm onwards.

CAFOD Shrewsbury Diocese Novena for Peace: Masses at St Clare's (Chester) 29th April & St Mary's (Madeley) 9th May.

Thanks: To Roy Gerrard who has been our Health and Safety Representative in the parish for many years. If anyone would like to take on this role, please get in touch.

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
3. But the pains that he endured, alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

GLORIA

1. Sing to God a song of glory,
Peace he brings to all on earth
Worship we the King of heaven,
Praise and bless his holy name.

*Glory, glory, sing his glory,
Glory to our God on high.*
2. Sing to Christ, the Father's loved one,
Jesus, Lord and Lamb of God:
Hear our pray'r, O Lord, have mercy,
You who bear the sin of men.
3. Sing to Christ, the Lord and Saviour
Seated there at God's right hand:
Hear our pray'r, O Lord, have mercy,
You alone the Holy One.
4. Glory sing to God the Father,
Glory to his only Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Glory to the Three in One

OFFERTORY HYMN

In Bread We Bring You, Lord

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you our spirits' 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.
2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirits' 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 hearts' 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

Alleluia, alleluia

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
3. We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever
4. God has proclaimed the just reward
Life for us all, alleluia!
5. Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour

Be Still and Know I am With You

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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

Shine Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

May the peace and joy of the risen Christ be with you all this Easter Season!



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Holy Week

13th April 2014

12 Apr	SATURDAY	<i>Holy Week Passion (Palm) Sunday</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
13 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45am	Mary McLoughlin
			10.45am	May Williams 102 nd B'day
14 Apr	MONDAY	<i>Sac. of Reconciliation (Confession)</i>	9.00am	Mary & Julie Mulligan After Mass till 10am
15 Apr	TUESDAY	<i>Sac. of Reconciliation (Confession)</i>	9.00am	Christopher Finigan After Mass till 10am
16 Apr	WEDNESDAY	<i>Sac. of Reconciliation (Confession) Requiem St Anthony's, Wythenshawe</i>	9.00am	Trevor Heywood
			1.30pm 7.00pm	After Mass till 10am Veronica Mary Carragher Mass of Chrism
Paschal Triduum				
17 Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY	<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at the Altar of Repose</i>	7.30pm	Led by Fr Denis, Fr Jack
			till Midnight	
18 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY – Fasting & Abstinence	<i>Confessions Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion Collection: Holy Places</i>	9.00am	Fr Brendan Fr Chris
			10.00am	
			3.00pm	
19 Apr	HOLY SATURDAY	<i>Sacraments not celebrated today RCIA</i>	10.00am	
19 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>Easter Vigil – Baptism: Michael Gibbs, Reception: Jayne Peet, Kate, Jennifer & Rosie Williams</i>	7.30pm	The Parish
20 Apr			SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY

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RIP: Veronica M Carragher, Tony Dalton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

First Communion and Confirmation: We thank our candidates, their parents and our catechists for helping us meaningfully celebrate our Eucharist's last Sunday. It is encouraging to see children and young people participating actively in our Eucharistic celebrations. Our children will celebrate their First Forgiveness during the Holy week. The next session for First communion children (not attending St Winefride's) with Liz Dolley is on 1st May and their next special mass will be on 18th May. First Communion celebrations are on 14th June at 10am. The next session for Confirmation candidates takes place on 27th April from 2 to 3pm, with Bishop Mark celebrating the sacrament on 18th June.

Altar Servers Meeting: Monday at 6:30pm to arrange servers for Holy Week and Easter Masses. If you are intending to serve at any of these services but cannot attend please contact Deacon Mike.

Easter Music Rehearsal: Our final rehearsal of the music for our Easter services will be on Sunday 13th April at 4pm in Church.

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Lent 2014: We thank our catechists and Deacon Mike for leading us in the Stations of the Cross last Friday. Canon Hoban will lead us in the Way of the Cross on Good Friday at 10am.

Eucharistic ministers and readers: Came together in preparation for Holy Week and were joined by the RCIA group. We watched a very inspiring film about the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass. It discussed why we need to go to Mass, how we can learn more about the Mass and how we can get the most from the Mass. We attend Mass not as spectators but as participants. We become part of the Body of Christ, part of the family of the church. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ nourishes us and helps us to grow in faith. Our faith helps us to cope with the trials and difficulties of life. After the film we looked forward to the year ahead. On Maundy Thursday, at the Mass of the Last Supper, Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment to serve the parish and to serve the sick and the housebound. On the feast of Corpus Christi new Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned. Later in the year readers will celebrate a special day, Bible Sunday, which we hope will become an annual event, details to follow. If there is anyone who would like to participate in these ministries, please talk to Fr Ravi.

Marriage Preparation: Last Saturday St Winefride's 2nd Marriage Preparation course took place. Sessions focused on 'Communication', 'Conflict Awareness' and 'Commitment'. 'Communication' enabled couples to explore how they communicate with each other, with particular attention being paid to body language and the effects it can have on effective communication. In doing this couples were able to examine and discuss their own gestures and expressions, paying particular attention to how they are interpreted by their partner. During the topic of 'Conflict Awareness' couples were encouraged to look beyond their wedding day towards issues that can cause conflict in a relationship and explore how, through discussion and effective communication, they could both recognise and deal with conflict situations as they arise. During the topic of 'Commitment' couples were encouraged to contemplate and discuss their reasons for choosing to get married. Statements such as: 'Because our relatives are keen for us to marry.' 'Because I'm the right age now' and 'Because our relationship will be blessed by God' were examined. In doing this, couples were encouraged to consider their own individual reasons for choosing to make a commitment to each other, whilst placing these values in the context of a lifelong, sacramental Christian union. Many thanks go to all the couples who attended the course and whose commitment made the sessions so meaningful. As a Parish, we offer them our prayers and best wishes for their futures together.

Explore 2014: For all in Year 11 to those in their 20s and 30s, today [13/4] from 2pm to 5.30pm at St Chad's Catholic High School, Runcorn WA7 5YH. Contact: lukeneedham@outlook.com

'ACTS' Day of Reflection: Saturday 26th April for all aged 20-35. Fr Edmund Montgomery on, "Jesus and Social Media". Contact Siobhan 0161 4772783 or 07761 138947 or siobhanbc@talktalk.net

Easter Messiah "Selection": Thursday 24th April, 7:30pm at Ss Mary and Helen's. Free entry, collection for Somerset flood victims.

Neston & District Churches Together: Easter Service at Hinderton Mount Sunday 13th at 4pm for a half hour service. Contact ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or see Deacon Mike. Prayer Breakfast Saturday St Michael's Church April 26th at 8:30am.

CWL and URC Women's Guild: Fashion show Wednesday 30th April at 7.30pm in the Civic Hall. Tickets £5 from Veronica Cuthbert 3367150 or Diana O'Brien 3365960. Proceeds in aid of Claire House & North West Air Ambulance.

Friends of the Holy Land: From Patrick D. Revans: Dear Parishioners, The appeal last Sunday allowed me to meet and come into closer contact with you at all three weekend masses. Many thanks from me, the people of the Holy Land and the trustees of FHL.

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Lent V

6th April 2014

5 Apr	SATURDAY	5 th Sunday of Lent – Holy Land Sunday	6.30pm	Chris Farley
6 Apr	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates Holy Communion Children	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Thomas Sargent
7 Apr	MONDAY	St John the Baptist de la Salle	9.00am	TG: J Mulligan
8 Apr	TUESDAY		9.00am	Jim Clarke
9 Apr	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Alfonso Torrents del Prattts
10 Apr	THURSDAY	St Stanislaus School	9.00am 9.10am	Joe Maher
11 Apr	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – Catechists	9.00am	Matty
12 Apr	SATURDAY	St Vincent Ferrer	9.00am	Ken Bayley
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			10.45am	Int: May Williams (102 nd B'day)
<p>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 Stations of the Cross: On Fridays in Lent, after 9am mass and 7.30pm RCIA: Tuesday 6.45pm to 8pm</p>				

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From Fr Ravi... Refreshed, Enlightened for Fullness of Life!

I would like to remind you of our Liturgical plan for the most important moments of the Year: Holy Week. I welcome you to our celebrations and many have been working hard - choir, liturgy sheet producers etc - for many days to help the parish community in our prayer, reflection and celebration.

Passion (Palm) Sunday: At our regular weekend masses we will have the blessing of palms and, weather permitting, a simple procession. **Maundy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm with Fr Denis presiding, Fr Jack preaching and I will be symbolically repeating Jesus' action of washing of feet. Those who would like to be part of this meaningful action, please do let me know. After mass will be adoration at the altar of repose until midnight. If possible, I encourage you to spend at least one hour in prayer at the Altar of Repose - those interested can sign up for the three time slots: 9 to 10pm, 10 to 11pm and 11 to 12pm on the porch notice boards. **Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 10am will be led by Canon Brendan Hoban and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm will be conducted by Fr Chris. **Easter Vigil:** As last year, we shall have the blessing of fire outside with a solemn procession of the Paschal candle followed by the magnificent Easter liturgy, which I shall lead. Michael will be baptised while Jayne, Kate, Jen and Rosie will be received into the Church at this mass. Our Easter Sunday masses will be at regular times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: During Holy Week, a priest will be available in the Confessional on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday till 10am and on Good Friday from 9 to 10am. Our recent Sunday readings have reminded us of Water, Light and Life - symbols of baptism and the new life we begin with Christ. Refreshed by streams of living water and enlightened by the light of Christ, may we experience fullness of life in God's presence.

May God bless us all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Liz Dolley, Peter Higgins.

Reconciliation Sunday: We thank Mgr Jack Kennedy for his enriching presence and preaching last weekend and for developing the theme of 'being reconciled' in a meaningful way, helping us to understand God's merciful love in our lives. If you would like to send a note of thanks, please do leave your cards in Presbytery by Friday, which can then be posted together to Father Jack.

Holy Land Sunday: We welcome the 'friends of Holy Land' who are with us this week to raise awareness on the situation of those subject to untold miseries in the land considered Holy to three major faiths. The Lenten season invites us to listen to the cries of those suffering in our midst and respond to them in meaningful and appropriate ways.

Marriage Preparation: We thank our coordinators - Pam Nicholson and Karl Ankers - for successfully organising the Second Marriage Preparation programme in our Parish on 5th April and appreciate all the participants for their cooperation.

First Communion and Confirmation: We thank our candidates preparing for these Sacraments who also helped us meaningfully celebrate Sunday's liturgies at 8.45am and 10.45am. Our Confirmation candidates also led the Stations of the Cross on March 28th which was fairly well attended and much appreciated by everyone present. It is important that our young people are encouraged to read at mass, say prayers and involve themselves in various ministries. In this way we help our children to learn the language of the Church, which is the mass and who knows, this may also sow seeds of priestly or religious vocations.

Our gratitude to all the catechists involved in various faith-formation activities and also to our parents who cooperate generously in all our events.

After today's session, the Confirmation candidates will have their next preparation meeting on Sunday, 27th April from 2pm to 3pm.

The First Communion children will celebrate their First Forgiveness during Holy Week, (14th to 16th April) after our daily mass.

Lent 2014: We thank our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for leading us in the Stations of the Cross on Friday and to Deacon Mike for leading on Friday evenings. The next Stations will be led by our parish catechists. Canon Hoban will lead the Stations on Good Friday at 10am.

Explore 2014: For all in Year 11 to those in their 20's and 30's on Sunday, 13th April, from 2pm to 5.30pm at St Chad's Catholic High School, Runcorn WA7 5YH. Contact: lukeneedham@outlook.com

Music Rehearsal: The next rehearsal for our Easter Services will be at 4pm on Sunday 6th April. It's still not too late to join us if you would like to practise our Easter hymns and psalms.

CWL: Committee Meeting Thursday 10th April at 7:30pm in the church hall.

YSVP: We are collecting loose change in aid of a local charity for the homeless. Please support us and donate any loose change. Also, Raffle tickets on sale every Sunday after 10.45 mass for Easter Egg Prizes in aid of Sylvia Wright Trust.

Ceilidh Band and Dance night at Civic Hall 17th May: Charity Fundraising for CAFOD and mental health charity MIND. Tickets on sale after mass (or contact Barbara 336 2972) Adults £6 Children £3

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk: Congratulations to Adam Warren, Jordan Henshaw and Jonathan Connolly for completing their 3rd annual 7 mile walk - between them they have now walked 63 miles for Christian Aid. Please show your support: collection box available after Mass.

SPUC: meeting next Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm in the presbytery. "Right to Life" meeting next Thursday 10th April at St Catherine and Martina's Church Hall, Hoylake. Guest Speaker is MP David Alton, who will be taking about current abortion and end of life issues including the latest attempt to legalise assisted suicide. See notice in new porch.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: All are invited to a gathering for reflection and prayer in our parish hall at 7pm on Tuesday 8th April. Plans for our Easter 2014 celebrations will be included. On Maundy Thursday, our Eucharistic Ministers will renew their vows and we will welcome new Eucharistic Ministers on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Piety Stall: Easter cards, Easter Mass cards and prayer cards are now available on the library book case in the rear porch of the church and are available at all times when the church is open.

Mission Today: Free magazine now available in each porch. One per family.

NDCT: "Easter Service" Hinderton Mount nursing home. Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday) from 4:00 - 4:45pm. ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or contact Deacon Mike.

Prayer Breakfast Saturday St Michael's Church, April 26th at 8:30am.

The NE Singers present 'A Salute to Tommy' at Parkgate and Neston URC Church on Saturday 12th April at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. Tel: 336 8426.

Foodbank: Neston distribution centre, opening at Ss Mary and Helen's, Neston on Wednesday 9th April, at 7pm. The Foodbank wish to thank the parishioners for their continued support, the amount donated in March amounted to 187kg.

Easter Messiah "Selection": Thursday 24th April, 7:30pm at Ss Mary and Helen's. Free entry, collection for Somerset flood victims.

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Ordinary Time Week XXVI

28th September 2014

27 Sep	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Cath & Bill Owen
28 Sep	SUNDAY	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Day of Prayer for the Family Synod – 'Harvest Sunday'	8.45 am	The Parish
29 Sep	MONDAY	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10.45 am	50 th Wed: Sylvia & Ted Ludlow
30 Sep	TUESDAY	St Jerome	9.00 am	Ken Bayley
1 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
2 Oct	THURSDAY	Guardian Angels	9.00 am	Int: Cubbins Family
3 Oct	FRIDAY	Special Prayer for the Needy & Hungry	9.00 am	Michael Walsh
4 Oct	SATURDAY	St Francis of Assisi	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
4 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
5 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	TG Karen Kirby
			10.45 am	Vic Clyro

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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RIP: Terrence Frank Kenneth Lambert

From Fr Ravi: Cricket Reaches Vatican!

Many of you must have heard already about the Vatican's first cricket team, who notched up two impressive wins in five matches on their first foreign tour, but ended their campaign by losing to the formidable Church of England side. The team, was comprised of seven Indians, two Sri Lankans, one Pakistani and an Englishman (who obviously captained the side!) Pope Francis, an avid football fan, even signed a cricket bat for them. They began their five-match series in England on September 13th by thrashing the Army Chaplains in a 20-over match at Aldershot. The following day they were beaten in Brighton by a club team and then they recorded their second win in a 30-over match against the Authors XI in Bucks. They were then defeated by the Royal Household in the grounds of Windsor Castle. The concluding Twenty20 showdown was at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury, a city to which, 1,400 years ago, St Augustine was sent by an earlier pontiff to establish the English church. Maybe St Winefride's could send a few players next time!

I am sure you will join me in congratulating all our young people who have had their GCSE and A level results and wish them and our children who have begun a new academic year, the very best in their studies.

Please do say a pray for me and for my family as I visit them in the next few weeks. I am also grateful to Fr Chris for his loving presence and generous ministry in our Parish. In the best tradition of St Winefride's, I know, he will be well looked after. Please do contact Fr Chris (328 1868) or Deacon Mike for any pastoral need during my absence.

May God bless us all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

Day of Prayer for the Family Synod: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that the Church sets aside this Sunday, 28th September, as a Day of Prayer to pray for this important international meeting. We are encouraged to pray that our families might become true "domestic churches" in our home countries and "bear witness to God's love".

October Special: Between 29th Sep – 25th Oct our Eucharistic Ministers will lead the Service of Word and Communion on Friday mornings and Deacon Mike will lead the service on Saturday mornings.

First Communion: The first meeting for the Parents wishing their children to be prepared for First Communion for their children is on **Tues 18th Nov at 7pm** at St Winefride's Primary School. The enrolment mass will be on **Sun 30th Nov at 10.45am** and the celebration of First Communion will be on **Sat 13th June 2015 at 10am**.

Rosary: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Along with Our Lady of Fatima we pray it every day at 9:30am on weekdays. If you can spare 15 minutes to pray for peace in the world, please join us as and when you can.

Centenary of World War I: To mark the centenary celebrations we will have an Inter-Faith Prayer Meeting for Peace on Wed 26th Nov at 1.30pm. Representatives from different religions and Christian denominations have been invited. Together with children from St Winefride's Primary School we shall all be praying together for Peace in the world.

Music: Singing practice for all this Sunday 4 – 5pm in church.

Parish Christmas Meal: on Thursday 4th December at the Inn at Ness. John Carlo has kindly agreed to give us an exclusive offer of a starter, main meal and a glass of red or white wine for £11.00 per head. To be sure of reserving a place, leave an envelope with your name, contact details (tel, email), number of people and payment in the box at the back of the church. As last year, it's "first come first served" so please do not delay! Contacts: Tony Wright 0788 906 3579 or Kieron Grace 07966 764 848/ 336 7492.

SPUC: Merseyside pro-life Walk of Witness through Liverpool is on Saturday 4th October. If anyone would like to join us even for a short part of the walk, please contact Margaret on 336 2050 for more details. Please will you help our pro-life work by sponsoring our walkers. Sponsor forms are in both porches.

Shoe Boxes: Thanks to all who helped with the wrapping of the boxes this week. We will be filling the boxes on 11th and 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th October.

Piety Stall: After a break for summer we are now fully operational in the Church Hall again after each Sunday Mass. There is a good selection of stock, mostly on view in the display cabinet. Please take time to browse for all your needs and let stall holders know if you cannot find what you want. Margaret is happy to take special orders if possible (336 4046). All proceeds go to The Diocesan Children's Society.

SVP: Birkenhead District SVP's Theatre Night on 19th November at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight tickets £8.00. Bebington Dramatic Society's "The Wilmslow Boy".

Foodbank: All are invited to a talk being organised by the Foodbank at the request of the SVP on Mon 13th Oct at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The amount of Food donated in August was 160kg, and to date the Parish has donated just under two tonnes of food! Thank you for your continued support.

Car Parking Notices: We now have two notices directing people to our car park behind the church. These will be used only on special occasions when we have visitors (weddings, funerals etc). The notices will be kept in the sacristy and are available at all times as needed. They are to be displayed on the front gateposts and are simply hung on hooks permanently fitted to the posts. Please use this facility if you have an event involving visitors to the Parish.

Thank You: We thank Deacon Jeffrey Telford of Pensby for giving us a 'Book of the Gospels', which can be used in our Liturgies and to Deacon Mike Topping for getting some office equipment to be used in the Parish Centre. We also now have stoles/collars in 4 liturgical colours for Eucharistic Ministers which can be used when needed.

Poor Clares, Hawarden: Due to our parish's generosity we have been able to supply monthly fruit and veg to the Poor Clares for at least the last 15 years. Please consider supporting the Poor Clare Community in our Parish by donating to our annual collection on 4th and 5th of October.

Reminders: *Carmel's Annual Benediction in honour of St Therese*: 3pm, Sun 28th Sep Carmelite Monastery, Birkenhead; *Shrewsbury Diocesan History Day*: St Mary of the Angels, Hooton CH66 1QJ. Sat 4th Oct at 10.30am; *West Kirby Justice and Peace*: Pope Francis' Vision for the Church at St Agnes' West Kirby, Sat 4th Oct 11am - 2.30pm.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): a basic course in theology, designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly open to everyone. You can complete the Certificate or just attend the sessions at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, starting on Sat 11th Oct 10 am - 3.30 pm. Contact Rowena Nield - rowena.nield@sky.com 0161 440 8619. Please see the posters in porch.

Demonstration of painting in acrylics: by Joe Tunstall and sale of original acrylics & watercolours at the St John's Hospice shop on Telegraph Road Heswall (near Avanti and Costa's) on Saturday 4th October between 11am and 3pm. All money goes to St John's Hospice. All welcome! Contact Joe on 336 1261.

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Ordinary Time Week XXV

21st September 2014

20 Sep	SATURDAY	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Sunday: 2 nd Collection	6.30 pm	TG: M Henesy
21 Sep	SUNDAY	CWL 50 th Anniversary Celebrations	8.45 am	Health: Sadie Douglas
			10.45 am	Terrence Saunders
22 Sep	MONDAY		9.00 am	The Parish
23 Sep	TUESDAY	St Pio of Pietrelcina	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
24 Sep	WEDNESDAY	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.00 am	Doreen Bennett
25 Sep	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Don Miller
26 Sep	FRIDAY	Ss Cosmas & Damian	9.00 am	Brian Haggart
27 Sep	SATURDAY	St Vincent de Paul	9.00 am	Carmel Pattinson
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Home Mission Sunday - Notes from the Bishops of England and Wales

Today is Home Mission Sunday – the day annually when we are invited to pray for and support the Church's work of Evangelisation in England and Wales.

The theme this year is *Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'*. We are reminded that the work of evangelisation begins within our own families - in our own homes - and also within the spiritual family of our parish. As we listen to today's Scripture readings during Mass, we reflect very especially on how the Lord might be calling us to reach out to those that we know, in our home and parish family, who are non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics.

There are four ways of responding to today's Gospel – in our lives, in our families, in our parishes and by reaching out to non churchgoing Catholics. We have to be like the workers in the parable in today's Gospel. We have to allow ourselves to be called by God to whatever acts of witness he wants from us. Pope Francis: evangelisation "is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything we can see and understand... In every activity of evangelisation, the primacy always belongs to God, who has called us to co-operate with him and who leads us on by the power of his Spirit" (EG 12).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dolley and P Higgins

Day of Prayer for the Family Synod: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that the Church sets aside a Day of Prayer on Sunday 28th September to pray for this autumn's Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome to discuss family life - particularly in the context of evangelisation.

Thank you: We thank all our parishioners, especially the volunteers who helped generously in celebrating Fr Denis' memory at his Month's Mind mass. Fr Chris' by now 'Number 1 Best Seller' has had tremendous response in our parish. We appreciate your support for the formation of future priests for our diocese. If you have signed up for a copy of 'Floreat Salopia', please find them in the 'new' porch.

October Special: After the meeting last Thursday 18th September, it was decided that our fully trained Eucharistic Ministers would help in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Weekdays and also lead in the Service of Word and Communion on Friday mornings at 9am. Deacon Mike will lead the service on Saturday mornings. This arrangement will be from Sep 29th to Oct 25th and for any other pastoral need, please contact Mgr Chris Lightbound (3281868).

CWL: We congratulate our CWL members as they celebrate their golden jubilee this weekend and thank them for their enriching presence and their active mission in our parish community and in the wider society. They will be involved in different ministries at the 10.45am mass this Sunday and have also selected some beautiful hymns for the celebration.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 26th September 9.30am - 12 noon in the Church hall. Please support this worthwhile cause.

Catholic Voice: Autumn edition available in both porches.

Music Rehearsal: Singers and musicians welcome to join in on Sunday 21st September in church 4-5pm.

Congratulations: Mrs Jenny Bean for 25 years dedicated service to our Primary school.

Demonstration of painting in acrylics: by Joe Tunstall and sale of original acrylics & watercolours at the St John's Hospice shop on Telegraph Road Heswall (near Avanti and Costa's) on Saturday 4th October between 11am and 3pm. All money goes to St John's Hospice. All welcome!! Any questions please ask on 336 1261.

Foodbank: As autumn approaches, we find ourselves in urgent need of a number of items at the foodbank. We require the following: UHT fruit juice, porridge oats, custard, sponge puddings and instant mashed potato. We have very low stocks of the following: instant noodles, instant pasta, jams/spreads, sugar and biscuits. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

NDCT: Harvest Festival celebration at the Royal British Legion on the evening of the 26th September. Festivities will include music by the U3A singers, a display of Scottish

dancing with a chance to join in, a hotpot supper and dessert and entertainment from Sid and Lorraine, friends of Radio Merseyside. Tickets are selling fast for this event, so do let the NDCT reps (Deacon Mike, Helen Jones, Kate Hughes ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk / 07856908297) know by Sunday if you require tickets priced £7.

Poor Clares, Hawarden: Due to our parish's generosity we have been able to supply monthly fruit and veg to the Poor Clares for at least the last 15 years. Please consider supporting the Poor Clare Community in our Parish by donating to our annual collection on 4th and 5th of October.

Carmel's Annual Benediction in honour of St Therese: Sunday 28th September at Carmelite Monastery, Birkenhead at 3pm.

Formation Day for New & Experienced Catechists: "Catechesis as a moment in Evangelisation" will be led by Mrs Teresa Kehoe on Sat 27th Sept at St Columba Parish Centre, Newhall Road, Plas Newton, Chester 10.00am to 3.30pm. Cost £5. Bring a packed lunch. It is intended that this is the first of a series of three. Bookings by Wednesday 24th September, contact Pauline McCulloch: 0151 652 9855 or email pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Shrewsbury Diocesan History Day: St Mary of the Angels, Hooton CH66 1QJ. Sat 4th Oct at 10.30am.

West Kirby Justice and Peace: Pope Francis' Vision for the Church (*Evangelii Gaudium*) at St Agnes' West Kirby CH48 5DU, Sat 4th Oct 11am - 2.30pm. Contact 0151 6256512 or mgmacook@aol.com

Friends of Nazareth: To learn about our mission, please join us at Nazareth House Convent, Manor Hill Birkenhead on Sun 9th or Mon 10th November 11am-4pm.

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

A Prayer for the Rediscovery of Faith

Loving and merciful God, we know and believe that you are near and are attentive to our every need. We bring before you now all those we hold dear, who are distant from the family of faith, the Body of Christ.

(Silently bring to mind the people that you know to whom this applies)

We ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son, that you bless them abundantly. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, use us to reach out to them in a way that they feel free to respond. May we all seek and discover afresh the joy of faith and life in Christ, and always remember that your ways are not our ways, that the last will be first, and the first last.

Amen



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Ordinary Time Week XXIV

14th September 2014

13 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	6.30 pm	Month's Mind: Fr Denis Marmion
14 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Int: Mark Jones & Family
15 Sep	MONDAY	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.00 am	Margaret Murphy
16 Sep	TUESDAY	<i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9.00 am	Teresa Healy
17 Sep	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	9.00 am	Int: Lyonette family
18 Sep	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
19 Sep	FRIDAY	<i>St Theodore of Tarsus/St Januarius Holy Spirit Mass</i>	9.00 am	90 th Birthday: Frances Lyonette
			9.10 am	School
20 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>Ss A Kim Taegon, P. Chong Hasang & Co Baptism</i>	9.00 am 12 noon	Ken Bayley Mollie Aliesha Cooke
20 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Sunday – 2nd Collection</i>	6.30 pm	TG: M Henesy
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Home Mission Sunday, 21 September 2014: Supporting Outreach to Non-Church going (Lapsed) Catholics

The theme for this year's Home Mission Sunday is: *Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'.*

Urgency of the Task

Many children and young people today will never see their parents receive the sacraments," we are reminded in the preparatory document for the forthcoming Synod on the Family. I'm sure, like me, you have repeatedly observed this to be the case, with research suggesting that an estimated 80% of Catholics in England and Wales rarely or never attend Mass.

A Call to Mission

On 21st September 2014 the Bishops of England and Wales invite parishes to celebrate Home Mission Sunday to encourage every mass going Catholic to respond urgently to the call to evangelise. With most mass going Catholics feeling the pain and sorrow caused by a large number of family members and friends not practising their faith, there is an urgency for us all to consider afresh how we might respectfully and joyfully reach out to our absent brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for all that you are already doing in this regard.

There will be a second collection next week to support Home Mission Sunday. The proceeds make possible the Bishops' work of evangelisation nationally. For more information, resources and to donate online: www.catholicnews.org/hms14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Wood, F Byrne.

Fr Denis Marmion: It is a tradition in many Catholic communities around the world that deceased family members are remembered at mass in a special way after a month of their passing. Popularly known as 'Month's Mind Mass,' it helps the grieving family to bring to a peaceful close, in God's presence, the period of mourning and to move on in life, confident that the departed ones are in God's safe embrace. In Ireland, in the event of a priest's death, the new Parish Priest used to be announced at the Month's mind mass (in those good old days!) This weekend (13th September), we welcome all the friends and visitors coming to our church to thank God for the gift of Fr Denis and to pray for the repose of his soul. There will be some refreshments after the Saturday evening mass in the Parish centre.

Weekday Masses: There will be a meeting on Thursday 18th September at 9.30am for those who have volunteered to help in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and in leading the Service of Word and Communion on some weekdays in October. For more information please contact Tony Topping.

Little Church: Recommences Sunday 14th September for 3-7 year olds during 10.45 Mass.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 18th September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Cookery demonstration by Marie – Lou.

Webteam: Meeting on Thursday 18th September at 8pm in the Presbytery. We will be looking at the possibility of developing an "App": all interested are welcome! webmanager@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Music: Following a very dynamic and inspiring music congress last weekend, organised by the Wrexham Diocese, it would be heartening to see some more parishioners at our informal practices on Sunday afternoons (starting on 14th Sept) from 4-5pm. All ages and abilities welcome: just a love of singing and enthusiasm is needed! We will be learning some new hymns and mass settings in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Come and join us on our musical journey at St Winefride's - we would love to see you!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Can you help to cover and pack the boxes on Sept 23rd and October 11th after Mass. Bring your own scissors please!

SPUC: The latest edition of the Pro-life times will be available after all masses this week (one per family) including the Christmas catalogue. Christmas cards also on sale in the Parish Hall from October. Merseyside Walk of Witness is on Saturday 4th October, please do join us even for part of the walk. For more details phone Margaret: 336 2050.

SVP: Birkenhead District SVP's Theatre Night on 19th November at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight tickets £8.00. Bebington Dramatic Society's "The Wilmslow Boy".

Catholic Voice: Copies of the autumn edition available in both porches.

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Day of Prayer for the Family Synod: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that the Church sets aside a Day of Prayer on Sunday 28th September to pray for this autumn's Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome to discuss family life - particularly in the context of evangelisation.

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A Prayer for the Rediscovery of Faith

Loving and merciful God, we know and believe that you are near and are attentive to our every need. We bring before you now all those we hold dear, who are distant from the family of faith, the Body of Christ.

(Silently bring to mind the people that you know to whom this applies)

We ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son, that you bless them abundantly. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, use us to reach out to them in a way that they feel free to respond. May we all seek and discover afresh the joy of faith and life in Christ, and always remember that your ways are not our ways, that the last will be first, and the first last.

Amen.



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Ordinary Time Week XXIII

7th September 2014

6 Sep	SATURDAY	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
7 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	50 th Wed: Jackie & Tom Hinde
			10.45 am	Int: Ron & Maureen Jones
8 Sep	MONDAY	<i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00 am	Leonie Bruce
9 Sep	TUESDAY	<i>St Peter Claver</i> <i>St John Plessington's Mass</i>	9.00 am	John Mansley
			11.00am	Pilgrims from Wallasey
10 Sep	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	9.00 am	Marjorie Williams
11 Sep	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Int: Ursula Jones
12 Sep	FRIDAY	<i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.00 am	Rose Chedotal
13 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>St John Chrysostom</i> <i>Baptism</i>	9.00am	Monica Fidkin
			12 noon	Mollie Aliesha Cooke
13 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	6.30 pm	Month's Mind: Fr Denis Marmion
14 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Int: Mark Jones & Family
Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass				
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From The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Pope Francis has made the fight against Human Trafficking a priority in his papacy. He recently attended a conference in Rome, co-ordinated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CBCEW, where he met with victims and described human trafficking as "an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity". Pope Francis has asked that "our strategies and areas of expertise to be accompanied and reinforced by the mercy of the Gospel, by closeness to the men and women who are victims of this crime". The Church places victims at the heart of the efforts to combat human trafficking. For many years women religious have been the pioneers in supporting victims to recover personal and spiritual dignity. Their witness is an inspiration to the rest of the Church to make available its presence and expertise in human and spiritual healing. The Catholic Bishops' Conference has developed a human trafficking project that aims to raise awareness of the scale of human trafficking and develop ways of countering this crime through the use of its global Catholic networks.

Prevention: Awareness-raising about the realities of human trafficking.

Pastoral Care in-country: Pastoral and practical help to victims when they are apprehended by statutory authorities.

Re-integration: Support to help victims resettle into their host country or return to their home state if that is their desire and a secure possibility.

Developing an International Network of Bishops' Conferences and Law Enforcement agencies: Working with policing and prosecuting agencies to raise awareness of this heinous crime and to place victims at the centre of all combating human trafficking work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian & Veronica Casey

Fr Chris' Book: "Floreat Salopia (May Shropshire flourish...)" Our parishioners stood out again in the overwhelming response to Fr Chris' book and so far, we have raised £805.20 for the education of our Diocesan Seminarians (one of whom may eventually be our Parish Priest?!). Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped. In case you still need a copy/copies of the book, please register your name on the Form in our Noticeboards.

Pilgrimage: As announced last week, Fr David Long from St Joseph & St Alban will be leading a group of pilgrims to our church on Tuesday 9th Sep, with a special mass in honour of St John Plessington at 11am.

Month's Mind Mass: We welcome all who come to our church this weekend as we celebrate the Eucharist in thanksgiving for Fr Denis Marmion and with great affection pray for the repose of his soul. You are most welcome to the Parish Hall after the Saturday evening mass for some refreshments.

Piety Stall: We have now reopened after the summer break and will be open after every Sunday mass in the church hall throughout the year. We have restocked with lots of interesting and attractive goods at reasonable prices. All profits from sales go straight to the Diocesan Children's Society, so please support this very worthy cause.

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CWL: Committee Meeting in the parish hall this Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm.

Webteam: Meeting on Thursday 18th September at 8pm in the Presbytery. We will be looking at the possibility of developing an "App": all interested are welcome! webmanager@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

SPUC: Meeting next Tuesday 9th September 7.30pm in our church hall. All welcome! We will be continuing to provide the teas etc after the 10.45 Mass for the next two weeks and also have a bring and buy stall. Thank you all for your support for our pro life work. **Date for your Autumn Diary:** Social evening in the church hall

on Friday 21st November with brilliant local singer Susan Hedges. Details and tickets near the time.

Music Rehearsal: We recommence our singing practice in church from next Sunday 14th September at 4pm. If you are a musician or singer, please do consider joining our group. Rehearsals are informal and there is no obligation to attend every week.

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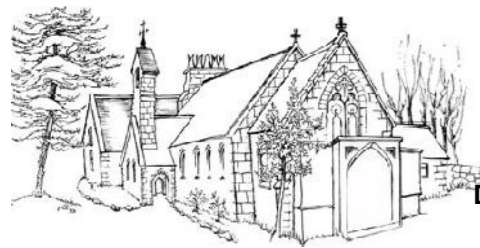
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Ordinary Time Week XXII

31st August 2014

30 Aug	SATURDAY	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
31 Aug	SUNDAY	Baptism	8.45 am	Bill Davies
			10.45 am	Frank Morgan
			12 noon	Joseph G, Elizabeth Mae Bull
			3.00 pm	40 th Wed: Mary & Michael Corcoran
1 Sep	MONDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Morton
2 Sep	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
3 Sep	WEDNESDAY	St Gregory the Great	9.00 am	Int: J Mulligan
4 Sep	THURSDAY	St Cuthbert	9.00 am	Joan Dean
		Funeral Service	11.00am	William John Oxtan
5 Sep	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Health: Matthew Allen
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RIP: William John Oxtan

From the UK based Religious Leaders on Religious Freedom in Iraq:

What we are witnessing in Northern Iraq today is a tragedy of historic proportions in which thousands of innocent people are at immediate risk of death for no other reason than their religious beliefs. Freedom of religion and belief, a right set out in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is being denied in the most gross and systemic way possible through the attempted extermination of religious minorities. There is no religious justification for the violation of this inalienable human right.

Such violations as are currently taking place are crimes against humanity that must be both stopped and punished. The culture of impunity within which these dehumanising atrocities have been committed needs to be challenged most vigorously. Given that Iraq is not a state party to the International Criminal Court, the Government must now work towards a United Nations Security Council Resolution that refers this matter to the International Criminal Court for investigation and where necessary prosecution. The international community must send a clear signal of intent to those who are committing such atrocities that at some point they will be held accountable for their actions.

These violations are, however, sadly part of a wider global pattern of increased societal hostility and government restrictions against freedom of religion or belief. Governments, international institutions and non-governmental organisations need to recognise this wider crisis and commit the necessary time, energy and resources to ensure greater respect for this fundamental freedom in order to attempt to forestall such further tragedies.

(The above letter has been signed by leaders of various religious groups in UK, including Bishop Declan Lang, the Chair of the Bishops' Conference Department of International Relations)

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Month's Mind Mass: Canon John Marmion will preside and preach at the Month's Mind Mass for Fr Denis on Saturday, 13th September at 6.30pm. The Prayer and Bible Study Groups will organise some refreshments after mass. Please do share this information with friends known to Fr Denis. All are most welcome.

YSVP: First meeting on Sunday 7th September 10am in Church Hall. Enrolment essential for existing members and any new members who would like to join (Year 8 and above).

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St Anselm's College: Open Evening on Thursday September 11th 5 – 8pm. Entrance Exam on 24th September 9:30 am – 1pm. Register online for the exam at www.st-anselms.com.

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A note from Dot Davies:

*Be silent, be thoughtful, be reverent,
 For this is the house of the Lord,
 Before the service speak to God,
 During the service let God speak to you,
 After the service speak to one another.*



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Ordinary Time Week XXI

24th August 2014

23 Aug	SATURDAY	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Moira Johnston
24 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Fr Denis Marmion
25 Aug	MONDAY	St Louis / St Joseph Calasanz	10.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
26 Aug	TUESDAY	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am 12 noon	TG Adrian Duggan Cath Owen
27 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Monica	9.00 am	Katie Elias
28 Aug	THURSDAY	St Augustine	9.00 am	Bens Parker
29 Aug	FRIDAY	The Passion of John the Baptist <i>Wedding</i>	9.00 am 12.30 pm	Eric Kenny Katie Davies & Ian Leighton
30 Aug	SATURDAY	Ss Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow & Anne Line <i>Baptism</i>	9.00 am 12 noon	TG: Mary & Michael Corcoran Lola Jaye Costain
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RIP: Cath Owen, William J Oxton, Fr Denis Marmion

From Fr Ravi...

From the time of hearing of Fr Denis' passing away to his burial on Friday, our Parish family has come together in many ways in supporting each other during this sad time. We have been blessed by our parishioners who have been able to specially remember Fr Denis by participating in our Sunday masses where we prayed for the repose of his soul, by producing prayer cards, preparing the church and grounds, preparing the book of condolence, practicing hymns, arranging flowers, welcoming and serving at the altar for the vigil mass, stewarding in the car park, organising refreshments, and providing hospitality to about 25 concelebrating priests. We especially thank Canon John Marmion, Mgr Chris Lightbound, Canon Ted Harrington, Fr David Long, Canon Brendan Hoban, Canon Phil Moor and Bishop Mark Davies for their support to our parish community during this difficult time. Coming together as one parish family we were able to say our farewells together to a loved and cherished priest.

The final farewell mass in our church on Friday morning was well attended and many found it very moving. The Requiem Mass, with Bishop Brian as the chief celebrant saw the whole diocese, his family and friends coming together to pray for him.

We thank all our friends from other Christian communities who were present at the masses, sent condolence messages and offered prayers and their sympathies.

Fr Denis' **Month's Mind Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday 13th September at 6:30pm.

We thank God for giving us the privilege of knowing such a warm-hearted priest and friend.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

From Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor

As a fellow student and lifelong friend of Fr Denis I should like to pay tribute to him on learning of his sudden death. Denis was a devoted priest, loved in the many parishes in which he served. He was an outstanding example of spiritual simplicity and holiness. He will be greatly missed in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. I regret I cannot be present with you today, but I send a blessing and greeting to his priest brother John, to all his family, and to all present at the funeral mass. I shall celebrate a Mass for the repose of his soul.

From Rev Alan Dawson, Vicar, Ss Mary & Helen

On behalf of the Anglican Parish of Neston I offer our condolences at this time. I enjoyed ministering with Fr Denis at a couple of services over my short time here. He always was charming and a delight to be with. I pray all who grieve will have a sense of Christ's presence with them to help them through this time. Please be assured of our ongoing prayers.

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CWL: "Ladies of the Parish" are invited to Veronica and Bernie's garden for a drop-in-lunch at 2 Westview, Church Lane on Friday 29th August, 12 noon - 3.00pm. Bring a dish; enjoy the company with a raffle, and a Bring and Buy. 336 7150

Bereavement Group: Meeting on Friday 29th August at 7.30pm in the church hall. If anybody is interested in joining this ministry, please come along.

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Operation Christmas Child: It is the time of year when we need shoe boxes to send to children in need. The final date for donations will be the end of October. If you would be so kind as to save shoe boxes with LOOSE lids and any items for school e.g. exercise books, pens pencils etc; toiletries e.g. soap toothpaste toothbrush; small toys (no war toys); hats and gloves. All contributions gratefully received.

Foodbank Collection: We recently held a Tesco Store collection in early July, which received a fantastic response from the community, with over 4 tonnes of food being donated in 3 days. However, we now find ourselves short of the following items and would really appreciate any help you could give in increasing our stock: fruit juice (UHT only, please) sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, squash, chocolate or treats of any sort. As always, thank you for your continuing support.

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17 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Norman John Rigler
			10.45 am	TG: Joan Bartley Baptism Leo Ben Stephen Ambrose
18 Aug	MONDAY		9.00 am	The Parish: Mary & Jack Henesy
19 Aug	TUESDAY	St John Eudes	9.00 am	Health: Yulia Cole
20 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Bernard	9.00 am	Fr Peter Robertson
21 Aug	THURSDAY	St Pius X Reception of the Body and Vigil Mass	9.00 am	William Egan
			7.00 pm	Fr Denis Marmion
22 Aug	FRIDAY	The Queenship of Mary Our Lady's, Cavendish Street, Birkenhead	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
			11.30 am	Requiem
23 Aug	SATURDAY	St Rose of Lima	9.00 am	Special Intention
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RIP: Fr Denis Marmion, Moira Johnston, Fr Peter Robertson				

From Fr Ravi...

We are saddened that Fr Denis Marmion, whom we all loved, is no longer with us. We all know Fr Denis has worked in many parishes of the diocese and he chose to retire in Neston. We also know that Fr Denis loved this place, our parish and our people so much, that he would also act as 'parish priest' at times and many of us, including myself, have experienced this!

As you know by now, Fr Denis passed away after a short illness on Wednesday 13th August. He was full of life right up until the end, and that is what he would want each one of us to have - to experience "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). We will all miss him at St Winefride's: for me it is a personal loss and also for Fr Chris Lightbound who has known Fr Denis for 70 yrs. I know that the Prayer Group and Bible Study Group would remember him with love and gratitude.

The green vestment that you see next to Fr Denis' picture was made by his mother. We offer our prayers and condolences to his brothers: Fr John, who is almost 90 and still going strong, and Vincent together with all their family and friends. Please note that there is a **Book of Condolence** next to the Book of Remembrance. Please add your message by Friday.

Well Fr Denis, you have been a great priest, a good friend and a wonderful human being: God bless and rest in God's loving embrace.

RIP: FR DENIS CHARLES MARMION (1930 – 2014)



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Denis Marmion who died peacefully in Arrowe Park Hospital on the evening of Wednesday 13th August 2014.

Father Denis was born on 20th November 1930 in Birkenhead. He was educated at St Gerard's in Bray, Co. Wicklow, and at Ushaw Junior Seminary (1942-49) along with his brothers John and Vincent before he continued his studies for the priesthood at the Venerable English College, Rome (1949-56). He was ordained in the church of the Twelve Apostles (Santi Dodici Apostoli) in Rome on 27th November 1955.

His first appointment was as assistant priest in St Joseph's, Stockport (1956-58), followed by St Mary's, Dukinfield (1958-60), St Alban's, Macclesfield (1960-63), and St Peter's, Hazel Grove (1963-70). In 1970 he was appointed parish priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Donnington (1970-78) followed by St Mary's, Middlewich (1978-87), Our Lady's, Birkenhead (1987-96), and St Winefride's, Sandbach (1996-2001). He retired in 2001.

Fr Denis was appointed Judge on the Diocesan Tribunal in 1979, a post he continued to actively fulfil right to the end. Fr Denis led a very active retirement being fully involved in parish life and recently wrote a pamphlet on the war poet, Wilfred Owen. As well as planning a parish pilgrimage to Rome next year, he was also starting to write a book on Julian of Norwich. He will be greatly missed.

*"All shall be well, and all shall be well
and all manner of thing shall be well"*

Funeral Arrangements: Reception of the Body and Vigil Mass at St Winefride's Neston on Thursday 21st August 2014 at 7:00pm followed by refreshments.

Requiem at Our Lady's, Cavendish Street, Birkenhead CH41 8AQ on Friday 22nd August 2014 at 11:30 am, followed by interment at Landican.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

Fr Denis Marmion: Bishop Mark Davies will preside at the vigil mass in our Church on Thursday and I am sure that many of us will also be able to participate in the requiem the following day. As always I look forward to the cooperation of our altar servers, choir members, ushers, and everyone in celebrating Fr Denis' memory and by praying for him.

FR PETER ROBERTSON (1934 – 2014) RIP: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Fr Peter Robertson who died on Sunday 10th August 2014.

Funeral Arrangements: Tuesday 19th August, 7pm, Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, Vigil Mass. Wednesday 20th August, 12 noon, St Michael & All Angels, Birkenhead, Funeral Mass (followed by interment: Overpool Cemetery, Ellesmere Port).

CWL: "Ladies of the Parish" are invited to Veronica and Bernie's garden for a drop-in-lunch at 2 Westview, Church Lane on Friday 22nd August, 12 noon - 3.00pm. Bring a dish; enjoy a raffle and a Bring and Buy. 336 7150

Thank You: To Peter Osbyrne for his help in maintaining the Church grounds for so many years and to Catherine and Paulo Lisboa for agreeing to be our Justice & Peace reps.

Operation Christmas Child: It is that time of year when we need shoe boxes to send to children in need. The final date for donations will be the end of October. If you would be so kind as to save shoe boxes with LOOSE lids and any items for school e.g. exercise books, pens pencils etc; toiletries e.g. soap toothpaste toothbrush; small toys (no war toys); hats and gloves. All contributions gratefully received.

Foodbank: Donations in July were 144kg - thank you all for your continued generosity and support.

SVP: The Annual District Sponsored Walk on September 14th is being organised by St Werburgh's, Chester and will take place around Westminster Park.

The District is also organising a Theatre night on November 19th at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight tickets £8.00 to see Bebington Dramatic Society performing "The Wilmslow Boy" by Terrance Rattigan. All proceeds for both events go towards the running costs of the Holiday Home in Talacre.

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Ordinary Time Week XIX

10th August 2014

9 Aug	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Int: D Strawson
10 Aug	SUNDAY	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	Leo Cottret
			10.45 am	The Parish
11 Aug	MONDAY	St Clare	9.00 am	Mary Parkinson
12 Aug	TUESDAY	St Jane Frances de Chantel	9.00 am	Health: Martin Staddon
13 Aug	WEDNESDAY	Ss Pontian & Hippolytus	9.00 am	Int: Rose Heath
14 Aug	THURSDAY	St Maximilian Kolbe Vigil	9.00 am 7.30 pm	Peter Greenwood Irmchen Schumacher
15 Aug	FRIDAY	The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation	9.00 am 7.30 pm	The Parish Catherine Nickson
16 Aug	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Josie Bailey
16 Aug	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
17 Aug	SUNDAY	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	Norman John Rigler
			10.45 am	TG: Joan Bartley
			Baptism	Leo Ben Stephen Ambrose

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CAFOD's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We have all watched the conflict in Gaza escalate in recent weeks, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without food, water, shelter or medical care. Thousands have been killed and injured.

We are working with our longstanding partners on the ground in Gaza, Caritas Jerusalem, Catholic Relief Services and Islamic Relief Palestine, who are working round the clock to get food, water, medicine, hygiene kits and emergency supplies to thousands of people, often at great personal risk.

The really pressing need is for aid to get through to the most vulnerable families. Our partners' humanitarian aid workers can't reach some of the worst hit areas without both Israeli and Palestinian authorities agreeing to allow humanitarian access to those in need of aid. But aid alone is not a sustainable solution to this crisis. We can't continue to watch this cycle of violence, both in Gaza and in Israel. So as well as immediate relief, CAFOD is committed to working for long term peace and justice for the region. This is why we are primarily asking you and your parish to call on our UK government to show stronger support for a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire, humanitarian access, and a long term solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

What You and Your Parish Can Do

Please encourage members of your community to ask the Foreign Secretary, Philip Hammond, to push for a comprehensive ceasefire and humanitarian access, and long-term measures to end the suffering and deal with the root causes of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Please help stop the violence in Gaza and get aid to families in great need. You can donate to CAFOD's humanitarian aid on the ground. Please visit <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza>

Bishop Mark Davies' homily at a Requiem Mass for the Fallen of the First World War, Sunday 3rd August 2014

"The names inscribed on the memorials of the Great War should remind people that the cost of conflicts is always measured in human lives".

The Rt Rev. Mark Davies reminded the congregation in Shrewsbury Cathedral that every casualty in war was "always a human person, a brother or sister, of ours".

"Each time we pass through the entrance of the Shrewsbury Cathedral we pass the list of names, the memorial to the men of this parish who perished in the vast conflict which would touch almost every family," Bishop Davies reminded the faithful of how Pope St Pius X strenuously opposed the Great War as "disastrous" at a time when millions across Europe cheered and celebrated when it was declared.

"Pope Pius was asked by the warring parties for his blessing. His response was emphatic: 'I will not bless war, I will bless peace.'"

The 20th century then became, in the words of St John Paul II, "the century of tears", and one which witnessed "violence and destruction on a scale never seen before".

"It was surely in the minds of those who set up memorials in Shrewsbury and far beyond that a message be left for future generations by the words: 'lest we forget.' It is a message applied to the souls swept up in these conflicts who appeal for our prayer and it carries a moral message for the future.

The listing of names on the memorials of war challenges us still to recognise the person beyond the rank or number. In the Gospel Our Lord never saw anonymous crowds but each and every human soul. He 'took pity on them' St Matthew tells us.

In the tragic drama of the past hundred years it was the eternal value and dignity of every human person which was so often lost sight of. Today as we hear within the 24-hour news cycle of a Syrian refugee, a Palestinian child, a missing Israeli soldier we are invited in faith to recognise not a statistic but always a human person, a brother, a sister of ours."

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is also marking the centenary with a Year of Peace and Reconciliation, recognising anew "how peace begins or is lost within the human heart".

The Year of Peace, the Bishop explained was by the call of Pope Francis to a day of prayer and fasting last September as the world stood on the brink of the escalation of the conflict in Syria into a major regional war.

"Pope Francis invited us to open our hearts to a higher wisdom, a greater mercy and appealed to world leaders and all peoples to look deep into their consciences, and today as we offer this Requiem Mass for all the fallen of the Great War, for those listed on the memorial of our Cathedral and on memorials which stand across the earth we pray that we may not lack the wisdom, the light to recognise what makes for true and lasting peace."

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Church Cleaners: L Dolley and P Higgins

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Justice and Peace: In order to help with communication, Canon Phil Moor, chair of the diocesan Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Commission, has requested a named contact/rep in every parish. If you are interested in being the representative for St Winefride's please let Fr Ravi know. The contact is Mary Passey (625 9855) mary.passey@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Floreat Salopia: Mgr Chris Lightbound will introduce his book at all weekend masses on 16th - 17th August. This very interesting book gives us a gentle insight into the history of our diocese and its Catholic heritage. Priced at £5, the proceeds will go to support those preparing for priesthood. Please support this cause: besides a good holiday read, it could also be given as a gift for a special occasion!

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Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Grandparents: Canon Michael Gannon VG will be celebrating mass on Saturday 18th October at Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport SK3 8BQ, at 2pm All are welcome and there will be tea/coffee and cake after the Mass.

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Ordinary Time Week XVIII

3rd August 2014

2 Aug	SATURDAY	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Casson Family
3 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Michael Halley
4 Aug	MONDAY	St John Vianney	9.00 am	Fr Richard Ebo
5 Aug	TUESDAY	Dedication of St Mary Major	9.00 am	Sp Int: Elizabeth Roebuck
6 Aug	WEDNESDAY	The Transfiguration of the Lord Funeral Service	9.00 am 12noon	Pauline Barraclough Joseph Lawrence Downey
7 Aug	THURSDAY	St Sixtus II & Comp, St Cajetan	9.00 am	Int: Mary & Jack Henesy
8 Aug	FRIDAY	St Dominic	9.00 am	Health: M Gordon
9 Aug	SATURDAY	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Wedding	9.00 am 12.30 pm	John Debenham Rachael L Kershaw & John E Oakley
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RIP: Joseph Lawrence Downey				

From Fr Ravi: The First 500 days of Francis' Pontificate - a Ten Point Plan for Happiness

As we thank God for the gift of Pope Francis and his leadership ministry in the Church, I would like to present to you his 'tips' for happiness, based on a recent interview he gave to 'Viva' - an Argentinean magazine!

1. Live and let live: As it is said in Rome "move forward and let others do the same."

2. Be giving of yourself to others: Because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."

3. 'Proceed calmly' in life: To maintain a healthy balance.

4. A healthy sense of leisure: "Consumerism has brought us anxiety" and the need to set aside time to play with our children and turn off the TV when we sit down to eat.

5. Sundays should be holidays: Sunday is for family.

6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people: We need to be creative in our relationships with young people.

7. Respect and take care of nature: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"

8. Stop being negative: "Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem...letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."

9. Respect others' beliefs: "We can inspire others through witness...the church grows by attraction..."

10. Work for peace: "The call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive."

Last Word: Congratulations on winning the third Test - the series is not over yet!!

May God bless us all.

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Car Parking: You will have noticed that our car park has been marked clearly to make our parking easier, and with due attention to our own safety and sensitivity to the needs of others. Thanks for your cooperation in parking safely.

Early Morning Masses in Birkenhead: Carmel, Grosvenor Place at 7.45am; Our Lady's, Cavendish Street, Thursday mornings at 7:00am from 24th July - 28th August.

Music: The diocesan music afternoon on Sunday June 20th was attended by Louise Wilkinson and Helen Jones from our parish along with others from the diocese at St Mary's, Middlewich. The leader for the session, the American composer Paul Hillebrand, is an experienced Music Director from St Patrick's in Scottsdale, Arizona. With 102 ministries and over 4,000 families making up his parish he oversees the music at four masses each Sunday. We focused on how to introduce new music, encourage participation, and Paul also emphasised the unique role of music within the liturgy - indeed he quoted from the 1972 statement of the US Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, reminding us that "music is of pre-eminent importance" in liturgical celebrations, and that "it forms a necessary or integral part" of the liturgy. We thoroughly enjoyed learning new songs, psalms and mass settings and hope some of you will consider joining us in expanding our parish music group and developing our repertoire.

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Requiem Mass for the Fallen of the First World War: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, will celebrate a Requiem Mass on Monday 4th August - the 100-year anniversary of the start of the war - in Westminster Cathedral at 5.30pm.

"It is especially poignant to remember the centenary of the Great War, which was meant to end all wars, at a time when so many people are still suffering from violence and the ravages of war, particularly in the Middle East and Africa," said Cardinal Vincent. "As we begin these centenary commemorations, we earnestly ask for the gift of peace, most especially in Gaza."

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

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant, that I may not so much seek as to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.



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Ordinary Time Week XVII

27th July 2014

26 th July	Saturday	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for Life	6.30pm Baptism	Tony Casson Sasha Rebekah Wallace
27 th July	Sunday		8.45am 10.45am	Margaret Harris The Parish
28 th July	Monday		9.00am	Cath Owen
29 th July	Tuesday	St Martha	9.00am	40 th Wedding: Judith & Michael Povey
30 th July	Wednesday	St Peter Chrysologus	9.00am	Health: J Henesy
31 st July	Thursday	St Ignatius of Loyola	9.00am	Peter Anderson
1 st August	Friday	St Alphonsus Liguori	9.00am	Int: Anne Potts
2 nd August	Saturday	St Peter Julian Eymard	9.00am	Kevin & Terry Hughes
2 nd August	Next Weekend Saturday	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	The Casson Family
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RIP: Cath Owen (Requiem on 26th August)

Message from Pope Francis: Day for Life

"As the Church in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales celebrates the 2014 *Day for Life*, the Holy Father expresses his confidence that this annual witness to the sanctity of God's gift of life will inspire the faithful, and young Catholics in particular, to combat the culture of death, not only by working to ensure adequate legal protection for the fundamental human right to life, but also by seeking to bring the merciful love of Christ as a life-giving balm to those troubling "new forms of poverty and vulnerability" (cf. Evangelii Gaudium 210) which are increasingly evident in contemporary society".

"To all involved in the *Day for Life* celebrations, His Holiness imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of wisdom, joy and peace in the Risen Lord."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin

Secretary of State

Background: *Day for Life* is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Scotland, England and Wales and Ireland. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Protect and Cherish Life: Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Pope Francis knows and loves young people. At World Youth Day in Rio last year, to over three million young people, the Pope said, "young hearts want to build a better world." He invited them to be "protagonists of transformation" and urged them not to be mere "observers of life, but to get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."

We all know heroic young people who are getting involved in the messiness of life – helping the young; the weak, the elderly, the vulnerable - and putting the needs of others above their own. In this year's Message for Day for Life the Bishops of Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales would like to follow in the footsteps of Pope Francis and invite everyone to get involved in caring for, nurturing and protecting life at every stage and in every condition. To young people especially we want to say "#Livelife!" from its beginning to its natural end.

In a 'throwaway' culture, it is easy for life to be undervalued. Last year, Donal Walsh, an extraordinary 16-year-old from Kerry in Ireland, suffering from terminal cancer, taught us how to value every second of life and to show gratitude for all that we can so easily take for granted. Donal had "wanted to live, to play for Munster, to travel the whole world to raise children and die when I'm 100" and instead of reacting with anger and despair at the news of his cancer, he embraced life to promote his anti-suicide #Livelife message. He wrote and spoke widely in the media about young people and suicide – urging teenagers to "appreciate what you have, know that there are always other options and help is always there". His #Livelife message has touched many hearts and changed lives.

Every one of us, young and old alike can play our part in the promotion of life. Our every thought, word or action can promote or extinguish life – we all have a valuable contribution to make.

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live." The pope speaks of "protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." He emphasises the importance of the family, "husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents." And of caring for society by "building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Let's all be builders of a better world and protect life.

Prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb, graciously look upon our earth and remove from it all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes to the preciousness of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. Through the example of your tenderness teach us the ways of compassion and love that we may build up the civilisation of love among us and a society that is truly worthy of the human person. Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death, and to work with others of goodwill in promoting the culture of life. Bring us ever closer to your Son, so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us and come to know that life more perfectly, with you, and all the angels and saints, in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian & Veronica Casey

Catechists: A meeting after 8.45am mass this Sunday (27th July) for all those involved in different faith-formation activities (Baptism, RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Bereavement) in our community. Diocesan training days are on 27/9, 15/11 and 6/12 in addition to the annual day for RCIA catechists on 11/10.

Happy Birthday Mgr Chris (31st July): On this special day, we hope to officially release his book, 'Floreat Salopia' after 9am Mass. Fr Chris hopes to make a substantial contribution to the Seminarians Fund from book sales which will be priced at £5.

Holidays: As we enjoy the bright sunshine, we wish our children and everyone a wonderful time with family and friends.

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Foodbank: Latest newsletter available online under Parish Life, Foodbank.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2014: As we join in prayer with pilgrims in Lourdes, we can watch some of the events on the Lourdes TV via the internet <http://fr.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/> Some of the events include the International Mass this Sunday from 8.30am BST and our sick pilgrims will be taken to the grotto on Monday July 28th from 1pm BST.

Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Grandparents: Canon Michael Gannon VG will be celebrating mass on Saturday 18th October at Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport SK3 8BQ, at 2pm All are welcome and there will be tea/coffee and cake after the Mass.

Catholic Children's Society Charity Golf Tournament: A fundraiser will take place on 22nd September at Wirral Ladies' Golf Club. Each team of 4 can be made up of Ladies', Men's and mixed groups. Golf & buffet cost £160. For details www.cathchildsoc.org.uk or 0151 652 1281 (Trish).

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Ordinary Time Week XVI

20th July 2014

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			10.45 am	B'day: Sr Damian of the Passion
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		School	9.10 am	Leavers Mass
23 July	WEDNESDAY	St Bridget- special Prayer for Europe	9.00 am	Health: Fr Denis Marmion
24 July	THURSDAY	St Sharbel Makhluf	9.00 am	Tim Delaney
25 July	FRIDAY	St James, Apostle	9.00 am	TG: J Mulligan
26 July	SATURDAY	Ss Joachim & Anne	9.00 am	Int: Anne Potts
		Silver Wedding	3.00 pm	Maureen & Kevin Garrod
26 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for Life	6.30 pm	Tony Cason
			Baptism	Sasha Rebekah Wallace
27 July			8.45 am	Margaret Harris
			10.45 am	The Parish

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RIP: Cath Owen (Requiem 26/8)

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Church Cleaners: Louise Wilkinson and Tina Davies.

Catechists: Meeting planned for the Catechists involved in different faith-formation activities (Baptism, RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Bereavement) on Sunday July 27th, immediately after 8.45am mass.

Catechists Training: At St Columba's Chester. Saturday 27th September, Saturday 15th November and Saturday 6th December. Also: Saturday 11th October - Annual Day for RCIA catechists

Thank You: We thank the members of YSVP for their involvement in last Sunday's Mass. **Little Church** resumes on 14th September and **Piety Stall** will reopen on 7th September.

SVP Car Raffle: Alas Fr Ravi won't be driving a new VW around Neston as the winning ticket went to a holder in Telford. Thank you all for your support.

SPUC: Sunday morning teas & coffees, after 10.45 Mass, will be provided by SPUC Pro-Life from this Sunday and throughout the summer holidays.

Permanent Diaconate: We pray for the six men (Birmingham Diocese) who are Ordained Deacons today.

Congratulations to the children and Teachers in Year 6 at St Winefride's Catholic Primary School on their fantastic achievement: 100% level 4+ in Reading and Writing, 63% level 5 in Reading, 44% level 5 in Writing, 13% level 6+ in Writing, 94% level 4+ in Maths, 63% level 5 in Maths, 13% level 6+ in Maths, 100% level 4+ in Science, 69% level 5 in Science. **What does this mean?** Level 4 (4B) is the national average for children of this age. Level 5 indicates children working **above** national average. Level 6 indicates children working **well above** national average.

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The Scaffold speech of St John Plessington

19th July 1679

Dear Countrymen.

I am here to be executed, neither for Theft, Murder, nor anything against the Law of God, nor any fact or Doctrine inconsistent with Monarchy or Civil Government. I suppose several now present heard my trial the last Assizes, and can testify that nothing was laid to my charge but Priesthood, and I am sure that you will find that Priesthood is neither against the Law of God nor Monarchy, or Civil Government. If you will consider either the Old or New Testament (for it is the Basis of Religion). St Paul tells us in Hebrews 7:12 that the Priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change of the Law, and consequently the Priesthood being abolished, the Law and Religion is quite gone. But I know it will be said that a Priest ordained by authority derived from the See of Rome is by the Law of Nation to die as a Traitor, but if that be so what must become of all the Clergymen or England, for the first Protestant Bishops had their Ordination from those of the Church of Rome, or none at all, as appears by their own writers, so that Ordination comes derivatively to those now living.

As in the Primitive times, Christians were esteemed Traitors, and suffered as such by National Law, so are the Priests of the Roman Church here esteemed, and suffer suc. But as Christianity then was not against the law of God, Monarchy or Civil Policy, so now there is not any one Point of the Roman Catholic Faith (of which Faith I am) that is inconsistent therewith, as is evident by induction in each several point.

That the Pope hath power to depose or give licence to Murder Princes is no point of our Belief. And I protest in the sight of God and the Court of Heaven that I am absolutely innocent of the Plot so much discoursed of, and abhor such bloody and damnable designs. And although it be Nine Weeks since I was sentenced to die, there is not anything of that laid to my charge, so that I may take comfort in St. Peter's words,

"Let none of you suffer as a Murderer, or as a Thief, or as an Evil doer, or as a Busy Body in other men's matters, yet if any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed or Sorry" (1 Peter 4: 15-16). I have deserved a worse death, for though I have been a faithful and true Subject to my King, I have been a grievous sinner against God; [others would have lived] in a greater perfection [than] I have done had they received so many favours and graces from him as I have.

But as there was never sinner who truly repented and heartily called to Jesus for mercy, to whom he did not show mercy, so I hope by the merits of His Passion, He will have mercy on me, who am heartily sorry that ever I offended him. Bear witness, good hearers, that I profess that I undoubtedly and firmly believe all the Articles of the Roman Catholic Faith, and for the truth of any of them (by the assistance of God) I am willing to die, and I had rather die than doubt of any Point of Faith, taught by our Holy Mother the Roman Catholic Church.

In what condition Margaret Plat one of the chiefest witnesses against me was before, and after she was with me, let her nearest relations declare. George Massey, another witness, swore falsely when he swore I gave him the Sacrament, and said Mass at the time and place he mentioned, and [I] verily think that he never spoke to me, or I to him, or saw each other but at the Assizes week. The third witness, Robert Wood, was suddenly killed, but of the Dead why should I speak? These were all the witnesses against me, unless those that only declared what they heard from others. I heartily and freely forgive all that have been or are any way instrumental to my Death, and heartily desire that those that are living may heartily repent. God bless the King and the Royal Family and grant his Majesty a prosperous Reign here and a crown of glory hereafter, God grant peace to the Subjects, and that they live and die in true Faith, Hope, and Charity. That which remains is that I recommend myself to the mercy of Jesus, by whose merits I hope for mercy. O Jesus, be to me a Jesus.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014

Some 900 pilgrims from all over the diocese and of ages from less than 1 year old to 95 years old, will be making their way to Lourdes on Wednesday and Thursday for the annual diocesan pilgrimage led by the Bishop. All are invited to join in praying for the intentions of the pilgrimage which are:

- That all who come as pilgrims to Lourdes may share in the 'joy of conversion,' each accepting the call of Pope Francis to 'a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ' (Evangelii Gaudium n.3)
- For peace in our world and reconciliation in our lives as we mark the centenary of the Great War with a 'Year of Reconciliation' in the Shrewsbury Diocese.
- For the strengthening of families in time of crisis and for couples preparing for the great vocation of marriage.

- For the elderly and most vulnerable in our society that their rights and dignity may be upheld.
- For vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life. We entrust especially the new initiative at Shrewsbury for the discernment of vocations to the Priesthood to the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Those at home can join in by coming to Mass each day or praying the Rosary and watching some of the events on the Lourdes TV via the internet: <http://fr.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/> On Friday July 25th 7.30am BST we shall celebrate Mass at the grotto which will be broadcast as well as the International Mass on Sunday July 27th from 8.30am BST. In addition the two processions are broadcast each day at 4pm and 8pm BST. On Monday July 28th at 1pm BST our sick pilgrims will be taken to venerate the rock of the Grotto, which will also be broadcast on Lourdes TV via the internet.



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Sea Sunday: Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

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Little Church: Now on holidays until we resume again on 14th September: happy holidays to you all!

YSVP: YSVP members will present the readings and tokens of their work during the Offertory. *Our year's work* – fundraising events have allowed donations to the following charities: Samaritans Purse (£309 and 100 shoebox gifts); Clatterbridge Cancer Centre (£50); Children in Need (£72); SVP Sudan Appeal (£52); Christian Aid (£100); Christmas Gifts for Catholic Children Society Appeal; Charles Thompson Mission (£50); Sylvia Wright Trust (£100); CAFOD (£200); MIND (£150). In addition we have delivered Christmas Service leaflets on behalf of the NDCT, helped on stalls at CWL fair and School fair, bag packed for Clatterbridge Cancer Centre (£280), provided refreshments after Mass and Little Church activities, seen a production of 'Our House' at CHS and gone to the Rock'n'Roll panto at Theatre Clwyd. All in all a fabulous year of teamwork. Many, many thanks for all your support.

CWL: Meeting this Thursday 17 July at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. We are having a speaker from St. John's Hospice. All welcome.

Piety Stall: The Piety Stall will reopen on Sunday 7th September. If you require anything during the break contact Margaret on 336 4046. Occasion and prayer cards will be available in the rear porch.

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Early Morning Mass: In Birkenhead there is every opportunity for masses throughout the day. The earliest morning mass is at Carmel at 7.45am and this suits those who start work and who live in the area. However there is no provision for those who do shift work or who start earlier than office workers. There will be a 7am mass at Our Lady's, Cavendish Street on a Thursday mornings, starting on 24th July until the 28th August. (There might even be bacon butties).

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Vatican Communications: British peer, Lord Patten, a Catholic, has been recently appointed to oversee Vatican Communications. Having had a distinguished career in politics and academia, he oversaw Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the UK in September 2010. He also served as Chairman of the BBC Trust, 2011-2014.

Ordinary Time Week XV

13th July 2014

12 July	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
13 July	SUNDAY	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea	8.45 am 10.45 am	Int: Fr Denis Marmion Jim McCabe
14 July	MONDAY	St Camillus de Lellis	9.00 am	Sp Int: Joan Bartley
15 July	TUESDAY	St Bonaventure	9.00 am	Int: Jenny Huntingford
16 July	WEDNESDAY	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.00 am	Health: Gerard Robinson
17 July	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Health: J. Henesy
18 July	FRIDAY	Funeral Service (Landican)	9.00 am 12.30 pm	Michael Storey Allan Davidson
19 July	SATURDAY	St John Plessington	9.00 am	Health: Louise Quigg
19 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Dominic Gerald Muldoon
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RIP: Allan Davidson

From Fr Ravi: British Women show the way...

Recently Pope Francis has formally declared that **Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion**, a Carmelite nun, had lived a life of "heroic virtue". Born Sophie Leeves, Mother Mary Veronica founded the Sisters of the Apostolic Carmel, a religious congregation of Carmelite nuns based in India. She was born in 1823 in Constantinople to the Rev. Leeves, an Anglican chaplain to the British Embassy, and Marina Haultain, the daughter of a Colonel in British Army. When she was a teenager she felt drawn to the Catholic Church and converted at the age of 27 during a visit to Malta in 1850. She became a nun the following year and in 1863 accepted a teaching post in Kozhikode in India and she went on to found her own teaching order five years later and today it has branches in India, Sri Lanka, Kuwait, Pakistan, Kenya, Rome and Bahrain.

Frances Taylor was a nurse who tended dying soldiers alongside Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War. Frances, the youngest of 10 children of an Anglican vicar from Lincolnshire, was 22 when she volunteered to join Florence in Scutari, Turkey, in 1854. She was deeply impressed by the faith of the dying Irish soldiers she was caring for and she became a Catholic while serving in the field. She established a religious order – the Poor Servants of the Mother of God – which under her direction opened refuges for sex workers and homeless women and children in London before spreading throughout Europe. As Mother Magdalen Taylor, Frances also founded the Providence Free Hospital in St Helens, Lancashire, and she took over the running of St Joseph's Asylum in Dublin. She died in her convent in Soho Square in 1900 after falling ill en route to Rome and she is buried at Roehampton, south west London, after establishing 20 institutions in her own lifetime. Today her order continues to work particularly with the poor, the elderly and the disabled.

Other British women who are being considered for sainthood include **Elizabeth Prout**, a 19th century Passionist nun who worked in the slums of Manchester; **Mary Potter**, a Londoner who founded an order of nursing nuns in Nottingham in the same period, and **Margaret Sinclair**, a 20th century Scottish nun who died of tuberculosis after tending to the poor of Edinburgh. The Vatican is also studying the sainthood causes of London-born **Mother Riccarda Beauchamp Hambrough**, a Bridgettine nun who helped to hide about 60 Jews from the Nazis in her Rome convent during the Second World War, and **Mother Katherine Flanagan**, also a London-born Bridgettine.

May these women along with other well known British women saints - Anne Line, Margaret Ward and Margaret Clitherow - continue to inspire all of us!



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Confirmation: Many thanks to all this year's confirmation candidates who have donated a bird bath to our Children's Peace Garden. It is much appreciated by all of us (and our feathered friends).

New Sacristans: Would you like to be a part of our team of sacristans? Duties include preparing the altar for Mass and locking the church at the end of the day. Training provided. Currently we are a team of three but with more we could run a weekly rota. Contact Gillian Barber 336 1746 or gillymustard@gmail.com

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SVP: The Bebington Dramatic Society are staging the Winslow Boy on the 19th November. Tickets priced at £8.00, all proceeds go towards the running costs of the District SVP holiday home, contact Peter on 336 1269.

Foodbank: The amount donated for May/June was 210kg. Urgently needed items currently are: UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Meats (tinned), Jams and Spreads, Instant Potato. Many thanks for your support.

Website: Photos from the Confirmation are now online in the Gallery section and also on the notice board at the back of the church. Thank you to Philip Pye for his photographic help!

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Summer Fair: We are pleased to say the St Winefride's Summer Fair was a huge success again this year and we raised an amazing £3,028.79. Thank you to everyone for your support whether you helped on the day, made a donation, bought a raffle ticket or joined in the fun, every bit helped to make it a special day at the school.

A special thank you to Louise Wilkinson for her support and delicious cake stall, Barbara Rivers and the YSVP for their hard work, Roy Howard for running the Book Stall and not forgetting Fr. Ravi for picking the lucky raffle prize winners.

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"Little Ness Monster": Copies of *The Smallest Giant in the World ... The Little Ness Monster* by Ken Harrow available online at www.amazon.co.uk with all proceeds going to the Teenage Cancer Trust. Copy also in the library.

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Pope Francis: is the most influential Twitter user – or 'tweep' - in the world, a new study has revealed. Although he is the second most followed world leader after Barack Obama, he massively outstrips the US President in the frequency with which his followers retweet his messages. This makes him the most influential 'tweep' on the planet according to Twiplomacy 2014, a study of how Twitter is being used by world leaders.

Ordinary Time Week XIV

6th July 2014

5 July	SATURDAY	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Barbara Dyas
6 July	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Eric Belcher
			10.45 am	The Parish
7 July	MONDAY	RIP - Service	9.00 am	Judy Willett
8 July	TUESDAY		1.00pm	David Edward Williamson
9 July	WEDNESDAY	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	9.00 am	Jessie Holtaway
10 July	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Health: Sadie Douglas
11 July	FRIDAY	St Benedict – Special Prayer for Europe	9.00 am	Wedding Ann: Barbara & Alan Sparks
12 July	SATURDAY		9.00 am	50th Wedding: Shirley & Paul Docherty
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RIP: David Williamson

From Fr Ravi: Clerical Bits...

Congratulations: We congratulate Fr Chris who will be celebrating the 59th anniversary of his priestly ordination on July 10th and Deacon Mike, whose 1st anniversary falls on July 6th. We wish them much joy and fulfilment in their continued service to our community and thank God for their presence and ministry in our parish.

Welcome: We are delighted to welcome Canon Stephen Coonan, the new Parish Priest of the parishes of Heswall and Pensby. He will be assisted by Fr Lucas Ngwa. Also, the former larger deanery of Birkenhead has now been organised into 2 deaneries, with Neston belonging to the Wallasey deanery with Fr David Long (St Alban's, Wallasey) as our new Dean.

Prayers: We continue to keep Fr Denis Marmion, who is currently staying in Nazareth House (Birkenhead), very much in our prayers. Fr Denis has recently written a booklet on war time poet Wilfred Owen. There is a copy available in our library. We miss him very much and hope he will gain strength and comfort from the prayers and good wishes of the parish.

Vocations: A new *House of Discernment* in the diocese will be open from September 2015 for all those thinking about the priesthood. For anyone wishing to explore whether they have a calling, please do not hesitate to consider this option: it is well worth it! We all can share in this initiative by continuing to pray for more vocations in England.

May God Bless us all.



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A PASTORAL LETTER ON THE VOCATION AND MISSION OF THE FAMILY

Christmastide

28th December 2014

27 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	6.30pm	Veronica MacAdam
28 Dec	SUNDAY	<i>Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	8.45am	Int: Sadie Douglas
		<i>Special Prayer for recently married couples</i>	10.45am	The Parish
29 Dec	MONDAY	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9.00am	Derek McDonald
30 Dec	TUESDAY		9.00am	Int: Elizabeth Roebuck
31 Dec	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Sylvester I – Mass & Benediction</i>	10.00am	G Moreton and Family
1 Jan 2015	THURSDAY	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	10.00am	R M Saunders and Family
2 Jan	FRIDAY	<i>St Basil, St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	9.00am	Mary Thornley
3 Jan	SATURDAY	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.00am	Hugh Schofield
3 Jan	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
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4 Jan	SUNDAY		10.45am	Rod Loughnane

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RIP: Pat Standish, Mary Thornley

My dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you today in the light of the Child born for us, the Saviour who was given to us within the love and unity of a human family. On this Feast of the Holy Family, as we celebrate the holiness of family life and begin a 'Year for Vocations' in the Diocese, I want to reflect on the 'Vocation and Mission of the Family'. This is the title Pope Francis has given to the Synod of Bishops to take place in October next year. It will be a year for Catholics across the world to reaffirm our faith in God's plan for the family, and to do so amidst the many challenges confronting the holiness of marriage and the life of the family today. In a few, simple words I want to affirm what the Church has always believed about marriage and the family. We believe marriage is no human invention but that "God himself is the author of marriage". The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "the vocation to marriage is written into the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator" (CCC 1603).

After the Fall of Humanity, marriage would bear the marks of sin, but Christ Himself restored this Divine calling, raising it to the dignity of a Sacrament. To the astonishment of a people who practised divorce, Jesus reaffirmed that the union of marriage is indissoluble. "What God has united," Our Lord tells us in the Gospel, "man must not divide" (Mt 19:6). We believe that this unbreakable union of man and woman provides both the foundation of the family and becomes for all, the image of the unfailing love of God. This is no small claim to make! St Paul declares this to be "a great mystery ... in reference to Christ and the Church" (Eph 5:32).

We believe that the union of husband and wife, expressed in the union of one flesh, must always be open to new life, to the children God may entrust to the couple. We believe sexual relations belong within marriage alone. And we believe we are all called to chastity according to our state in life.

Indeed, it is by living the beautiful virtue of chastity that we ensure we use this gift of sexuality in accord with God's purpose. We believe that, as is true of the Sacrament of Matrimony, both

virginity for the sake of the Kingdom of God and apostolic celibacy are also God's gifts. We believe that these callings - to marriage, to consecrated virginity and to apostolic celibacy - inseparably support each other. Let us be filled with wonder and gratitude for God's plan and purpose in marriage and family life; in the beauty of chastity; in the joy of consecrated virginity and apostolic celibacy. It is God's grace that makes it possible for us to live these vocations faithfully; and if we fall short, that same God-given grace heals us, making it possible to set out once again on the path of conversion.

In the year ahead, Pope Francis invites us all to make a "true, spiritual discernment" in the light of our Catholic faith. To "discern" means to make a right judgment. Pope Francis has made it clear, contrary to many stories circulating in the media, that the Church does not function like a parliament, nor can truth be determined by opinion polls. The Church seeks to live subject to God's Word, certain that the light and beauty of truth - despite our fallen nature - can be recognised by the conscience of every man and woman. In order to assist this spiritual discernment, the Bishops of England and Wales have produced a leaflet, entitled 'The Call, the Journey and the Mission'. In considering the questions contained in this leaflet, you may wish to write in and share the fruits of your own reflection on how we give witness to the Gospel of the Family. This will contribute to the wider discernment within the Church in the year ahead. And so, today, let us pray in the words of Pope Francis: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn in trust ... Holy Family of Nazareth make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan."

May the New Year, 2015, lead us to give renewed witness to the Gospel of the Family. I send this message with my blessing for you and for your family.

+ Mark
Bishop of Shrewsbury

From Fr Ravi... **The Christmas Crib: 'heaven frozen in time'**

It was wonderful seeing all of us coming together - those living in Neston and are regular in our Church every Sunday, and those who came to join their families for the festive season - in order to celebrate Christmas, in typical St Winefride's style: faith-filled as well as warm, friendly and supportive of one another. We, the clergy - Fr Chris, Deacon Mike and I - are especially grateful to you for the overwhelming love we experienced from the parish and which was so beautifully expressed through your presence, your encouraging words, the smiles on the children's faces and also through the many lovely cards/gifts etc. We feel blessed to be praying, walking and working along with you in this amazing parish community.

Many of our parishioners were generous in giving their time and energy to make our celebration, memorable and meaningful: Altar Servers, Church and Crib decorators, the Flower Team, our Ushers, the Communications Team, Sacristans, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers etc. Many have also commented on the excellent singing we had during Advent and at the Christmas masses. We congratulate all our singers and musicians, who practiced every Sunday without fail, for their commitment to help our liturgy come alive.

We are privileged in Neston to have been 'visited' by Father Christmas last year and during this Christmas by two lovely angels! Of course, we remember their invitation to our community to gently lean against the Christmas crib - heaven frozen in time - and seek to hear the heartbeat of Jesus in silence and prayer and in the process join the beautiful chorus of the heavenly choir singing, 'Glory to God and Peace to all'.

Happy New Year!

Refrain for Communion Hymn: "Rejoice and do not fear, the Lord is here among us" (x2)

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson, T Davies

We look forward to the New Year by celebrating 2014 with a Thanksgiving Mass on 31/12 and our New Year's Mass on 01/01/15 both at 10am. The first Mass at school will be on 09/01/15 at 9:10 am. On 11/01/15 we invite all those recently baptised members of our community to join us at 10:45am Mass.

NDCT: The Christian Unity Octave starts on Sunday 18/01 with a Service at St Winefride's at 6:30 pm - all are warmly invited to join in celebrating our shared faith. More details to follow.

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal (SBF): If you would still like to contribute to the appeal this year please contact Marie Branch marie.branch@tesco.net 0151 336 4287. Cheques to "SVP Twinnage". Certificates can be provided in the name of the recipient and your donation can be gift aided if you are a tax payer. Forms are available in the church porch.

SVP District 2015 Pilgrimage to Walsingham: will take place 13/04/15 - 16/04/15. Places are limited and a £75.00 deposit required. Contact Peter Middlehurst (336 1269) for applications forms.

The SVP gratefully acknowledge with thanks the many anonymous donations received at this time, and also to everyone for their support in our work.

Justice and Peace: Day of Reflection on 24/01/15, 10:30 - 3pm at St Columba's Chester for parish reps and all who are interested. Please bring lunch!

Website: New info in Resources, Gallery & CWL - do visit!

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

	Feast of the Holy Family: 27th/28th December			The Epiphany of the Lord: 3rd/4th January		
	<i>6:30pm (Vigil)</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>10:45am</i>	<i>6:30pm (Vigil)</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>10:45am</i>
Readings	E Williams	Larty Family	J Braidwood/ B O'Neill	P Middlehurst	A-M Miller	J Tunstall
Intercessions	J Williams	K Eels	E Spearpoint- Walsh	K Powell	T Nolan	O'Cleirigh Family
EMHC	B Roberts K Powell	K Hughes T McGlynn	K Holden D Pover	E Williams M Branch	M Davies K Garrod	A Harrison T Topping

Full rota available online or in sacristy.

“Unto us a Child is born!” Wishing you all the Joy of a truly Blessed Christmas!

HYMNS FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

ENTRANCE

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
join the triumph of the skies,
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.

NATIVITY PROCESSION

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;
*O come, let us adore him, (3)
Christ the Lord.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, in the highest;
*O come, let us adore him, (3)
Christ the Lord.*

GLORIA

(tune Praise my Soul the King of Heaven)

1. Sing to God a song of glory,
Peace he brings to all on earth
Worship we the King of heaven,
Praise and bless his holy name.
*Glory, glory, sing his glory,
Glory to our God on high.*

2. Sing to Christ, the Father's loved one,
Jesus, Lord and Lamb of God:
Hear our pray'r, O Lord, have mercy,
You who bear the sin of men.

3. Sing to Christ, the Lord and Saviour
Seated there at God's right hand:
Hear our pray'r, O Lord, have mercy,
You alone the Holy One.

4. Glory sing to God the Father,
Glory to his only Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Glory to the Three in One

OFFERTORY

1. Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love Divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all the world,
love for plea and gift and sign.

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. Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, (2)
And heaven, and heaven, and nature
sing!

2. Joy to the earth, the saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ;
While fields and streams and hills and
plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, (2)
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
The wonders of his love, (2)
The wonders, wonders, of his love.

CAROLS

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

(1st verse solo)

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.

IT CAME UPON THE 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.

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

1. Ding Dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angels singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! (2)

2. E'en so here below below,
Let steeple bells be swungen.
And "Io, io, io!"
By priests and people sungen.

3. Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers:
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.

(Io is sung as "ee-o")

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.

SEE HIM LYING ON A BED OF STRAW

1. See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable and an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore—
the Prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the word of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
The Prince of Glory when he came.*

2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!

3. Angels, sing the song that you began,
bring God's glory to the heart of man
Sing that Beth'lem's little baby can
be salvation to the soul.

4. Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

O HOLY NIGHT

1. O Holy Night, the stars are brightly
shining

It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious
morn.

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel
voices.

O night divine, O night when Christ was
born

O night, O holy night, O night divine.

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;

4. We wish you a Merry Christmas; (3)
and a Happy New Year.



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Advent IV - Christmastide

21st December 2014

20 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>4th Sunday of Advent – Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	6.30pm	Int: Mary Henesy
21 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
22 Dec	MONDAY		10.45 am	Kevin Morris
23 Dec	TUESDAY	<i>St John of Kanty</i>	9.00 am	Phillip Hayman
24 Dec	WEDNESDAY	<i>Carols and Vigil Mass</i>	9.00 am 6.30 pm	Lulu Young The Parish
25 Dec	THURSDAY	<i>Nativity of The Lord – Holy Day of Obligation</i>	0.00 am 8.45 am 10.45 am	Fr Gerry Courell Fr Denis Marmion Larry Duggan
26 Dec	FRIDAY	<i>St Stephen</i>	10.00 am	Hugh Schofield
27 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>St John</i>	9.00 am	Margaret Harris
27 Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Veronica MacAdam
28 Dec	SUNDAY	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	Int. Sadie Douglas The Parish
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From Fr Ravi... #illridewithyou!

Darkness seemed to have preceded and followed Jesus' birth. The star that guided the travellers, we are told, disappeared for a while and the cries of the innocents followed the birth of the Messiah. History seems, sadly, to repeat itself to this day. The Defence Minister of Pakistan tweeted: "the smaller the coffin, the heavier it is to carry."

There is, however, light that shines in the darkness. When some of the residents of Sydney were fearing a backlash recently, a woman on the train tried to take off her head covering. A fellow traveller approached her gently and told her, "No, if you want to wear it, then wear it. I'll walk with you." Humanity at its best! This resulted in the hashtag #illridewithyou (I'll ride with you) going viral and hundreds of Australian citizens accompanied their frightened friends or neighbours to work.

Christmas is God's way of tweeting #illridewithyou or even more than that: God becoming 'one with us' (Emmanuel). This becomes real, especially when we need God most - in all our fears and doubts, hurts and wounds.

Fr Chris and Deacon Mike join me in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas: May the blessings of Christmas fill our hearts with joy, our homes with happiness, our communities with love and our world with peace.

Adeste Fideles!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST WINEFRIDE'S

"Unto us a child is born" Isaiah 9:6

DECEMBER 2014

20/21	Saturday/Sunday		Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers
22/24	Monday - Wednesday		Confessions 8.15 - 8.45am or by appointment
Christmas Mass Times			
24	Wednesday	6.30pm	Carol Service
		7:00pm	Vigil Mass
		Midnight	Nativity Mass
25	Thursday	8.45am	Christmas Mass
		10.45am	Christmas Mass
27	Saturday	2:00pm	Celebrations with Altar Servers and Children
28	Sunday	10.45am	Special prayers for Recently Married Couples: <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>
31	Wednesday	10.00am	Thanksgiving Prayer and Mass for 2014
JANUARY 2015			
1	Thursday	10.00am	New Year Mass
9	Friday	9.10am	First School Mass of 2015
11	Sunday	10.45am	Special prayers for Recently Baptised: <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
18	Sunday	6:30pm	Neston & District Churches Together: <i>Service for Christian Unity at St Winefride's</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

Congratulations: We welcome Fr Frank Rice to our parish community and congratulate him on 60 years of Priestly ministry. Please welcome him at our 10.45am Mass and join us for tea and coffee in the Church hall afterwards.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: We are all encouraged to attend the diocesan training day, which will take place on the Wirral in the New Year. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all our Christmas Masses: please contact Joe Tunstall at joe.tunstall@uwclub.net or 336 1261 if you are available.

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal (SBF): If you would like to contribute to the appeal this year (what about as a Christmas present?), please contact Marie Branch email:marie.branch@tesco.net tel: 0151 336 4287. Cheques should be made payable to "SVP Twinnage". Certificates can be provided if requested in the name of the recipient and your donation can be gift aided if you are a tax payer. Forms are available in the church porch.

SVP District 2015 Pilgrimage to Walsingham: will take place on Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April 2015. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. A £75.00 deposit secures your place. Contact Peter Middlehurst on 3361269 for an application form.

SPUC: We still have a few packets of our Christmas cards left. Available in the church hall after Mass.

We would like to thank you for all your support in 2014 and we wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Christmas Music: Final rehearsal for Vigil Mass and Carol Service will be at 4pm on Sunday 21st December.

CWL: We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for one of our hampers, which raised £655 for charity. Congratulations to winners Mary Schofield and Micheline Johnson.

NE Singers: A note of thanks for allowing us to perform our traditional Christmas Concert last Friday. We always appreciate the generosity of St Winefride's parishioners and this year is no exception with the retiring collection amounting to £200.

NDCT: All welcome to sing carols with our friends from other Christian communities on Monday December 22nd at Bridge Court (starting at 7pm); Hinderton Mount (7:45pm) and finishing at The Hinderton Arms at approximately 8:30pm. Do please consider joining – it is a very enjoyable evening and the residents really appreciate the singing!

Hugh Schofield: Mary Schofield and family would like to thank Fr. Ravi and all who participated in the lovely Requiem Mass for Hugh. They also appreciate the Mass cards and prayers from parishioners and friends. Sincere thanks to you all and God Bless.

Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage: "Contemplating Christ with Mary", led by Bishop Mark Davies on 19th – 26th October 2015. Booklet and details are available in both porches, from the diocesan website or from the Curial Offices.

Catholic Voice: Available in both porches.

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Advent III

14th December 2014

13 Dec	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday of Advent – Reconciliation Sunday with Bishop Brian	6.30pm	The Parish
14 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am	John Anderson
15 Dec	MONDAY		10.45 am	Hugh Schofield
16 Dec	TUESDAY	St Winefride's Primary School	9.00 am	Int: Claire, Maureen & Ron Jones
17 Dec	WEDNESDAY		7.00pm	James Michael Howard Carol Service
18 Dec	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Thomas & Isabella Jones
19 Dec	FRIDAY	Advent Mass	9.00 am	Gerry Cummins
20 Dec	SATURDAY		9.10am	Peter Murray & Sheila Harkins St Winefride's School
20 Dec	SATURDAY	Wedding	9.00am	Fr Denis Marmion
21 Dec	SUNDAY		12 noon	Elizabeth Davidson & Charles Williams
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From Fr Ravi.... Rejoice Sunday!

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Rejoice (Gaudete) Sunday and symbolically we light the pink candle today, to remind ourselves that we rejoice because the Lord is very near. The theme 'rejoice' appears in today's entrance antiphon, is at the heart of the First Reading from Prophet Isaiah and St Paul in his letter calls us to 'rejoice in the Lord always'.

Paul, writing the letter to the Philippians from his prison cell mentions 'rejoice' about 17 times - he was no naive optimist. Henry Nouwen, whose writings we are familiar with in our parish, makes a distinction between happiness, which is dependent on external conditions, and joy which is something deeper. It is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing - sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away."

A beautiful way to open ourselves to this grace of being joyful is to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Brian back to our Parish this weekend to guide us through our 'Reconciliation Sunday'. Mgr Chris Lightbound and I will be available after each mass for confessions and we are grateful to Canon John Marmion (Sat 6.30pm) and Fr Terry Boylan (Sun 8.45am) for helping us this weekend.

We also remember our beloved Pope Francis in our prayers on 17th December, his birthday.

Rejoice in the Lord always and may God bless us all!

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Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: We are all encouraged to attend the diocesan training day which will take place on the Wirral in the New Year. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all our Christmas Masses: please contact Joe Tunstall: joe.tunstall@uwclub or 336 1261 asap if you are available.

CWL: Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets will on sale at all the Masses this weekend supporting our local and national charities. After the 10.45 am Mass there will be cakes and fancy goods on sale and the draw for the hampers will take place. *Thank you for your support!*

CWL - Christmas Party: on Thursday 18th December in the Hall. Will members please bring their food contributions and a gift for the Secret Santa!

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SVP District 2015 Pilgrimage to Walsingham: will take place on Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April 2015. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. A £75.00 deposit secures your place. Contact Peter Middlehurst on 3361269 for an application form.

NDCT Leaflets: We need some help! Our Parish has been allocated Christmas Service leaflets to deliver to homes in West Vale. Please do consider taking some leaflets to distribute through letterboxes, especially if you live in the area. They will be available after each mass.

Carol Singing: If you are free on Saturday 20th December between 10 – 11am, please do join the singers from the NDCT in bringing some Christmas cheer to Sainsbury's shoppers. Meet in the foyer at 9:50am, or just drop in for a few carols.

Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage: "Contemplating Christ with Mary", led by Bishop Mark Davies on 19th – 26th October 2015. Booklet and details are available in both porches, from the diocesan website or from the Curial Offices.

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Advent II

7th December 2014

6 Dec	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday	6.30pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
7 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Monica & Frank McKey The Parish
8 Dec	MONDAY	The Immaculate Conception of BVM	9.00 am	Tristram Eastwood
9 Dec	TUESDAY	St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin	9.00 am	Health: Una & Michael O'Shea
10 Dec	WEDNESDAY	Requiem	9.00 am 10.00 am	TG: Judith & Michael Povey William Hugh Schofield
11 Dec	THURSDAY	St Damasus I	9.00 am	Victor Ronald Rhodes
12 Dec	FRIDAY	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.00 am	Special Intention
13 Dec	SATURDAY	St Lucy Baptism	9.00am 12 noon	Health: Sr Mary Salmon Dylan Neil Hayes
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RIP: William Hugh Schofield

From Fr Ravi... Bible Sunday - Hear, Reflect, Proclaim

On this Bible Sunday, we focus on the theme to hear, reflect and proclaim God's Word. We are all encouraged to hear afresh, to be renewed and to be attentive to God's Word by reading and reflecting on the Scriptures both at home and at Church. May God's Word, that has inspired generations of Christians, continue to guide and challenge us in our Christian life: to love God and to serve our neighbor, especially those in need.

We also take this opportunity to thank our lectors who announce God's Word to us during Mass. It is particularly encouraging to see our young people joining the team and we are open to welcoming all who wish to be part of this ministry.

Thank you ...

- To Derek Pover for managing our Parish Hall so efficiently for many years and we welcome our new team, Louise and Peter Dee who can be contacted on 336 8806/07557725302 or hall@stwinefridesneston.org.uk from January.
- To Fran Flocks and Anne-Marie Miller our dedicated crib team for setting up our Nativity Scene.
- To Carmel and Tony Wright and to his team: Kieron Grace, Pete Dolley and others for organising our Parish Christmas meal on Thursday. The Inn at Ness was full to capacity as we enjoyed sharing each other's company, the food and the wonderful musical entertainment. Our next social event will be celebrating Burns Night on Saturday 24th January, 2015. The "Socials" team will keep us updated.

Next weekend we take the opportunity to experience god's Grace in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) in preparation for Christmas.

May God Bless us All!

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'Shine Star, Shine': the younger children are presenting the nativity story in their own special way at 9.30am on 8/12 in the school hall. The school and Little Gems Pre-school will be joining us at this performance.

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SVP: No meeting this Monday 8th December.
Foodbank: The amount donated in November to the Foodbank amounted to 145kg, the Parish has been given a certificate from the Foodbank acknowledging our generosity and support.

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Committee Meeting: Thu 11 Dec at 7.30 pm in the hall.

SPUC: Meeting on Tue 9th Dec in the hall at 7.30 pm.. 12/12 is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Unborn). We will say pro-Life Prayers after morning Mass, please join us.

Christmas Cards still on sale in the church hall.

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Advent I

30th November 2014

29 Nov	SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Advent 2 nd Collection: Peter's Pence Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter	6.30 pm	The Parish
30 Nov	SUNDAY	First Communion Enrolment Mass	8.45 am	Kath Green
			10.45 am	Catherine & John Southwell
1 Dec	MONDAY		9.00 am	November list
2 Dec	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Margaret & Geoff Davies
3 Dec	WEDNESDAY	St Francis Xavier –Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees	9.00 am	Jonathan Parkes
4 Dec	THURSDAY	St John of Damascus	9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
5 Dec	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Sally Glazebrook
6 Dec	SATURDAY	St Nicholas	9.00 am	Brian Haggart
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Church Cleaners: B and V Casey

Thank You: We thank Andy Ablitt, Brian Byrne, Roy Gerrard, John Gordon, Roy Jones, Patrick Klabou and Tony Logan for the Christmas lights and beautiful church decorations.

St Winefride's Advent Canvas: Our canvas, painted in acrylic, relates directly to our crib in that we are led to our message of Hope. The light of Christ shines from the Bethlehem stable. The aim of the picture is to help us on a journey to prepare for the birth of Our Saviour, the gift of Our Father in Heaven. The purple of Advent relates directly to that of Lent in that both times are an opportunity for us to examine our lives in preparation for Christ's birth, His Cross and His Resurrection. The canvas has achieved its purpose if it helps in any way in our reflections for our Christmas 2014 – Joe Tunstall

Music Rehearsal: 4-5pm Sunday in church.

CWL Christmas Hamper Raffle: Tickets will be on sale at all Masses on the weekends of 6/7th and 13/14th December supporting our local and national charities. On Sunday 14th December after the 10.45am Mass there will be cakes and fancy goods on sale and the draw for the hampers will take place. PLEASE SUPPORT US.

SPUC Recent Events: National coffee morning raised £113.40. Merseyside Walk of Witness raised £455 from St Winefride's, St John's in Heswall and Family and Friends, and last Friday's Social Evening raised £272, which will sponsor our young people in attending next year's youth and student conference in Southport.

Christmas cards: On sale in our Church Hall after all Masses.

Parish Meal: Parishioners should arrive at 'The Inn at Ness' on Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Contact Tony Wright 07889 063579.

Sunday 30 th November	10.45am	First Communion Enrolment Mass
Tuesday 2 nd December	6.45pm	Start of RCIA
Thursday 4 th December	6.30pm	Parish Christmas Meal
Monday 8 th December	2pm	Christmas Nativity in School
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Friday 12 th December	7pm	NE Singers concert in Church
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Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: Are invited to attend a meeting in church on Fri 5th Dec at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Joe Tunstall 336 1261 or Tony Topping 336 4524.

Inter-Faith Prayer Service for Peace: At St. Winefride's on 26th November, our primary school Key Stage 2 children joined in with beautiful singing interspersed with hymns and readings from scripture. It was wonderful to see leaders of different faiths speaking in unison on the central theme of World Peace. We received such a positive response from the Neston community and would like to thank Mrs Ormes, the children and staff from St Winefride's Primary School, Phil Bramhall, Joe Tunstall and all who actively supported this unique event.

Catechists' Formation Day: Saturday 6th December at St Columba's, Chester from 10am – 3.30pm.

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Justice and Peace News: Winter issue of Mouthpiece now online under Parish Life, Justice and Peace. The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place during 28th July - 5th August 2015. Those in year 12 or above wishing to form a St Winefride's group of helpers can contact Dominic Lisboa at: ysvp@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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Ordinary Time Week XXXIV

23rd November 2014

22 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King Special Prayer for Young People</i>	6.30pm	TG: Mary Henesy
23 Nov	SUNDAY	<i>YSVP – Youth Mass</i>	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Patrick Doherty & Madeline Scott
24 Nov	MONDAY	<i>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	9.00 am	Alan Glen
25 Nov	TUESDAY	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	9.00 am	Dick & Helen Spencer
26 Nov	WEDNESDAY	<i>Requiem Inter-Faith Prayer Service</i>	9.00 am 1.30 pm	Johanna (Judy) Clowes For Peace
27 Nov	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
28 Nov	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Int: Margaret Rainford
29 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Ordinary Time Ends</i>	9.00 am	Don Miller
29 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend 1st Sunday of Advent 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
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Message from Fr Ravi:

The theme for this year's National Youth Sunday is "How happy are you?" This question invites us to explore the basis of our own happiness in our daily lives. The Bishops of England and Wales have taken the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10) and given us eight "Be Attitudes" to help our young people, and ourselves, to easily understand these in the context of our own experiences.

Be Humble *Let God work through you*

Be Sorrowful *Grieving is ok, it shows your love*

Be Gentle *It will get you further than you think*

Be Just *The truth sets people free*

Be Merciful *We all need forgiveness*

Be Pure *Open you heart and you will see God*

Be Peaceful *Everybody is a child of God*

Be Courageous *Dare to do good so God can work through you*

We are invited to pray in a special way for our young people today and we thank them for animating our 10.45am mass this Sunday. We also thank those who guide and help them to see the beauty of our faith and to experience the joy of living it in a community.

May God bless us all!

Church Cleaners: W Morgan, AM McLean

First Communion: The first meeting for parents of children preparing for the Sacraments was held on 18th Nov and was very well attended. We are delighted to have 18 children from our Parish beginning their faith journey with the Enrolment Mass on 30th Nov. The first faith formation session for parents will be on Tues 13th Jan 2015 at 7pm in the parish hall. We thank Mrs Ormes, Mrs Dolley and Mrs Hoskinson for conducting the meeting so well. As previously, we are looking for Parish Prayer Sponsors for our 18 children. If anyone is interested, please contact Fr Ravi or any of our Communion Catechists. The celebrations will take place on Saturday, 13th June 2015 at 10am followed by reception in the parish hall.

Interfaith Prayer Meeting for Peace to Commemorate WWI: Leaders from different religions: a Hindu Priest, a Muslim Imam, a Jewish Rabbi, and Christian ministers will join together to pray together for peace in all our hearts and in the world. Children from St Winefride's school will be singing songs of peace. The prayer service will take place at 1:30pm in Church on Wednesday 26th November.

November List: We remember with love those who have gone before us and the November list is a way of reminding ourselves of the beautiful Catholic practice of praying for the dead. The lists placed in the Sanctuary will be burned at Our Lady's Grotto after 9am mass on Monday 1st December - in a symbolic way, raising our minds and hearts to God in prayer for them. There are now lights fixed in the Churchyard to aid all to pray in the Cemetery before or after mass, especially our Saturday evening mass attendees.

Advent Reconciliation Service (Confessions): We are privileged to have Bishop Brian Noble with us on the Third Sunday of Advent (13th/14th of December). Bishop Brian will preach at the three weekend masses and there will be priests available after each mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the week leading up to Christmas, (22nd, 23rd and 24th), a priest will be available in the confessional from 8.15-8.45am or by appointment.

St Winefride's Primary School: *Santa's Grotto, Reindeer and Elf School* on Friday 28th November 3.30pm – 5.30pm Santa will be at school in his magical outside Grotto and this year he will be bringing his extra special friends: some real reindeer! We will also have lots of lovely craft stalls to keep the children busy whilst you can enjoy some delicious refreshments in the cafe. A raffle, lucky dip and tattoo stall will also be available. Donations of cakes or biscuits would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You: to the CWL and our newly formed Bereavement Group for a meaningful celebration of the Eucharist last Thursday in remembrance of the deceased. A guide to help plan funeral services in our Church is being prepared and the group will update us on the developments.

Music Rehearsal: Sunday at 4pm in Church. All welcome!

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CWL Christmas Gifts are being collected on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society. The parish has been very generous proving gifts especially for older children (11 - 17). Gifts don't need wrapping! Please leave any gifts in the new church porch by 14th Dec. Marie-Lou: 07725313879.

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Foodbank: We are currently short of the following items: tinned vegetables, tinned meat, sugar and sponge puddings. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Church 'Spring Cleaning': Saturday 17th January 2015 from midday. Please consider offering our regular cleaners your help on this day.

Safeguarding: Would anyone who has not already done so, kindly send their Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate to the Diocesan Offices at Shrewsbury Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX for registration.

Catechist's Training Day: Led by Dr Petroc Willey we discussed both the rewards and difficulties experienced when communicating our faith and used art as a teaching and learning tool in "kerygmatic" catechesis (ie proclaiming what we believe). The final part of the talk gave us an overview of the structure of the Catechism and we hope that we will have the opportunity to learn how to use this resource effectively as a way of encouraging all of us to explore and deepen our faith.

Prayer Vigil for Religious Freedom: Please join the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) and the Parish of St Clare, Chester in a Prayer Vigil for Religious Freedom at St Clare's on Sat 6th Dec. Mass is at 6pm, followed by a vigil from 7-8pm. Adoration is from 8-11pm.

Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Commission: Advent Reflection afternoon on Sunday 7th December at 4.30-6.30pm at Wistaston Hall, Crewe, CW2 8JS

Diocesan Training Days: All lectors (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a diocesan training day which for the Wirral area will be held sometime in February/March 2015.

Bethlehem Art: Supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Some of these works will be available to purchase this weekend (22nd/23rd November).

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Ordinary Time Week XXIII

16th November 2014

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16 Nov	SUNDAY	Baptism	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Lilly Jones
			12.30pm	Logan Peter Hales
17 Nov	MONDAY	Ss Hilda, Hugh of Lincoln, Elizabeth of Hungary	9.00am	Kath Green
18 Nov	TUESDAY	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul	9.00am	Peter Anderson
19 Nov	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Anne Poole
20 Nov	THURSDAY	CWL & Parish Bereavement Mass	9.00am	Health: Tokita Family
			7.00pm	For the Faithful Departed
21 Nov	FRIDAY	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Edward Lawson & Family
22 Nov	SATURDAY	St Cecilia	9.00am	John Oates
		Baptism	12.00noon	Grace Lily Carr
22 Nov	SATURDAY	Next Weekend Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King Special Prayer for Young People	6.30pm	TG: Mary Henesy
23 Nov	SUNDAY	YSVP - Youth Mass	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Patrick Doherty & Madeline Scott

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Message from Fr Ravi: A Bend in the Road...

These days when the weather seems so wet and dark, I thought this story would amuse us.

It happened on 7th November 2014. During the take-off "roll" on the runway, an Indian plane bound for Delhi carrying 146 passengers and crew collided with a buffalo. Thank God no one was injured. Except of course for the poor buffalo!

Strange things can and do happen, but a phrase that has always helped me in understanding these situations is "**A bend in the road is not the end of the road**". No wonder the passengers were moved to another plane and continued their journey.

St Winefride's is a standing testimony to God's Providence and we trust that our journey will continue, staying true to our mission: "*Firm in Faith, Joyful in Hope and Active in Charity*".

We wish all our musicians – Charlotte Bailey, Pete Dolley, Marc Jones, Katharine Powell, all our choir members and our music leaders Maria Slater and Louise Wilkinson a very joyous and harmonious day on Saturday 22nd November the Feast of St Cecilia, Patron of Musicians – it is great to hear them practising every Sunday!

May God Bless us All!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson, T Davies

First Communion: The first meeting for parents is on **Tuesday 18th Nov at 7pm** at St Winefride's Primary School. It is important that also those parents whose children who do not go to St Winefride's School attend this meeting. The Enrolment Mass is on **Sunday 30th Nov at 10.45am** and celebration of First Communion will be on **Saturday 13th June 2015 at 10am**.

Annual Bereavement Mass: We remember our CWL members and those who are no longer with us in the Parish on 20th November at 7.00 pm. There will be light refreshments in the hall following Mass and we introduce the new Parish Bereavement Team. The CWL section meeting will follow at approximately 8.30 - 8.45pm. Will members please bring their gifts for the Christmas Hampers.

National Youth Sunday: All our youth are warmly invited to participate and attend our special Youth Mass on the feast of Christ the King (Sunday 23rd November) at 10:45am.

Interfaith Prayer Meeting for Peace: To mark the Centenary of WW1 we have invited leaders from different religions: a Hindu Priest, a Muslim Imam, a Jewish Rabbi, and Christian ministers to pray together for peace in all our hearts and in the world. Besides being a spiritual event it is a great opportunity to see people from different religious communities contributing to peace building in our own small way. Children from St Winefride's school will be singing songs of peace. The prayer service will take place at 1:30pm in church on Wednesday, 26th November.

RCIA: The first Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 6:45pm. If you wish to join the group please do register your interest with Fr Ravi. Parishioners also very welcome to join this group and accompany the RCIA group on their journey of faith.

Church 'Spring Cleaning': Will be on Saturday 17th January 2015 from midday. Please consider offering our regular cleaners your help on this day.

Music Rehearsals: Will be on Sunday 16th November at 10.00am (for Youth Mass) and 4.00pm (regular choir) in church.

Newsletter: many thanks to Louise Wilkinson who has been an editor for many years is now passing on the baton. If anyone wishes to join the team, please do contact the web managers.

CWL NEWS: This year we are not holding a Christmas Fair, but instead are hoping our Christmas Hamper Raffle will raise much needed money to support our charities. Tickets for the hampers will be on sale after Mass on 6/7 and 13/14 December. On Sunday 14 December after the 10.45 am Mass there will be cakes and fancy goods on sale and the draw for the hampers will take place. PLEASE SUPPORT US!

Safeguarding: Parish volunteers applied for re-certification with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in February and were subsequently issued with an updated "Enhanced Certificate." Since the Diocese is required to maintain an up to date record of volunteers, will those who have not already done so, kindly send their certificate to the Diocesan Offices for registration. The certificates will be returned to you. The required address is: Shrewsbury Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX.

SPUC: Next Friday 21st November is our social evening in our church hall. Come and be entertained by brilliant local singer/songwriter Susan Hedges. We still have tickets available priced only £5 which includes a light supper. Don't forget to bring your own drinks and glasses. Please come and have a great evening and support us in our pro life work. For info or tickets phone Margaret on 336 2050. And **SPUC Christmas Cards** on sale after all Masses in the church hall.

Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Commission: There is an Advent Reflection afternoon on Sunday 7th December at 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. at Wistaston Hall, 89 Broughton Lane, Crewe, CW2 8JS. Guest Speaker is Liam Purcell from Church Action on Poverty. Everyone is warmly invited to this time of advent prayer, reflection and fellowship.

Diocesan Youth Event - Krakow 2016 is the next International World Youth Day and Pope Francis invites *you* to join him. The journey to Krakow starts now - want to know more? Want to meet other young Catholics? Come along to another step on our journey on Sunday 30 November at Sacred Heart & Saint Peter Church in Baguley at 3.30pm (until 6.30pm) and find out more. Open to all young people in Year 10 and above. The event will include Mass. Email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for more info.

Diocesan Training Days: All lectors (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a diocesan training day which for the Wirral area will be held sometime in February/March 2015. There are 15 days being organised in total across the diocese and it is hoped that if the local day is not convenient another date and location may be more accessible. The aim is for all active lectors and EMHC to have received training of this nature to satisfy Canon law requirements by 2018 and to be thus commissioned by the Bishop.

Bethlehem Art: Supporting Christians in the Holy Land, hand carved works are being brought to the UK to be sold at a time when tourism in the Holy Land is minimal. Some of these works will be available to purchase next weekend (22nd/23rd November) and in doing so will support our Christian brothers and sisters enabling them to have a better future.

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Ordinary Time Week XXXII

9th November 2014

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9 Nov	SUNDAY	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer – Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter – Remembrance Sunday Baptism</i>	8.45am	For those Killed in War
			10.45am 12 noon	The Parish Oliver Harry Lawrenson
10 Nov	MONDAY	<i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.00am	Int: James Mulligan
11 Nov	TUESDAY	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.00 am 10.30am	Beryl Kirushen Robert William Yates
12 Nov	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Josaphat</i>	9.00am	Peter Roebuck
13 Nov	THURSDAY		9.00am	Doreen & John O'Mahony
14 Nov	FRIDAY		9.00am	Peter Durrant
15 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>St Albert the Great</i>	9.00am	Health: Edward Warren
15 Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Families</i>	6.30 pm	Int: Diane & Philip Massie
16 Nov	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
		10.45 am 12.30 pm	Lilly Jones Logan Peter Hales	

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We are collecting Christmas gifts on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society again this year. The parish has been very generous proving gifts especially for older children (11 to 17). Gifts don't need wrapping! Please leave any gifts in the new church porch. Donations are also gratefully received. Many thanks, Marie-Lou: 07725313879.

Committee meeting: Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Church hall.

YSVP: Cake Sale after 10.45am mass on Nov 9th. Edible donations welcome!

SPUC News: Friday 21st November 7.30pm in our church hall with local singer/songwriter Susan Hedges. Tickets only £5. See posters in the porches or phone Margaret on 336 2050 for tickets.

Christmas cards now on sale in our Church hall. Beautiful religious cards at reasonable prices.

Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday 15th November at New Life Church, Congleton. Details on poster in the church porch. Please join us in prayer on that day if not in person, then spiritually at your home or workplace.

Music: Practice as usual 4-5pm Sunday in church.

National Youth Sunday: Our parish youth are invited to join us at 10:45am mass on 23rd Nov.

A PASTORAL LETTER ON OVERCOMING THE CRISIS OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

My dear brothers and sisters,

On this Remembrance Sunday we recall the great crises faced by generations before us in the conflicts of the past century. Last month, Pope Francis invited bishops from around the world to meet with him in Rome to address what we might call a crisis of our time: the crisis of the family. This is experienced in some parts of the world in poverty, war or persecution; but in western countries like our own, it is a crisis most often caused by ideologies opposed to the sanctity of human life and the institution of marriage and the family.

The Catholic Church has long opposed these mentalities and the devastation they have wrought on individuals, societies and especially among the young and most vulnerable. Pope Francis recently declared that the "Christian family and marriage are under great attack," due, he said, to the growing relativism regarding the very concept of marriage (Address to the Schoenstatt Movement, 27th October 2014). God's plan of marriage, which is written into human nature and raised by Christ to be a Sacrament, is being replaced by the idea that we can each make our own truth according to our own ideas and desires (cf. Gaudium et Spes 47).

The first Christians required great courage to overcome and transform a vast, pagan world whose ideas about marriage and sexual morality were not unlike those which prevail in our own culture. Today we need this same, supernatural, courage to give witness to all the Church believes and teaches about marriage, the family and human sexuality. The Synod of Bishops, gathered around Pope Francis, met precisely to consider how "the Church and society can renew their commitment to the family" (Final Synod Report, October 2014).

Yet, I am conscious that there have been many reports since the Synod suggesting the Church is about to change her constant teaching. Cardinal Nichols, who attended the Synod, wrote on his return that it is simply not true that this meeting was ever about changing the teaching of the Church on marriage, family life or sexual morality (Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop of Westminster, October 2014). The bishops considered the challenges being faced by families across the world. They sought a "pastoral response" which offers, in Pope Francis' words, answers "to the many discouragements that surround and suffocate families."

SANTA'S GROTTTO: Reindeer and elf school on Friday 28th November 3.30pm–5.30pm. Santa will be at St. Winefride's Primary School in his magical outside Grotto and this year he will be bringing his extra special friends some **real reindeer!** We will also have lots of lovely craft stalls to keep the children busy whilst you enjoy some delicious refreshments in the cafe. A raffle, lucky dip and tattoo stall will also be available. Donations of cakes or biscuits greatly appreciated.

Children's Society: Please return any Children's Society collection boxes to the Piety Stall for emptying so that the money can be passed to The Society.

Piety Stall: We have lost several of our helpers over the recent months and require a number of replacements. Please let Margaret know if you can spare half an hour after the Sunday masses once a month to serve on the stall.

The Church, he added, always seeks "to receive the needy, the penitent and not only the just or those who believe they are perfect!" Pope Francis insisted that we must not only welcome those who are lost amid this crisis, we must be ready to go out and find them!

The Church offers the truth she has received from Christ her Lord, not with hostility towards those who have taken a wrong path, but with the greatest love and concern for every person. The Church on earth is made up of sinners called to become saints; our practice of frequent Confession is, indeed, a constant reminder that every one of us is called along this path! It would be the ultimate failure in pastoral care or charity, to mislead people by encouraging them to remain in sin, or fail to call them to repentance and renewal (cf Lumen Gentium 8). Pope Francis describes such an approach as "deceptive mercy," a false mercy which bandages wounds but fails to heal them.

Today I want to dispel any misleading impression that the Church will abandon her witness to the truth and change her teaching in the face of hostile trends in public opinion or the destructive ideologies of our time. Pope Francis spoke of this as: "the temptation to come down off the Cross, to please the people, and not stay there, in order to fulfil the will of the Father; to bow down to a worldly spirit instead of purifying it and bending it to the Spirit of God."

Pope Francis has set before us the example of Saint John Paul II whom he named "the Pope of the family"; and of Pope Paul VI whom, at the end of the Synod, he declared among the Blessed, not least for his sometimes lonely witness to the truth. In the crisis we face today, let us look to the great inheritance of their teaching. May their courage and prayer inspire us to seek a greater faithfulness and a deeper understanding of what Christ and His Church truly teach about marriage, the family and human sexuality. At the end of the Synod, Pope Francis asked: "please do not forget to pray for me!"

On this Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which celebrates our unity in faith and love with the Holy See of Rome, may we never fail to pray for our Holy Father as he confirms us in faith amid all the passing crises of time (Luke 22:32).

With my blessing, + Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury

Reading and Eucharistic Ministry Rotas: Available online and in the sacristy. Please do try and find a substitute if you are away on your allotted day.

Foodbank: wish to thank the Parishioners for donating 180kg of food in October, which is in addition to the 142kg donated by the Children of St Winefride's School from their Harvest Festival last month.

Catechists' Formation Day Two: Saturday 15th November at St Columba's, Chester from 10am–3.30pm.

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Ordinary Time Week XXXI

2nd November 2014

1 Nov	SATURDAY		6.30pm	Stella Casson (100 th Birthday)
2 Nov	SUNDAY	<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	8.45am	The Parish
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45am	Sr Damian de la Passion
			12noon	Jonah Hodgkinson
3 Nov	MONDAY	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i> <i>Blessing of the Cemetery after 9am mass</i>	7.30am	Holy Father's Intention
			9.00am	For all the Faithful Departed
			7.30pm	For the deceased of our Parish
4 Nov	TUESDAY	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00am	Christine Miller
5 Nov	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Winefride, Patron of our Parish</i>	9.00am	Fred Barber
6 Nov	THURSDAY		9.00am	Sellers and Leech families
		<i>Requiem</i>	10.00am	Josephine Trotman
7 Nov	FRIDAY	<i>St Willibrord – St Winefride's School children</i> <i>in Church</i>	9.10am	Nickson & Chambers families
		<i>Funeral Service</i>	1.30pm	James Michael Howard
8 Nov	SATURDAY		9.00am	Raymond Williams
8 Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer - Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter - Remembrance Sunday</i>	6.30pm	Stanley and Agnes Jones
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From Fr Ravi... Thank You!

November is a month when we remember with gratitude the departed members of our families and of our Parish community. A walk around the churchyard is indeed a walk into the history of St Winefride's, when we are powerfully reminded of the lives of ordinary men and women, who, by their presence and dedication, have shaped the parish into what it is today. Their lives can inspire and challenge each one of us. The best way to celebrate their memories is to support them with our prayers, especially during this month.

At St Winefride's, when we say RIP, we mean not only Rest In Peace but Resurrection Is Possible - this, then is our hope for those who have gone before us and also for those of us who are living, that in the midst of struggles and uncertainties, we keep believing that life will only be changed and never ended.

Our Parish has a history of 170 years. And I had no doubt when I was away, that our present generation of parishioners, led by Mgr Chris Lightbound, Deacon Mike Topping and so many generous volunteers, engaged in various ministries, would keep St Win's flag flying high. Many of you have told me personally about Fr Chris' gentle presence and commitment and we assure him of all our love and prayers.

We wish Stella a very Happy 100th Birthday and send her all our love and good wishes!

May God bless us all.

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National Youth Sunday: Our parish youth are invited to join us at 10:45am mass on 23rd Nov. If you would like to be involved in any way please contact Louise Wilkinson music@stwinefridesneston.org.uk (336 1096)

November List: In keeping with the tradition of remembering our loved ones, we invite anyone who wishes, to place the names of deceased family and friends in a basket on the altar. A mass will be offered each week in November for names mentioned on the list.

Centenary of World War I: Praying for Peace in our church on Wednesday 26th November at 1.30pm with children from St Winefride's Primary School. All are welcome.

Music: Practice as usual 4-5pm Sunday in church. Extra "sing throughs" at 10:00-10:30am for music for the Bereavement and Youth Sunday masses from Sunday 9th. *New web page (music tab) available to hear some of the new music we are practising.*

RCIA: If any adult is interested in being received into the Catholic Church or in being baptised, please contact rcia@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or Fr Ravi. RCIA will begin from the first Tuesday of December.

CWL: This year we are not holding a Christmas Fair but instead are hoping our Christmas hamper raffle will raise much needed money to support our charities. Tickets for the hampers will be on sale at Mass on the weekends 6th/7th and 13th/14th December. Please support us.

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Social evening on Friday 21st November in our church hall with Singer/Songwriter Susan Hedges Only 50 tickets available so get yours now only £5. See posters in the church porches or phone Margaret on 336 2050.

SVP: Please place your empty printer cartridges and old mobile phones in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. Contact: Mark Branch 336 4287.

YSVP: Cake Sale after 10.45 am mass on Nov 9th. Edible donations welcome!

Parish Meal: Can all those who have confirmed their attendance at the Parish meal on 4th Dec, email Tony Wright at socials@stwinefridesneston.org.uk to obtain a menu.

Reading and Eucharistic Ministry Rotas: Available online and in the sacristy. Please do try and find a substitute if you are away on your allotted day.

Piety Stall: Christmas cards, advent calendars and diaries now available. Please browse display the cabinet for gifts and religious items. We are open after all weekend Masses until the New Year. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Children's Society.

Library: Many thanks to all who have donated books over the past six years. We now have a full stock in urgent need of sorting and categorising and help is needed. Please contact Geoff Davies on 336 4046 if you can help.

Red boxes: Would Red Box holders leave any full boxes in the rear church porch this week or ring 336 1261 for collection. Many thanks.

Shoe Boxes: A big thank you to everyone who supported this year's appeal. 50 will go to Operation Christmas Child and 50 to teams4u in Wrexham and still going to Romania.

Catechists' Formation Day Two: Saturday 15th November at St Columba's, Chester from 10am-3.30pm. Please bring a Catechism of the Catholic Church with you.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate.

CAFOD's Novena for Peace: At our Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara in Shrewsbury, on Saturday 8th Nov starting at 11.50am.

Shrewsbury Memorial Mass: Saturday 22nd Nov at 10.30am at Our Lady & the Apostles Stockport. If you wish someone to be included in our Remembrance Book, slips are available for you to provide details, or contact Sue and Liz on 01244 677594 or email shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk

Friends of Nazareth: To learn about our mission, please join us at Nazareth House Convent, Birkenhead on Sunday 9th or Monday 10th November 11am-4pm.

Vacancies: Assistant Director of Schools (Full-time, permanent). Details and application form available from the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date is Friday 7th November at 10am.

Family Support Worker for Catholic Children's Society (12 month contract). For an application pack please contact Anne Smith at 0151 6521281, anne@cathchildsoc.org.uk or download at: www.cathchildsoc.org.uk

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26th October 2014

25 Oct	SATURDAY	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Val Higgins
26 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45am	Wed Ann: Christine & Damian Loughe
			10.45am	Health: D Pover
27 Oct	MONDAY		9.00am	Ken Bayley
28 Oct	TUESDAY	Ss Simon and Jude Requiem Mass	9.00am	May Walsh
			10:30am	Francis Daley
29 Oct	WEDNESDAY	Blessed Martyrs of Douai	9.00am	William Anthony Davies
30 Oct	THURSDAY		9.00am	Bernard Caine
31 Oct	FRIDAY		9.00am	Health: Ruth Murray
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From Fr Chris:

Two great events recently that have taken place in Rome have been the beatification of Pope Paul VI, and the exciting debates concerning catholic family life in today's world during the Extraordinary Synod.

I received a pleasant email from Fr Ravi, who wrote "I guess the reign of terror in Neston will be over soon... Take care and God Bless, Ravi" I replied: "Dear Ravi, The reign of terror is increasing inexorably. Come back: all is forgiven, Chris."

Well, he arrives this weekend to wrest back control of the parish. Seriously, we all look forward to his return - plus his eloquence and charm. I should like to thank you all for your kindness to me, Ravi's honourable curate.

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Tickets now available for our social evening on Friday 21st November in our church hall. Come and enjoy an evening with Susan Hedges a local singer/songwriter who has played at the Liverpool Phil and internationally. Only 50 tickets available price £5 See posters or phone Margaret for tickets.

Music: All musicians and singers welcome at 4pm in church on Sunday.

SVP: Donate your empty printer ink cartridges & old mobile phones to the SVP. The SVP are raising money by collecting empty printer ink cartridges and recycling old mobile phones; please place them in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. Contact: Mark Branch 336 4287.

Piety Stall: Christmas cards, advent calendars and diaries are now available. Please browse display the cabinet for gifts and religious items. We will be open after all Weekend Masses including 6:30pm Saturday until the New Year. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Children's Society.

Library: We now have a full stock of books and have no shelf space to accept any more at present unless they are appropriate recent publications (say since 2000) in good condition. Many thanks to all who have donated books over the past six years. Present stock is in urgent need of sorting and categorising but help is needed. Please contact Geoff Davies on 336 4046 if you can spare time to work on this.

Shoe Boxes: "Shoe Box Sunday" is today (26th Oct). Please do lend a hand after 10:45 mass!

CAFOD: Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall, priced £1 or donation to CAFOD.

Justice and Peace: Several parishioners from St Winefride's participated in a half-day conference on Pope Francis's vision for the church, which took place earlier this month at St. Agnes' in West Kirby. We listened to two insightful and thought provoking presentations from Brian Davies, who has been involved in Justice and Peace activities and reflections on *Evangelii Gaudium* in various parts of the country. As part of our Justice and Peace activities, a copy of the latest edition of Mouthpiece is online, on our website under the Justice and Peace section of Parish Life. Our J&P reps are Catherine and Paulo Lisboa.

Diocesan Youth Event – Krakow 2016: Pope Francis invites you to join him for the next World Youth Day. The journey to Krakow starts now – want to know more? Want to meet other young Catholics? Come along to the first step on our journey on **Sunday 26th October** at Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church, St George's Road, Wallasey at 2:30 pm – 5pm and find out more. Open to all young people in Year 10 and above. youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for more info.

III Diocesan Symposium: The Human Person and Reconciliation: What does reconciliation mean in practice? Ellesmere Port Catholic High on Saturday 1st November, 9:45am – 4pm. Margaret and Barry Mizen, parents of murder victim Jimmy will talk about Reconciliation, Love and Forgiveness. To register: pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. There will be another training day on the Wirral in the near future, but you are welcome to attend the one above if you would prefer to go sooner. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate.

Catechists' Formation Day Two: Saturday 15th November at St Columba's, Chester from 10am – 3.30pm. Entitled "Placing the Good News at the Heart of Catechesis, Developing a Kerygmatic Catechesis" the day will be led by Dr Petroc Willey. Please bring a Catechism of the Catholic Church with you.

Foodbank: A copy of the latest newsletter from the Foodbank is available online in the Foodbank section of Parish Life – it outlines the events and activities over the last three months from Cheshire West Foodbank.

Car Parking: Many thanks for parking considerately and keeping the front of the church clear of parked cars.

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



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Ordinary Time Week XXIX

19th October 2014

18 Oct	SATURDAY	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	6.30pm	Jonathan Williams
19 Oct	SUNDAY	2 nd Collection Association for the Propagation of the Faith	8.45am	Fr Denis Marmion
			10.45am	The Parish
20 Oct	MONDAY	Funeral Service	9.00am 12.00noon	Service of Communion and the Word John Pugh
21 Oct	TUESDAY		9.00am	William Davies
22 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St John Paul II	9.00am	Terry Hughes
23 Oct	THURSDAY	St John Capistrano	9.00am	40 days for Life
24 Oct	FRIDAY	St Anthony Claret	9.00am	Service of Communion and the Word
25 Oct	SATURDAY		9.00am	Service of Communion and the Word
25 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Val Higgins
26 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45am	Wed Ann: Christine & Damian Loughe
		10.45am	Health: D Pover	

Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5:45-6:10pm

Please pray for the sick, especially:

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RIP: John Pugh, Francis Daley (Frank), Cyril Merrick

From Fr Chris:

This weekend we celebrate the annual World Mission Sunday. This is our golden opportunity to dig deep in our pockets and purses to support our brothers and sisters in Third World parishes. These parishes are at the coal face in spreading the Good News of the Gospel. We have for the most part lived in Christian surroundings - families, parishes, schools etc - but by prayer and financial generosity we can ourselves become "missionaries". May the great missionary patrons: St Joseph, St Francis Xavier and St Teresa of Lisieux come to our aid.

From St Winefride's School:

The primary school held its annual Harvest Mass last week. It was well attended by both parents and parishioners, and the children entered into the celebration well with their fabulous singing and confident reading.

The children were asked to come into school on that day in their 'own clothes'. In return, they brought in tinned, packet or dried food which was donated to St Winefride's parish to be given to a local food bank.

Thank you to all parents and friends who donated a fantastic amount of food, and for St. Winefride's parishioners who joined us.

Our next Masses are on Friday 7th November, to celebrate St Winefride's Feast Day. This Mass is being held in church at 9.15am and on Friday 19th December, an Advent Mass will be held in school. All parishioners are welcome to join the children in celebrating the Holy Eucharist in their own special way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: B and V Casey

Please Note: There will be no confessions during October on Saturday mornings.

First Communion: First meeting for parents **Tues 18th Nov at 7pm** at St Winefride's Primary School. Enrolment mass on **Sun 30th Nov at 10.45am** and celebration of First Communion on **Sat 13th June 2015 at 10am.**

Centenary of World War I: Meeting for Peace on Wednesday 26th Nov at 1.30pm with children from St Winefride's Primary School.

November List: In keeping with the tradition of remembering our loved ones, we will be inviting anyone who wishes, to place the names of deceased family and friends in a basket on the altar from 1st November.

Music: All musicians and singers welcome at 4pm in church on Sunday 19th October.

SPUC: Christmas cards for sale in the church hall after mass from this weekend onwards.

Dates for your diary: SPUC National Coffee morning after 9am Mass on Saturday 8th November. Social evening in the church hall with Sue Hedges a local keyboard player, singer/songwriter from Neston, who has played at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and internationally. See posters for further information. Only 50 tickets, £5 each!

SVP: Donate your empty printer ink cartridges & old mobile phones to the SVP. The SVP are raising money by collecting empty printer ink cartridges and recycling old mobile phones; please place them in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. Contact: Mark Branch (0151 336 4287)

Foodbank: Many thank to the Pupils, Parents and Teachers for donating 140kg of food at their recent Harvest festival. *Urgently needed:* porridge oats, custard, sponge puddings, instant mash, UHT fruit juice. *Low stock:* instant noodles, instant pasta, jams/spreads, sugar.

Thank you to everyone for attending the recent talk given by the West Cheshire Foodbank.

The SVP also wish to thank everyone for supporting our walkers which raised £242 towards the running expenses of the District Holiday Home in Talacre.

Shoe Boxes: Boxes will be filled on 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th Oct. We also need small wrapped sweets for the boxes.

Parish Christmas Meal: All places now taken! Thank you to all who have booked.

CAFOD: Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall, priced £1 or donation to CAFOD.

Car Parking: Many thanks for parking considerately and keeping the front of the Church clear of parked cars.

One World Week: Sunday 19th October 6:30pm at St Thomas', Parkgate. "Living Differently: Breaking Chains - Making Change." Global justice in action - speaker Ed Potter who spent time with Tearfund in Africa and India.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate.

Catechists' Training Days: Saturday 15th November; Saturday 6th December at St Columba's, Chester from 10am - 3.30pm.

Poor Clares of Hawarden Autumn Fair: Saturday 25th October 11am - 1pm. Well worth a visit!

Reminder: Clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday 25th October.

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

World Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father
on World Mission Sunday
may we rejoice in the opportunity
to be missionaries of your love
to our brothers and sisters across the world
in our prayers and kind offerings to mission
forever mindful of the words
of your beloved Son, Jesus,
who desires us to share
His message with the world.

Amen.



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Ordinary Time Week XXVIII

12th October 2014

11 Oct	SATURDAY	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Bill and Eileen Scarratt
12 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Alban and Ada Knox
13 Oct	MONDAY	St Edward the Confessor	9.00 am	Health: Ruth Murray
14 Oct	TUESDAY	St Callistus	9.00 am	Gerry Cummins
15 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St Teresa of Avila	9.00 am	William Anthony Davies
16 Oct	THURSDAY	St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alocoque	9.00 am	Private Int (CL)
17 Oct	FRIDAY	St Ignatius of Antioch	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
18 Oct	SATURDAY	St Luke the Evangelist & Physician	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
18 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	6.30 pm	Jonathan Williams
19 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Fr Denis Marmion
			10.45 am	The Parish

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

Please pray for the sick, especially:

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RIP: William Anthony Davies

From Fr Chris:

October is traditionally known as the Month of the Holy Rosary. In 1571, Pope St Pius V called on all the faithful to pray the Rosary to avert the danger of Turkish aggression. The Christian forces won a stunning victory at the Battle of Lepanto, off southern Italy. The Holy Father then instituted a permanent Feast of the Rosary in gratitude to the blessed Virgin. The fifteen decades tell the New Testament story of Faith in the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious "Mysteries". Pope St John Paul II added another five: The Lord's Baptism, the Marriage Feast of Cana, the Sermon of the Mount, the Transfiguration and the Last Supper.

Said publicly or privately, in part or in full, the Holy Rosary leads us to prayerful contemplation, under Our Lady's guidance, of great events by which Jesus, God's Son and hers, came among us. Try to find a few moments each day to savour this simple and heart-warming method of prayer, which draws God's blessing on our troubled world.

May God Bless us all!

The Rosary is recited every morning after morning mass. All are most welcome to join them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: W Morgan, A-M McLean.

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November List: In keeping with the beautiful tradition of remembering our loved ones we will be inviting anyone who wishes to place the names of deceased family and friends in a basket on the altar from 1st November.

Music: All musicians and singers welcome at 4pm in church on Sunday 12th October.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 16th October at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker Pat Wood, giving a talk and flower demonstration. All welcome.

SPUC: Meeting on Tuesday 14th October 7 30pm in our church hall. All welcome.

Two members of our group did the Walk of Witness last Saturday through Liverpool. Photographs on the notice board in the new porch and many, many thanks to all who have promised to sponsor our efforts for the unborn child. Contact Margaret on 336 2050 if you need sponsor money to be collected.

SVP: Donate Your Empty Printer Ink Cartridges and old mobile phones! The SVP are raising money by collecting empty printer ink cartridges and recycling old mobile phones; we receive £1 for each ink cartridge and up to £70 for a mobile phone. Please place your used ink cartridges/old mobile phones in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. For further information please contact Mark Branch 336 4287.

Foodbank: All are invited to a talk organised by the SVP and given by the Chester West and Cheshire Foodbank Monday 13th Oct at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. This is open to all members of our community, please do come along.

Shoe Boxes: We will be filling the boxes on 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th Oct. We also need small wrapped sweets for the boxes.

Parish Christmas Meal: Demand has been great and all places have now been taken! Thank you to all who have booked.

CAFOD: Copies of Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the well known Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall. Fr Denis' brother, Cannon John Marmion, wishes the booklets to be sold in aid of CAFOD. They are available on the piety stall priced £1 or donation.

Floreat Salopia: Fr Chris thanks all who have supported this venture so magnificently. There are a few copies available after mass and those that have been prepaid or pre-ordered are in named envelopes in the back porch: please do collect your copy!

Car Parking: Please keep the front of the church clear of parked cars – the emergency services needed access last weekend and couldn't get through. Please park at the rear of the church in the car park. Many thanks for your consideration.

St Teresa of Avila: Opening Mass of Fifth Centenary Celebrations on 15th Oct at 7:30 pm at St Anne's, Rockferry.

Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Grandparents: Canon Michael Gannon VG will be celebrating mass on Saturday 18th October at Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport SK3 8BQ, at 2pm All are welcome and there will be tea/coffee and cake after the Mass.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate. For further information contact Fr Jonathan Mitchell at frjonmitchell@cantab.net or see poster in porch.

Catechists' Training Days: Saturday 15th November; Saturday 6th December at St Columba's, Chester from 10:00 – 3.30pm.

Poor Clares: Thank you for last week's fabulous response in our second collection. From the Poor Clares: 'Bless all you wonderfully generous people'. We now have enough funds for 13 months' deliveries. Thank you so much.

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



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Ordinary Time Week XXVII

5th October 2014

4 Oct	SATURDAY	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
5 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	TG Karen Kirby
			10.45 am	Vic Clyro
6 Oct	MONDAY	St Bruno Funeral Service	9.00 am 2.00 pm	Service of Word & Communion Terrence Lambert
7 Oct	TUESDAY	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
8 Oct	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Harris
9 Oct	THURSDAY	Ss Denis, John Leonardi & Blessed John Henry Newman In school	9.10 am	Isabel Delaney
10 Oct	FRIDAY	St Paulinus of York	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
11 Oct	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
11 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Bill & Eileen Scarratt
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RIP: William Davies, Terrence Frank Kenneth Lambert

From Fr Chris:

It seemed eerily quiet at St Winefride's last Monday morning as I arrived to celebrate the 9am Mass. Then I realised that Fr Ravi's cheerful presence was missing – he had vanished through the stratosphere to his native India for his holiday. Imagine my surprise and delight when answering the phone the next morning to find I was being addressed by the man himself. He had enjoyed his long flight and the two large meals that were provided! Back home it is raining during this season, which means he can keep cool in spite of the heat. He sends warm greetings from his family and himself to his beloved parish of St Winefride. I promised that we will keep in our prayers, and hope that he will have a good rest and plenty of curry dinners in the next three weeks.

Please don't forget a daily prayer for Pope Francis, the bishops and other representatives at the Family Synod in Rome. Pope Francis wants all 'our families to be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic churches'.

As we also pray for all our friends and families who are sick, we especially keep Terrence Lambert and his family, and William Davies and Bishop Marks' family in our prayers.

May God bless us all!

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson and T Davies

Second Collection: In Aid of the Poor Clare's in Hawarden.

Please Note: There will be no Mass or devotions in church on Thurs 9th Oct (mass in school) and no confessions between 11-11.30am on Sat 11th October.

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Music: Singing practice for all this Sunday 4pm in church. We are learning a new mass setting and hymns for Advent. You **do not** have to sing at a particular mass, be able to read music or attend rehearsals every week to come along. Please note we are very short of male voices!

RCIA Catechists' Day: Sat 11th Oct at St Columba's Parish Centre in Chester.

Training Day for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate. For further information contact Fr Jonathan Mitchell at frjonmitchell@cantab.net or see poster in porch.

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Parish Christmas Meal: Thurs 4th Dec at "The Inn" at Ness. £11.00 per head includes starter, main meal and a glass of red or white wine. To reserve a place, leave an envelope with your name, contact details (tel, email), number of people and payment in the box at the back of the church. Contacts: Tony Wright 0788 906 3579 or Kieron Grace 07966 764 848/ 336 7492.

CWL News: Committee Meeting on Thurs 9th Oct at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. On Thurs 16th Oct we are having a Flower Demonstration by Pat Woods. Thanks to all who supported our Macmillan coffee morning on 26th Sept. It was a lovely event, enjoyed by all and raised an amazing £330!

Floreat Salopia: Uncollected copies in back porch.

SVP: Birkenhead District's Theatre Night on 19th Nov at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight tickets £8.00. Bebington Dramatic Society's "The Wilmslow Boy".
Sponsored Walk: Thank you to all who supported our walkers. We will announce how much was raised as soon as the money has been collected.
Foodbank: All are invited to a talk organised by the SVP and given by the Chester West and Cheshire Foodbank Mon 13th Oct at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. This is open to all members of our community, please do come along.

SPUC: Two members took part in the Pro-life walk of witness, which took place on Sat 4th Oct. Please show your support by sponsoring our walkers. Sponsor forms are in both porches.

Shoe Boxes: We will be filling the boxes on 11th and 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th Oct. We also need small wrapped sweets for the boxes.

NDCT: Harvest Service Sun 5th Oct 3.20 for 3.30-4pm at Hinderton Mount. Please bring friends along.

Website: Some of you may have noticed our new side banners with information from Shrewsbury Diocese, Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, the Vatican and tweets from Pope Francis. They are on the main pages of our site, so do keep a look out when surfing!

Car Parking Notices: We have two notices available to hang on the front gateposts to direct people to our car park. These will be kept in the sacristy and are available as needed. Please note that access to the front of church is needed at all times. Please use the car park at the rear of Church.

CAFOD: Copies of Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the well known Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall. Owen was a local man with strong connections within the Shrewsbury Diocese. Fr Denis' brother, Cannon John Marmion, wishes the booklets to be sold in aid of CAFOD. They are available on the piety stall priced £1 or donation.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): for those engaged in the communication of the Catholic Faith. Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, starting on Sat 11th Oct 10am - 3.30pm. Posters in porch. Contact Rowena Neild rowena.neild@sky.com 0161 4408619.

St Teresa of Avila: Opening Mass of Fifth Centenary Celebrations on 15th Oct at 7:30 pm at St Anne's, Rockferry.

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