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ORDINARY TIME XXV

24 September 2017

23 Sep	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Parish Family
24 Sep	SUNDAY	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	Health: Robert Evans RIP Eugene Ryan
25 Sep	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
26 Sep	TUESDAY	<i>Ss Cosmas and Damian</i>	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
27 Sep	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i> Requiem Mass	11.00 am	Peter McNamara
28 Sep	THURSDAY	<i>St Wenceslaus; Ss Lawrence Ruiz, & Comps</i>	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
29 Sep	FRIDAY	<i>Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i>	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
30 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>St Jerome</i> Wedding	10.00 am 1:00 pm	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist Bethan Hughes & Luke Ollerhead
30 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection - SVP	6.30 pm	Parish Family
1 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Health: Geoff Wylie RIP: Doris Burns

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

RIP: Peter McNamara

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Malcolm Jones

Prayer requests for September 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.

	23/24 September			30 September/1 October		
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers – Readings	M Green	Larty Family	Jones Family	M Wilkie	AM Millar	V Casey
Readers - Intercessions	A Flanagan	M Green	M Slater	F Byrne	T McGlynn	Joseph Family
EMHC	J Gordon D Davies	S Ety T McGlynn	D Pover K Holden	M Green D Davies	K Garrod K Ankers	T Topping M Slater
Counters	Paulo, Tony and Rick			Phil and Mike		
Cleaners	L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts			L Wilkinson and C Kirshen		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon: SVP 7pm in hall; **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

Mass Offerings: Whilst Fr Paul is away, any mass intentions will be offered at weekends and then resumed during the week when he returns. Thank you for your understanding.

Second Collection: The second collection next weekend is to support the many activities of the SVP. Thanks for being generous with your time and money and please keep the needy in your prayers to help us continue our mission.

Choir: Our weekly music rehearsals in church will continue on **Wednesday 27 September 7-8pm** and each subsequent Wednesday. We would love to welcome new members, either to sing or play an instrument. For more information, contact music@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or see us at 10.45am Sunday mass.

SPUC: We are having an evening with fabulous local singer Susan Hedges on Friday 13 October at 7.30pm in St Winefride's school hall. Tickets only £5 which includes a light supper, and it's bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets will be available after every Mass next weekend, and you can phone Margaret on 336 2050 to reserve yours. (for more info see notices on both church notice boards).

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 21st September at 7.30 pm. in the Church Hall. The speaker is for the "Shoe Box" appeal for children in Romania this Christmas. Items include exercise books, crayons/coloured pencils, pencil cases, small soft toys, gloves, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste.

Red Boxes: Could all those with red boxes kindly hand them into the Parish Office, the boxes need to be counted due to the old pound coins ceasing to be legal tender on 5th October. Please take a new red box to replace the old one. Many thanks from the Missio team.

EUCUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's World Day of Prayer: We currently require a WWDP rep for St Winefride's. We thank Veronica who has represented St Winefride's for many years and we would like to recruit a new rep. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Veronica Cuthbert on 0151 6776278.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Vacancy - Administrator: for the Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management (IFM) Limited, a Catholic organisation purchasing gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for the majority of Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. Full time, salary: £16k-17k. Send CV to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Details: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Closing date - 29 September 2017. Details also in both porches.

Annual Diocesan Mass: Celebrating the vocation of grandparents will be held at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 14 October at 11am.

ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually'): Our annual retreat is taking place from Fri 20 Oct (pm) until after lunch Sun 22 Oct 2017. If you are aged between 20 – 35 you will be very welcome. Canon David Roberts will lead the retreat which will take place at St Winefride's, Holywell (N. Wales). Payment will be by anonymous donation (suggested cost £100). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright at siobhanbc@gmail.com / 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Macmillan Coffee Morning: on Friday 29 September in the Church Hall from 9.30 am.

Catholic University Chaplaincy: A reminder for all students starting at university this year to look out for their Catholic Chaplaincy. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. Everyone is welcome.

The Joseph Family

comprising of mum, dad and two daughters

As most of you will know, we have been supporting the Joseph Family in their attempts to move from being asylum seekers to have residency here in the UK.

They had to flee from punishment and death threats simply because that are Catholics.

This family comes from Northern India where the life of a Christian is under daily threats, on one occasion having one of their daughters kidnapped. The main protagonists have been an extremist group of the Sikh Community. This community will not accept Christianity in any form. You may ask, as I did, why did they not move to the large Catholic community in South India? The simple answer to this is Northern Indians do not accept anyone into their communities and vice a versa Southern Indians in the North.

Over the last 12 months they have made several attempts to apply for residency- yet every attempt has been turned down.

The family made a recent application. This, once again, has been turned down. They were ordered to move out of their house, and would be only given one more week's benefit of £88.00. Their only way forward was to apply for Judicial Review.

All of these applications for legal status cost money. Given that they only receive £80 per week for living expenses and are not allowed to work, the parish along with our SVP, have been helping to fund their recent applications. For them to place a Judicial Review is £650. This I have paid out of parish funds.

I am also aware that a number of parishioners have offered some practical help.

By making this application we have put a stop to their eviction and restored the small allowance of £80. This will give us some time to involve our local Councillors and Member of Parliament.

In the meantime, all I ask, on their behalf, is to pray for a positive Judicial Review. When you see the family be encouraging and assure them of your personal and prayerful support.

With my prayers,
Fr Paul