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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 25th April 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **

24 April	Saturday 6pm	Carol Saunders	<p>Currently there are only two Masses being celebrated. Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am.</p> <p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass.</p>
25 April	Sunday 9.30 am	Fr Gerry Courell	
Day of special prayer throughout the world for vocations			
26 April	Monday		
27 April	Tuesday		
28 April	Wednesday		
29 April	Thursday		
30 April	Friday	Funeral service for Sheila Shields – 11.00 am Cremation at Blacon - Noon	
1 May	Saturday 6pm	Dr Mike & Gill Azurdia	
2 May	Sunday 9.30 am	Frank Power	

The offertory collection will be taken at the end of Mass and not during Mass. Please place any donations, envelopes or loose change in the basket held by the Steward. If you wish to make a donation, please have your money/envelope ready as you leave. Thank you.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Dorothy Barber	Ted Henesy	Judy Howard
Patricia Davies	Dorothy Robinson	Maureen Grace
Frances Wright	Sheila Burrell	Maureen Adams
Rosemary Southwell	John Swann	Betty Davies
Pat Cummins	Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Sarah Alouane	Bill Williams	Eva Bennion
Pat Matthews	Joyce McAsey &	Andy Ablitt
Tony McDevitt	Maurice McAsey	Mary Schofield
Ruth Murray		



Please also remember Fr Paul in your prayers.

Please do get in touch with the parish office via e-mail or phone if you want to add or remove someone from the Prayer list or have a Mass intention. Thank you.

During Fr Paul's convalescence, pastoral oversight of St Winefride's is given by Canon Stephen Coonan of Our Lady and St John's Heswall – 0151 342 6581

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

<p>Daily Rosary 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; https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: AveMaria</p>	
<p>Bible study to start again this Wednesday 21st At 4.30 pm</p>	<p>This Wednesday 28th April at 4.30pm. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 2nd May 2021. First reading Acts 9: 26-31, Psalm 21 and Gospel John 15: 1-8</p> <p>Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.</p>	
<p>Prayer and Reflection Starting this week Thursday 29th April 8.00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year of Saint Joseph – 2020-2021</u></p> <p>Last week we made available the prayer card, if you didn't take one, there are still some in the porch. I would now like to build on this and I am introducing a 4 week Prayer and Reflection session starting this Thursday 29th April – 8pm.</p> <p>Access as usual via the Zoom address above.</p>	
<p>Divine Mercy 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 Fr Stephen Coonan



Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and gives his life for them in contrast to hired men who neglect the sheep and have no real concern for them and will run away at the first sign of danger. Behind the rich imagery of this passage are the frequent Old Testament uses of the image of the shepherd to describe God's care for the people, important leaders in salvation history, Moses, David, kings, and the longed-for Messiah. Jesus' contrast with the hired men recalls God's attack through the prophets against false shepherds (leaders), who neglect the sheep and exploit them for their own gain. Jesus, God's chosen anointed one will lay down his life for his sheep. Though this looks towards Jesus' passion and death, his statement "I will lay down my life for my sheep," implies that his whole life and teaching is a model for good shepherding. During Eastertide we are reminded of Jesus, who conquered death, who will lead his sheep to paradise and who models pastoral care as knowing and self-emptying service, which extends to sheep who are not of this fold. This is reflected in all the ways we put our lives at the service of others: Parents' care of children and acts of love, kindness and compassion to those who are lonely and in need.

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

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

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- 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>



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.

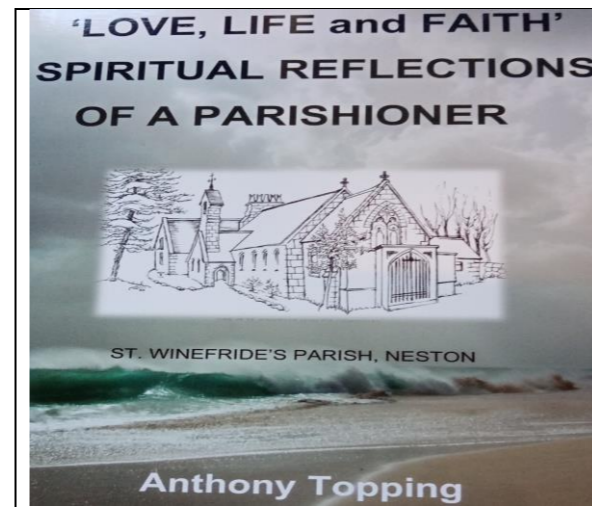
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MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

**Alan Jones, Terry Saunders
Rodger Hemington, Maureen & Ron Jones
Margaret Davies, Kath Key
Alan Gauller, Michael Halley (birthday)
Harold & Marie Thelwell (anniversary)
St Jude, St Ann, St Theresa, St Valentine
Daniel Healey (1st Anniversary, 27th April)
Fr Gerry Courell (Anniversary 19th May RIP)**



“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 is 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 St Winefride's Parish Church or alternatively you can pay by cash.



READERS

The readers rota for May and June has been compiled and details are on the website. If you are unable to make a date, then just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. Thank you.
Jayne – Parish Secretary

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	24th April	25th April	NO MASS
READERS	C Haimes	J Tunstall	
	1st May	2nd May	NO MASS
READERS	K Ankers	R Pisarek	
	8th May	9th May	NO MASS
READERS	Mark Branch	T McGlynn	
	15th May	16th May	NO MASS
READERS	P & A Flanagan	Clark family	



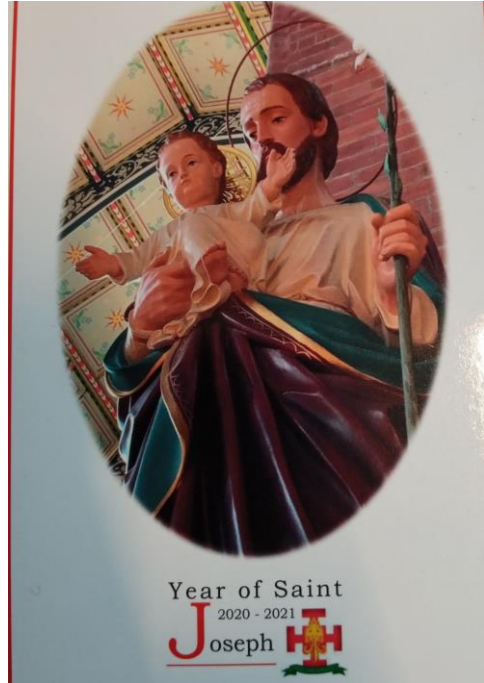
Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am is getting very close to full capacity in respect of Covid restrictions. We would not like to have to turn anyone away and it is fantastic that numbers are continually increasing. However, to avoid not being able to attend the 9.30am on a Sunday, due to church being full, would you sometimes like to come to the Saturday evening Mass. This at present has around 20 spaces under the maximum.

Remember in your prayers.....



Please remember in your prayers the family of Sheila Shields. Sheila's funeral service is this Friday 30th April at 11.00am here at St Winefride's, followed by a cremation at Blacon Crematorium at Noon.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH 2020-2021



To mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter 'Patris Corde' in which he reflects on the life of St Joseph and his intimate role as husband to Mary and earthly father to our Lord Jesus.

The letter has been divided into bite size pieces and over the next 4 weeks you are invited to read, pray and reflect on the life of this wonderful man Joseph and come together **over Zoom at 8pm on a Thursday evening** to share your thoughts. The readings will be available on the website and even if you can't make the meetings, hopefully you will still find them rewarding.'

Foodbank will collections have been revised and will now be every fortnight. The next collection will be next Thursday, 29th April

If you would like to make a donation to the foodbank, please leave any items in the boxes under the table as you come into church. Thank you.

Most needed items are as follows; Instant noodles, instant pasta, sweets, chocolate, cup of soup, instant mash, jams and spreads, (i.e peanut butter and chocolate spread).



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.



“Online giving to the Parish”

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

Currently the average weekly standing payments orders received are £423 and loose plate/offertory envelopes average is £235.

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/StWinefrideNeston2218>

Gift Aid Scheme 2021/22



The **offertory envelopes** for this tax year are still available to collect. If when you come to Mass if you just let a Steward know that you want to collect your envelopes, they will then arrange to get them to you. If you have your number ready, that may speed up matters. Thank You.

Alternatively, I am in the office on a Thursday and Friday, so if you are calling up to the graveyard or passing church and want to collect from the presbytery, then the best time to call would be between 10am and 1pm or ring before to check.

In the next couple of weeks, all uncollected boxes will start to be delivered by a few helpers. Do let me know if you do not want your offertory envelopes for whatever reason.



Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited is a Catholic organisation currently recruiting an Administrator. The Company purchases gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for the majority of Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. The role is working with others in the department processing invoices, collecting data and general administration duties. This is a full-time post: 35 hours Monday to Friday based at the Curial Office, Birkenhead, Wirral. Salary: £16K to 19K dependant on experience. *Closing date 28 May 2021. Please send CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For further details please visit the website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>*



The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we invite you to consider joining with parishes across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities.

Prayers



Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.



The example of Mary's faith was demonstrated in her saying yes to being the Mother of Jesus. We thank you, Lord, for those who continually say yes to supporting the work of Mary's Meals through volunteering throughout the world. We ask that more people may answer the call to demonstrate their faith in action by joining our work to ensure life changing meals for so many children.



At the birth of Jesus, Mary was one of the first to welcome the shepherds, men who were considered the outcasts of society at that time. We ask you Lord to pour out your blessings on those who are outcast in their own societies. We pray especially at this time for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and Myanmar as fighting and unrest force so many to flee their homes.



Mary demonstrated her love for all and shared her faith when she presented Jesus at the temple. This example teaches us the importance of charity and having love for all humankind. We ask your blessing, Lord, on those who demonstrate the same faith and love within the Mary's Meals feeding programmes across the world. May they know the presence of Your love in their lives and continue to reflect that love to all those they meet.



At the wedding feast at Cana, Mary showed the importance of turning to Jesus in times of need, believing in his wisdom and being obedient to his word. In the same way, may we always be open to hearing the Word of God and live out our faith in service to others, in response to what Jesus asks us to do. Bless all those who work in service for the children of Mary's Meals, that they will continually live out their vocation through their little acts of love.



Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary suffered as she watched her only son dying. We bring before the Lord all those who suffer in silence in so many parts of the world. May the witness and work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices wisely to change their communities for the better.

Mary's Meals UK Headquarters: Craig Lodge, Dalmailly, Argyll, Scotland, PA33 1AR | Registered charity: SC022140 | Limited company: SC265941

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



Welcome: Today we are going to hear Jesus tell a story. He calls himself the good shepherd, who cares for his sheep. This story shows us that Jesus knows and cares for all people. Let's think about how we can care for all people too, no matter where they are in the world.

Opening prayer: Loving God, you know us and care for us. Help us to remember that all people are loved by you no matter who they are, and to care for others in the world as you do. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 10:11-18



Find more resources at cafod.org.uk/families

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