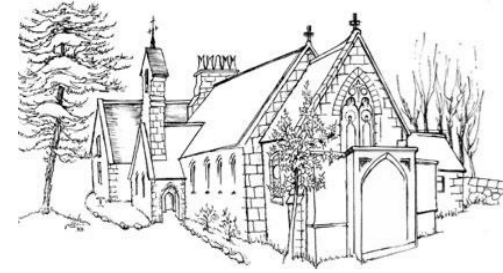


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Ordinary Time XXIV

21 October 2018

20 Oct	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Agnes & Stanley Jones
21 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Betty Neal
22 Oct	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass
23 Oct	TUESDAY	Funeral	10.00am	Wayne Consalvez
24 Oct	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of Word and Eucharist
25 Oct	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Sister Carol Rose
26 Oct	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Mass
27 Oct	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Mass
28 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Carmel Pattinson
29 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Hilary Docherty

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

	20 Oct/21 Oct			27 Oct/28 Oct		
	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10.45 am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers - Readings	K Powell	T Nolan	M Unsworth	F Bryne	AM Millar	M Slater
Readers - Intercessions	A Flanagan	Clark Family	V Casey	K Ankers	T McGlynn	J Tunstall
EMHC	D Davies F Byrne	T McGlynn R Pisarek	M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	J Gordon C Haimes	K Garrod K Hughes	D Pover K Holden G Barber T Topping
Counters	Wyn Penfold and Andrea Williams			Dee and Steve Roberts		
Cleaners	W Morgan and A-M McLean			Brian and Veronica Casey		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery **Wed:** Choir 7-8pm in church; **Thur:** Communion Visits; **Sun:** YSVP 10am in hall
2nd Tues of month: SPUC 7:30pm in hall; **3rd Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall

Last Sunday's Offering: Envelopes: £210.65 Loose plate £362.50 Standing orders £604 Thanks for your support!

News from St Winefride's Primary School:

This week Year 2 took part in the "Big Sing" held at Chester Catholic High School. The children from our primary school and several other catholic primary schools spent the morning rehearsing for a concert held later that day. Proud parents were then able to attend the performance in the afternoon. The children sang 5 songs with all the other schools and one song as an individual school. This song was "Count on me" by Bruno Mars and, within the rendition, some children sang solo and some as a small group. The theme of the singing was "Little Voices" with the aim of children exploring the topics of friendship and being your own person through the songs. Thank you to Miss Holland, the Year 2 teacher, and well done to the children who performed magnificently.

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2019?

If you have a child with a birth date between 1st Sept 2014 and 31st Aug 2015 you need to register with Cheshire Admissions and Transfer Team at www.cheshire.gov.uk/admissions or use the Registration Form that should have been sent directly to your home during July. If you have not received a form, please speak to Mrs McCann in the school office.

'An air of calm and friendliness permeates the whole school. This is evident in all lessons and outside on the playgrounds. As a result, the school provides an orderly working environment for all.' (Ofsted)

Fr Paul writes:

On **Wednesday 24th October at 7.00pm** Canon Philip Moor will be celebrating Mass here. During this Mass he will confer the Ministry Of Acolyte on Jim Kay. This is the final step in Jim's journey towards ordination to the Permanent Diaconate which will be on Saturday 6th July 2019.

It would be wonderful for Jim and his family for as many of the parish to come along to this Mass. I know Jim would be really glad of your support and after Mass an opportunity to meet with Canon Philip and Jim for refreshments in the hall. I would be very grateful if anyone would like to help with these refreshments. You might make a cake or two. If so, please let me know.

This **Sunday 21st October** our **"One World Ecumenical Service"** will take place here at **6.30pm**. Please come along to this short service to pray as the Christian Community. There will be some light refreshments after the service. If anyone would like to help with refreshments, please let me know.

Fr Paul

I thought you may like to read one of the homilies that Pope Francis gave during this week.

Pope at Mass: Be careful around rigid Christians

"Salvation is a gift from God," He gives us "the spirit of liberty."

Pope Francis based his homily on the day's Gospel, which tells how Jesus did not observe the prescribed cleansing when He was invited to dine at the home of a Pharisee. The Gospel relates the harsh response of Jesus at the "amazement" of the Pharisees. Doctors of the Law scandalized by Jesus. The Pope emphasized the difference between the love of the people for Jesus, who loved Him because He touched their hearts, and a little bit because of their own interest; and the hatred of the doctors of the Law, the scribes, the Sadducees, the Pharisees, who followed Him in order to catch Him in an error. They were the "pure": They were truly an example of formality. But they lacked life. They were, so to speak, "starched." They were rigid. And Jesus knew their soul. This scandalizes us, because they were scandalized by the things Jesus did when He forgave sins, when He healed on the Sabbath. They rent their garments: "Oh! What a scandal! This is not from God, because He should have done this" [instead]. The people didn't matter to them: The Law mattered to them, the prescriptions, the rubrics. Whited sepulchres.

Jesus, though, accepts the invitation of the Pharisee – because He is free – and He goes to him. The Pharisee was scandalized by His behaviour which went beyond the rules. But Jesus says to him, "You Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, [but] inside you are filled with plunder and evil."

They are not beautiful words, eh? Jesus spoke clearly, He was not a hypocrite. He spoke clearly. And he said to them, "But why do you look at what is external? Look at what is within." Another time He said to them, "You are whited sepulchres." Nice compliment, eh? Beautiful on the outside, all perfect... all perfect... but within, full of rotteness, therefore of greed, of wickedness, He says. Jesus distinguishes between appearances and internal reality. These lords are "doctors of appearances": always perfect, always. But within, what is there? Hypocrites interested only in appearances

Pope Francis recalled other passages in the Gospel when Jesus condemned such people, as He did in the parable of the Good Samaritan, or when He denounced their ostentatious manner of fasting and almsgiving. This, he said, is because they were interested only in appearances. "Jesus describes these people with one word: hypocrites." They are people with greedy souls, capable of killing: "capable of paying to kill or calumniate, as happens every day. It happens today: they are paid to give bad news, news that smears others. "Behind rigidity there are grave problems".

In a word, Pope Francis continued, the Pharisees and doctors of the Law were rigid people, not disposed to change. "But always, under or behind rigidity, there are problems, grave problems," the Pope said. We intend to have the appearance of being a good Christian; we intend to appear a certain way, we put make-up on our souls. However, Pope Francis said, behind these appearances, "there are problems. Jesus is not there. The spirit of the world is there."

Do I open my heart?

Jesus calls them "foolish" and advises them to open their souls to love, in order for grace to enter. Because "grace is a freely-given gift from God. No one saves himself, no one. No one saves himself, even with the practices of these people. "Finally, the Pope warns us to be careful around those who are rigid. Be careful around Christians – be they laity, priests, bishops – who present themselves as so "perfect," rigid. Be careful. There's no Spirit of God there. They lack the spirit of liberty. And let us be careful with ourselves, because this should lead us to consider our own life. Do I seek to look only at appearance, and not change my heart? Do I not open my heart to prayer, to the liberty of prayer, the liberty of almsgiving, the liberty of works of mercy?

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMHC/Readers Rota: A revised rota effecting the 10.45am mass is now available online.

Cleaning Rota: The new rota from October 2018 to April 2019 is now available online.

Piety Stall: Open after each Sunday Mass in the church hall. Cards are also available in the back porch.

CAFOD: Thank you for your support. A cheque has now been sent to CAFOD with our donation.

SPUC – Christmas Cards now on sale in the church hall. Lovely cards and all with the proper Christmas message

The Hoylake Pro life group are organising an Ecumenical Pro Life Service on **Sunday 28th October at 2 30pm** in St Catherine and Martina Church, Hoylake Road, Hoylake. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

SVP: There will be a second collection for the SVP after mass next weekend 27th/28th. The SVP are grateful for your continued generosity.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

LEGO CHURCH: Thursday 1st November, 3.15-4.30pm at Little Neston Methodist Hall. Sessions will start with a period of free play with Lego, and then there will be a Bible story. The children will then make Lego models to illustrate the story. See noticeboards for more info.

ACTS' ('ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY') 2018 residential retreat will take place on **Fri 26 Oct – Sun 28 Oct**. Fr Tony McGrath will lead the retreat entitled 'Living the Eucharistic Mystery' to coincide with 'The Year of the Eucharist'. Each Sunday the Church gathers together to celebrate the Eucharist, "the source and summit of the Christian life" and Fr McGrath will help us explore what this means for our daily life. Venue: St Winefride's Guest House in Holywell, North Wales (lifts may be available). Attendees will be invited to give an anonymous donation (suggested £100). For further information contact Siobhan Cartwright (Tel: 0161 477 2783 / mobile 07761 138947) or email siobhanbc@gmail.com.