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1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21st February 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **

20 Feb	Saturday 6 pm	Thomas Smith	<p>Church is open again from this weekend, 20th / 21st February.</p> <p>Initially there will only be two Masses celebrated. Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am</p> <p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass.</p> <p>Mass will also be available to live stream.</p>
21 Feb	First Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Larry Duggan	
22 Feb	Monday		
23 Feb	Tuesday		
24 Feb	Wednesday		
25 Feb	Thursday		
26 Feb	Friday		
27 Feb	Saturday 6 pm	Pat Hemminton	
28 Feb	Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Patricia Brown	

Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Dorothy Barber

Frances Wright

Pat Cummins

Pat Matthews

Tony McDevitt

Dorothy Robinson

John Swann

Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle

Patricia Davies

Rosemary Southwell

Sarah Alouane

Brian Byrne

Ted Henesy

Sheila Burrell

Pat Hemminton

Joyce & Maurice McAsey

Judy Howard

Maureen Grace

Maureen Adams

Betty Davies

Barbara Evans



Please can I also ask you to remember Fr Paul in your prayers. We hope he will be back at St Winefride's very soon.

Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing from the prayer list or you have a Mass intention.

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

<p>Daily Rosary</p> <p>at 9.00 am apart from Sunday</p>	<p>To join in please download Zoom.us either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the Zoom.us website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below;</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: AveMaria</p>	
<p>Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Thursday 8pm</p>	<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p> <p>EVERY THURSDAY AT 8PM THROUGH LENT AND HOLY WEEK, This will be available at the same Zoom address</p> <p>PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.</p>	
<p>Bible study</p> <p>Wednesday 4.30 pm</p>	<p>This Wednesday 24th February at 4.30pm. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 28th February 2021. First reading Genesis 22: 1-2,9-13, 15-18 Psalm 115 and Gospel Mark 9: 2-10 It will be the 2nd Sunday of Lent.</p> <p>Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.</p>	
<p>Divine Mercy</p> <p>Friday 3 pm</p>	<p>If you would like to join in with reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.</p>	
<p>Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am</p>	<p>Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.</p>	



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel By Deacon Jim

On the first Sunday of Lent, at the beginning of our Lenten journey we always read in the Gospel about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Mark's version is particularly brief and to the point but all the vital ingredients are there, 'The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan!' Why was Jesus driven out into the desert and why did God made man, the sinless one, go head to head with the evil one?

There is a progressive theme of growing personal responsibility in salvation history, reflected in the three readings and a link between them is baptism.

In the story of Noah in Genesis, the water of the flood washes away the sin of the world but also the sinful people with it whilst at the same time saving the only good 8 people left, Noah and his family. A drastic solution to punish sin in the world but God relents and promises never to sweep away mankind again and a sign of that covenant, the rainbow in the sky. In Peter's letter, he describes the flood water as a 'type of baptism', saving Noah and his family and Peter reminds us that the water of our Christian baptism saves us now, not in a material way of removing physical dirt but by pledging our lives to God by living in a good conscience.

Just before Jesus was driven into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus was baptised by John with water and the Holy Spirit descended on him and God said 'this is my son, the beloved!' Jesus was the first human to be filled with the holy Spirit at his baptism, and so he was equipped to face down the devil and prove that good always wins out over evil. We too are baptised in the Spirit and we too are equipped to do battle with evil and Lent is a time for contemplating where evil lies in our lives and in our world and setting out to do battle with it, confident that our loving Saviour Jesus is always by our side.

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

St Winefride's Parish Church - www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonywythenshawe
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

All times and details of other services available search Church Services TV on Google ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

LIVE STREAMING - Please note that camera images and sound of services are now transmitted on the internet but not recorded. This is to help us share our faith with others who are unable to attend in person. If you have any concerns about the use of live streaming during a service or mass, then please contact the office.



CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February this year during lent.

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. He spends nearly all his time collecting water just to keep his family alive. He has no time to lead the life he wants.

This year Cafod are appealing for support of the many poor people who suffer simply because of their need for drinking water, something we all take for granted. Cafod tells us how individuals need to walk many miles everyday simply to supply their family with water.

Can you walk alongside Abdella this Lent by taking park in the Big Walk for Water virtual event on **Saturday 20th February at 2pm.**

Meet Abdella and explore his journey at :
Cafod.org.uk/lent

Walk for Water

Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent?
Well 3 of our parishioners are!!

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER

10,000 steps, approx 7 km a day, every day, in every weather for 40 days....

Parishioners Helen Jones, Katharine Powell and Barbara Rivers are rising to the CAFOD challenge and will be walking each day of Lent to support the Walk for Water Campaign. If you would like to support their efforts they would be very grateful for your sponsorship. Visit their fundraising page at;

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/winnies-wander-women>



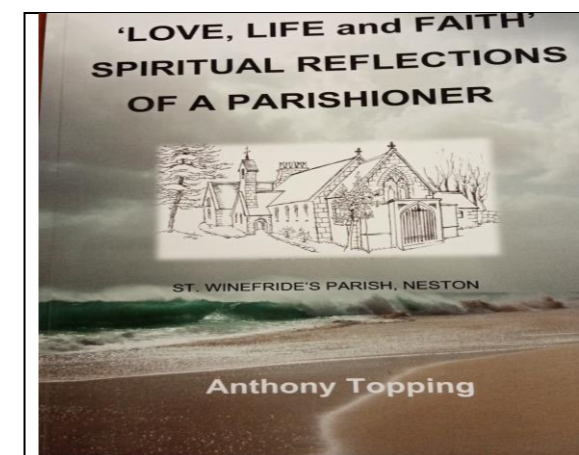
Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping into the office each Friday to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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“Love, Life and Faith”

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

Tony's son has organised for all of Tony's reflections over the years to be put together in a book. The book has now been published and are now available to buy.

If you would like a copy then please contact the office. **The books are £7.50 each.** Cheques to be made payable to Winefride's Parish Church or you can pay by cash.

Prayerful Song



A few members of St Win's Choir have come together 'virtually' to record some of your favourite hymns. Please join them as part of your prayerful meditation. Listen, enjoy and sing along. Imagine yourself back in St Win's singing with the choir. We may be apart but this is a way we can be together to lift our voices to praise the Lord. Just click on the link below.

singalongs.podbean.com



St Winefride's Prayer - I have had a request from Barbara B to print the prayer below which was being discussed at last weekend's coffee morning.

A prayer for our Parish— Feast of St Winefride's 3 November
Lord our God, we the people of St Winefride's Parish offer ourselves to you. To be your people in this place, to be your Church in our community. To be instruments of peace, forgiveness and love. Help us grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for, all our blessings. Instil in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our resources. Help us face whatever the future holds, and to make new beginnings in your name. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Please can I ask you to remember in your prayers the family of Alan Jones, especially his wife Connie. Alan sadly passed away on Wednesday. His funeral will be held on the 17th March, here at St Winefride's Church.



Prayer Resource for February: month of the Holy Family

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Family:

Dear Lord, Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he need to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more

like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

A Short Daily Prayer:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we entrust to you our parents, siblings and grandparents, so that after our earthly life, we may all find eternal joy in heaven. Amen.

Pope Francis – Prayer to the Holy Family (Angelus 29 December 2013):

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

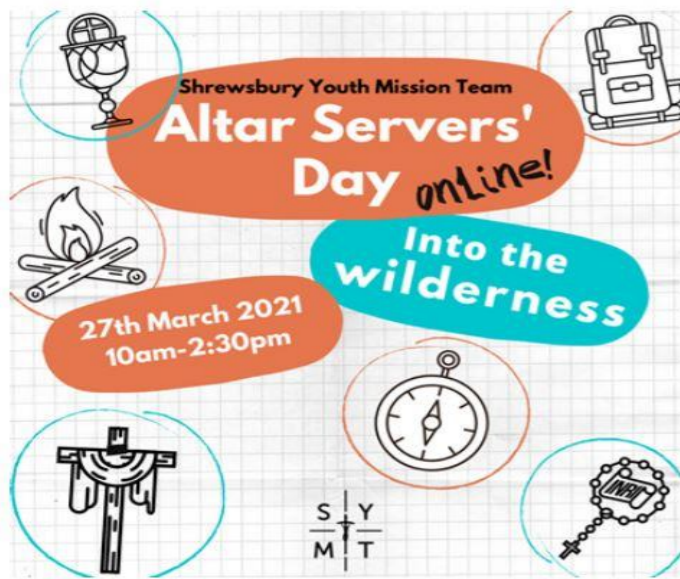
Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

'And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.' Luke 2:7



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



SECOND ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS DAY:

"The Wilderness – A survival guide" Prayer and reflection alongside activities, games and lots of fun run by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team.

Where: Zoom

When: Saturday 27th March 2021 10am - 2.30pm

Who: Any young person 10 to 18 who serves in the parish (or at least did before last March)

How: interested – please send an email to youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org and they will send you all the information you need.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, the service has been compiled by the Christian women from Vanuatu. Beautiful Vanuatu is an archipelago 2,000 miles east of Australia in the South Pacific. To us, and the tourists who visit, it looks like paradise, but their islands are threatened by climate change; they have at least 4 episodes of severe flooding each year, as well as more extreme weather events year on year.

In 2020 and now in 2021, there have been no tourists - and although Vanuatu has no Covid cases, their economy, based on the tourist industry has dried up completely.

Our local Committee will be recording the service as we are not able to hold a 'live' event this year. It will be just as interesting and colourful as the usual service, and will be streamed on YouTube from St. Mary & St. Helen, Neston on Friday, 5th March from 9am onwards.

Go to Google www.nestonparishchurch.org and follow the links.

The Committee will be distributing the Service Booklets to our supporters during the next couple of weeks so you can be part of the World Day of Prayer at home or online. If you don't receive one by 1st March, but would like one, please contact your church rep. or Lynne on 336-8920, or Viv on 327-6053.

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



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus goes into the wilderness for forty days where he is tempted by the devil. There are wild animals in the wilderness, but angels help Jesus. After this, Jesus goes into Galilee and tells people that this is the right time –the kingdom of God is near! 'Turn away from your sins' he says 'and believe the Good News'.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Jesus, help me to be more like you. I want to make the right choices and ask you to help me to be strong. Amen.

*First Sunday of Lent
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15*



Find Lent Fast day activities and resources for children at cafod.org.uk/families