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ORDINARY TIME XXIX

22 October 2017

21 Oct	SATURDAY	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Collection: World Mission Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners		
22 Oct	SUNDAY	<i>Annual Mass count</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	RIP: Olive Webley RIP: Tom and Sean McKeown		
23 Oct	MONDAY	<i>St John of Capestrano</i>		Requiem	12.00 noon	
24 Oct	TUESDAY	<i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	10.00 am	Jack Turner		
25 Oct	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Special Intention		
26 Oct	THURSDAY	<i>Ss Chad & Cedd</i>	10.00 am	RIP Kevin Morris		
27 Oct	FRIDAY		10.00 am	RIP Jim Blundell		
28 Oct	SATURDAY	<i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>	10.00 am	RIP Anastasia Corbett		
28 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Monica and John Ellis – 50 th Wed Ann		
29 Oct	SUNDAY	<i>Annual Mass count</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish Family James Topping		
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						
PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER Anne Jones, Olivia Jones, Phoebe Jones, Amy Jones Prayer requests for October will be printed here and will be transferred to our prayer list by the Lady Altar. New requests will be printed in the newsletter (please email them to the newsletter editor or let Fr Paul know), before being transferred onto the Lady Chapel list at the end of each month.						
	21 October / 22 October			28 October / 29 October		
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers - Readings	A Flanagan	Clark Family	M Unsworth	F Byrne	T McGlynn	Joseph Family
Readers - Intercessions	K Powell	AM Miller	J Tunstall	M Wilkie	T Nolan	V Casey
EMHC	C Haimes M Green	K Garrod K Ankers	K Holden T Topping	D Davies K Powell	M Davies K Hughes	A Cropper J Tunstall
Counters	Kevin and Roy			Andrea, Wyn and Marie		
Cleaners	L Wood, & F Byrne			L Dolley, & P Higgins		
REGULAR ACTIVITIES Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; Wed: Choir 7-8pm; 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: Thank you for your support!						

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Christmas Meal: It's that time already! Usual time – usual place: KRI KRI on Thursday 7 December at 7pm. The prices are held from last year and are £11 per head which includes a glass of wine, a starter and main course. As always places are limited so do sign up (sheets and menu choices will be available in the porches) and get your menu choices in asap to Tony Wright either via the Presbytery or directly to him at 38 Coniston Road, Little Neston, 07889063579 socials@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Piety Stall Rota: A copy of the new rota is now on-line.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 19 October at 7.30 pm in the Hall. Pat Wood will be giving a flower demonstration and stories of her travels. Always an interesting evening. All welcome.

SPUC: Christmas Cards will be on sale from next weekend The Hoylake Pro-Life Group have organised an ecumenical service of prayer and music to proclaim *The Sanctity of Life* to reflect on 50 years of the abortion act. It takes place on Sunday 29th October at 4pm at St Catherine's Church, Birkenhead road, Hoylake CH47 5AF. All are welcome. (see also notices in both porches)

ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

One World Week: The annual service will take place this Sunday (22 October) evening at 6.30 pm at St Michael's, Little Neston.

Pope Francis' Message (abridged) for World Mission Sunday, 2017

Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith

World Mission Sunday this year gathers us once again around Jesus, 'the first and greatest evangeliser' (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who sends us out to proclaim the Gospel. We are asked to reflect on mission at the heart of the Christian faith. As believers in a world marked by disappointment, frustration, and torn apart by war, it is important to ask ourselves: What is the *basis* of our mission? What is the *heart* of our mission? What are the *essential approaches* we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission: the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Church's mission is based on the life-changing power of the Gospel. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. *Jn 14:6*). He is the *Way* who invites us to follow him with courage. Doing this, we experience *Truth* and receive his *Life*, a life that sets us free from selfishness, encouraging us to love. God wants us to be transformed by being open to the Holy Spirit and following Christ, ensuring the Gospel becomes a vital and effective tool to live by.

A contemporary mission

The Church's mission is not to spread a religious or grandiose ideology. Instead, Jesus Christ continues to evangelise and to act. Through the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary. 'Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 276).

'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a decisive direction' (Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1).

The Gospel invites us to live our life participating in the Sacraments. Through *Baptism*, the Gospel becomes a source of new life. Through *Confirmation*, it becomes a fortifying anointing, pointing out new ways for witness. Through the *Eucharist*, it becomes food for new life (Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Ephesios*, 20, 2).

The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as *Good Samaritan*, caring for humanity's wounds, and as *Good Shepherd*, seeking out those who are lost on paths that lead nowhere. There are countless testimonies as to how the transformative power of the Gospel helps to overcome conflict, while promoting reconciliation.

Mission: a spirit of exodus, pilgrimage and exile

The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirit of *constant exodus*. We are challenged 'to go forth from our own comfort zone to reach all the 'peripheries' (margins) in need of the Gospel' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 20). The Church's mission urges us to undertake a *constant pilgrimage* across various deserts of life, as we hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church's mission inspires a sense of *constant exile*, as we journey towards our final home in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mission reminds us that we should not be a self-referential, self-obsessed Church. We should be 'a Church which is bruised, hurting

and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security' (*ibid.*, 49).

Young people, the hope of mission

Young people are the hope of mission. 'There are many young people who engage in various forms of activism and volunteering... How beautiful it is to see that young people are "street preachers", joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!' (*ibid.*, 106). The next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2018 is on the theme *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*.

Mission Societies (Missio)

The Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio) are a precious means of awakening in Christian communities - young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and religious orders - a desire to reach beyond their own confines to proclaim the Gospel to all. World Mission Sunday, promoted by Missio's APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith), is the ideal way for us all to support the pressing needs of evangelisation through our prayer, our witness and our giving.

Mission with Mary, Mother of Evangelisation

In carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelisation. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life. May she help us to say our own 'yes', conscious of the need to make the Good News of Jesus resonate in our time. May she intercede for us so we can discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to everyone.

By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCRS: The next module, The New Testament begins on Saturday 11 November at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY (9:30am for) 10:00 – 3:30pm. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs. A non-certificate option is also available (no essays!)

Adoremus - Eucharistic Congress 7-9 September 2018, Liverpool: for further details please visit: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/adoremus. Sessions on Friday 7 Sept have been designed for Parish Catechists, RE Teachers, chaplains, EMHC and musicians. Saturday (8) at the Echo Arena, features keynote speakers, Mass, a drama piece and Adoration. Sunday (9) closes with a street procession and pilgrimage Masses. Tickets £40 for Friday or Saturday. Please let Fr Paul know if you would like to participate.