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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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25 Nov	SATURDAY	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6.30 pm	Eileen Perryman	
26 Nov	SUNDAY	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE <i>Remembrance Service</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am 2.30 pm	Peter Roberts Michael Halley Time of Reflection	
27 Nov	MONDAY		10.00 am	Ciaran Donnelly	
28 Nov	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mary Henesey	
29 Nov	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Robert Nyland	
30 Nov	THURSDAY	<i>St Andrew, Patron of Scotland</i>	10.00 am	Holy Souls	
1 Dec	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Geoff Ashcroft	
2 Dec	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Glen Shone	
2 Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	1st Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Parish Family	
3 Dec	SUNDAY	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES	8.45 am 10.45 am	Geoff Wylie Hugh Schofield	
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 NOVEMBER <i>New requests will be printed in the newsletter each month (please email them to the newsletter editor or let Fr Paul know).</i>					
	25 November/26 November			2 December/3 December	
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am 10:45am
Readers - Readings	K Powell	AM Millar	I Trotman	M Wilkie	Clark Family T Topping
Readers - Intercessions	A Flanagan	R Pisarek	M Slater	D Davies	T Nolan Joseph Family
EMHC	D Davies C Haines	S ETTY T McGlynn	A Cropper D Barber	K Powell M Branch	K Hughes K Garrod D Pover K Holden
Counters	Brian & Fran			Colette & Justin	
Cleaners	B & V Casey			F Byrne & L Wood	
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!					

ST WINEFRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

All the children of St Winefride's, from reception class to Year 6, took part in a poetry recital in school recently. The event was very well attended by parents, carers, grandparents and friends who enjoyed some fantastic poetry and some amazing performances. Thank you to Mrs Hoskinson for organising the event and to all the staff for their hard work. Well done to the children. Some of the poetry was written by the children themselves including the following poem written by all the children of Year 5.

WHERE GOD IS FOUND

He is in the green leaves at the top of the tallest tree
He is in the breeze that gently kisses my face.
He is the sun, shining with happiness over us all.
In the thick snow, we see a bright glow, with him guiding us.
He is heard in every baby's cry.
He is in my toy box having fun.

He is heard in the laughter of everyone.
He is in my heart, when I am sad.
He is like my Father, when he looks after me.
He is seen beside us, when the road is long.
He is in my heart and yours - giving us life.
He is right here now - in our school and community.

Fr Paul writes...

Communion under both kinds: From next weekend, at both the Saturday Vigil Mass and at the Sunday 10.45am Mass, we will be introducing the availability of receiving Holy Communion on both forms of Bread and Wine. There will be two areas in the church where you will be able to receive both forms of the Sacrament: firstly at the front of the church (as normal) and secondly in the church extension by the porch doors. Our parish stewards will be on hand to assist in directing you. For those of you who receive Communion in your seats, please remain there and we will come to you as normal.

I will have to move some benches to make room for us to reverently receive the Eucharist and I am prepared for the inevitable 'hick-ups' over the next Sundays, so I do ask for your patience. I am always open and ready to hear your suggestions to improve our reception of the Eucharist.

Advent: Next weekend we begin the Season of Advent. Before our weekend Masses the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm on Saturday, from 8:00 – 8:35am and 10:00 – 10:20 am on Sundays. I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during these times.

Maintenance: Over the recent months, I have added more lights outside the church, presbytery and carpark. I have also started renewing some of the lights in the church. Speaking of lights - I'm most grateful to the band of gentlemen who have put up the festive lights around our buildings.

Parish Hall: There appears to be some concern about the cleanliness of our Parish Hall. After being here for several months the volunteers looking after the parish hall wished to hand over this responsibility and we thanked them for their service. A request was made in the newsletter for parishioners to take this on, but as no offers were forthcoming, I decided to do the job myself (!) Seven months later I employed a cleaner who now comes every fortnight. One of the problems regarding the use of the hall has been that each group has had their own 'sacred space.' Thus, I took on the responsibility of providing, tea, coffee, biscuits, juice and sugar for shared use for all the parish community. Our hall is used about 15 hours a week and each group is asked to leave the hall in good order. However, on Friday, next week, I will start to check the hall and if there are any 'goods' left, these will be collected and taken for recycling as appropriate.

As a number of you will know, I always see positive criticism as a blessing. I encourage it, as it is a positive way of all of us moving forward together along a shared path. But please do be mindful of the damage that ill-informed 'gossip' can do: to paraphrase JFK: 'Do not ask what the Church can do for you. Ask rather what you can do for your Church!'

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembrance Service: As we continue to pray for all those who have gone before us during November, we will have time of reflection and prayer, as last year, on Sunday 26th November at 2.30pm. You are all most welcome.

Parish Christmas Meal: at Kri Kri on Thursday 7 December at 7pm. All menus and payments must to Tony Wright either via the Presbytery or 38 Coniston Road, Little Neston. Contact: socials@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or call 07889063579 as soon as possible!

Music this Christmas: We are looking for volunteers to play simple carols (keyboard or guitar) at the 11:30pm Mass on 24 December or would anyone be prepared to start the singing? Contact Louise on 336 1096 or louise@wilkinsontowers.com

EMHC/Readers: There will be a meeting for 7 pm on Thurs 30 November to prepare for the introduction Holy Communion under both kinds at all Sunday masses and to prepare for Advent and Christmas. A new rota for Dec - Mar is available online and in the sacristy.

SPUC: Christmas cards are available in our Church Hall after all Mass, lovely cards and all with the traditional Christmas Message. Please pop in and buy a pack of cards and support our Pro Life Work.

SVP Tuesday Morning Teas: We are looking forward to starting the Parish weekly Tea and Biscuits social get together in the Church Hall starting on Tuesday 28th November at 10:30 (after morning Mass). If you can help make tea and coffee or provide a lift, please contact one of the SVP team (Mark Branch 0151 336 4287). We look forward to seeing many of you for a chat and a drink.

Lift Required: Could anyone give two parishioners in Little Neston a lift to 10:45am Mass on Sundays? If you can help, please contact Deacon Mike or Fr Paul.

Christmas Fair

St Winefride's Primary School

Friday 1 December 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Come and enjoy some festive cheer in the school hall. Santa will be visiting, Raffle Prizes, Handmade Crafts, Children's Games, Refreshments and much more...

ALL ARE WELCOME!