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2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 28th February 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **		
27 Feb	Saturday 6 pm	Pat Hemmington
28 Feb	Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Patricia Brown
1 Mar	Monday	
2 Mar	Tuesday	
3 Mar	Wednesday	
4 Mar	Thursday	
5 Mar	Friday	Womens world Day of Prayer
6 Mar	Saturday 6 pm	Monica and Frank McVey
7 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Barbara Evans

Currently there are only two Masses being celebrated. Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am

Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass. Mass will also be available to live stream.

A big warm welcome once again to Fr Kevin

Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

Dorothy Barber

Frances Wright

Pat Cummins

Pat Matthews

Tony McDevitt

Dorothy Robinson

John Swann

Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle

Patricia Davies

Rosemary Southwell

Sarah Alouane

Brian Byrne

Ted Henesy

Sheila Burrell

Pat Hemmington

Joyce & Maurice McAsey

Judy Howard

Maureen Grace

Maureen Adams

Betty Davies

Barbara Evans

Eva Bennion



Please can I also ask you to remember Fr Paul in your prayers. We hope he will be back at St Winefride's very soon.

Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing from the prayer list or you have a Mass intention.

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

Daily Rosary at 9.00 am apart from Sunday	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	
Stations of the Cross Thursday 8pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY THURSDAY AT 8PM THROUGH LENT AND HOLY WEEK, This will be available at the same Zoom address PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.	
Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 3rd March at 4.30pm. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 7th March 2021. First reading Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 18 and Gospel John 2: 13-25. It will be the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.	
Divine Mercy Friday 3 pm	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.	
Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am	Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.	

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Jim Kay



Our first reading from Genesis this weekend is the call by God for Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Although this scene is almost 2000 years before Christ was born, as hard as we might try, it is difficult to imagine the sheer faith and trust in God's will that Abraham possessed in order for him to lead his only, beloved son to a lonely mountain in order to sacrifice him. In the end, having seen how faithful Abraham was, God saves Isaac and rewards Abraham with a promise that his descendants will be more numerous than the grains of sand on the seashore. Thus, Abraham is the father of the Jewish nation and through them is our father too and he is also held as father to Moslems. That mountain in Moriah is the same mountain that centuries later Jerusalem would be built on. The near sacrifice of a beloved son on that mountain by Abraham would be repeated when Jesus, the beloved Son of God would be sacrificed for real by being nailed to the wood of the Cross at the very same place.

Jesus knew he was going to suffer, be put to death and after three days, rise again. He had told his disciples this in the week before his Transfiguration as Jesus began preparing them for what was to come. The first prophecy of his passion would still be sinking in but now Jesus leads Peter, James and John to a lonely mountain and in front of them he is transfigured and they are given just a glimpse of his heavenly glory. They see Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. Elijah representing the prophets that all pointed towards Jesus and Moses representing the Law that Jesus was to fulfil and replace with a new covenant, sealed with his blood.

These are wonderful, powerful readings for this second Sunday of Lent and just as Peter, James and John had to spend time reflecting and discussing amongst themselves what they had seen and what this 'rising from the dead' could mean, let us too make time to pray, reflect and discuss scripture as we continue our own journey towards Calvary.

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](http://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>



CAFOD Walk for water – Last week you will have read about 3 parishioners from St Winefride's walking for water during Lent. They have asked to say ***"A big thank you to family and friends who have donated so generously to Walk for Water - it's been a great incentive to go out for a walk in the sometimes wet and windy weather of February!"*** If you would like to make a donation details you can still do so, follow the link below.

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/winnies-wander-women>

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February this year during lent

I have already received in the office a couple of cheques for Cafod. If you raised any money for the CAFOD Family Fast Day and would like to send a donation to Cafod, you can forward any cheques to the parish office. Please make them payable to Cafod. I will then forward the cheques to Cafod in a couple of weeks time.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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.



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.

www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk



A BIG THANK YOU to Fr Kevin for coming to St Winefride's and celebrating Mass with us.

We appreciate his ministry so much after two months of a church closure. From us all at St Winefride's and in particular a "very grateful parishioner"!

Congratulations to Patrick (Pat) and Angela Klabou who celebrate 50 years of marriage this Saturday, 27th February. Pat is a regular attendee at Saturday evening Mass and a big volunteer here at church.



MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

**Doris Gillies, Sheila Trimmer, Dot and Jess Jones
Fr Chris, Diana Phillips, Ruth Doyle
Bridget, Ernan, Michael, Bill
Geoff and Grandad Bertie**

**Moira Griffiths-Parr, The Radburn family in Tasmania
Late Grandfather Thomas Welham
Carol Saunders, Fr Gerry Courell,**

Dr Mike Azurdia and his wife Gill Azurdia, Frank Powell, Alan Jones

**I will continue to list the intentions here until at such time there is a Mass available.
Apologise the list was missed off last week's newsletter.**

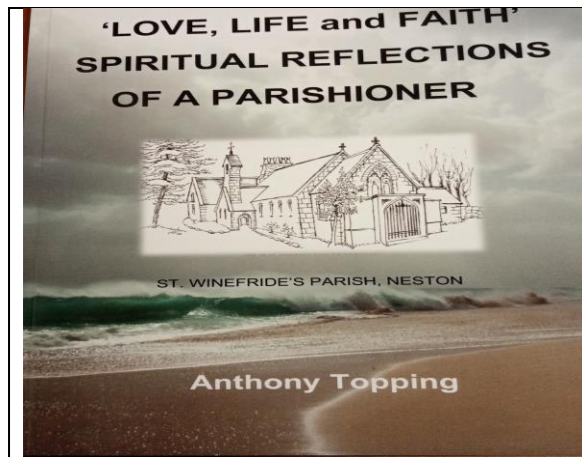
Prayerful Song



A few members of St Win's Choir have come together 'virtually' to record some of your favourite hymns. Please join them as part of your prayerful meditation. Listen, enjoy and sing along. Imagine yourself back in St Win's singing with the choir. We may be apart but this is a way we can be together to lift our voices to praise the Lord. Just click on the link below.



singalongs.podbean.com



"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 are 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 Winefride's Parish Church or you can pay by cash.



READERS

With church now open, I have put together a new readers rota for the next few weeks. If you are not on the list but are free to read at either Sat 6pm or Sun 9.30am then please just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. Thanks Jayne

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	27 February	28th February	NO MASS
READERS	F Byrne	AM Millar	
	6 March	7 March	NO MASS
READERS	K Ankers	Joseph family	
	13 March	14 March	NO MASS
READERS	P Flannagan	J Tunstall	

I will e-mail the list out which includes a few more weeks. Any problems, then do let me know.

ST JOSEPH - Below is another prayer to St Joseph found by a parishioner in the Shrewsbury Diocesan Year Book.

**The Heavenly Father chose you St Joseph,
to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God,
and to watch over His only begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus
Christ.**

**In times of trial and in times of joy pray for us
so that we too can recognise the loving plan of our eternal
Father,
who always works for the good of those who love Him.**

**Teach us Guardian of the Holy Family to be attentive to the
promptings of the Holy Spirit,
and to draw close to our dear Lord in all the circumstances of
our life.**

and especially in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

**When we die pray for us that we may happily join you,
the just and faithful servant, to praise God in the company of
Our Lady and all the faithful departed.**

**We make our prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen**



Prayer Resource for February: month of the Holy Family

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Family:
Dear Lord, Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he need to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more

like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

A Short Daily Prayer:
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we entrust to you our parents, siblings and grandparents, so that after our earthly life, we may all find eternal joy in heaven. Amen.

Pope Francis – Prayer to the Holy Family (Angelus 29 December 2013):
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

'And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.' Luke 2:7



more prayer resources are available here:
www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SECOND ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS DAY:

"The Wilderness – A survival guide" Prayer and reflection alongside activities, games and lots of fun run by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team.



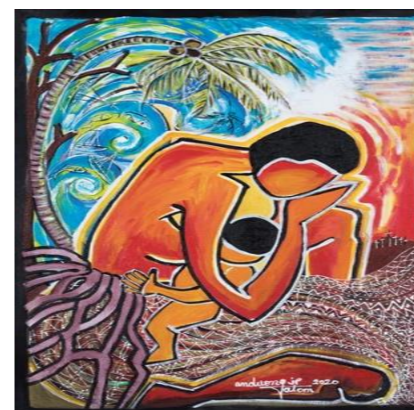
Where: Zoom

When: Saturday 27th March 2021 10am - 2.30pm

Who: Any young person 10 to 18 who serves in the parish (or at least did before last March)

How: interested – please send an email to youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org and they will send you all the information you need.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



This year, the service has been compiled by the Christian women from Vanuatu. Beautiful Vanuatu is an archipelago 2,000 miles east of Australia in the South Pacific. To us, and the tourists who visit, it looks like paradise, but their islands are threatened by climate change; they have at least 4 episodes of severe flooding each year, as well as more extreme weather events year on year.

In 2020 and now in 2021, there have been no tourists - and although Vanuatu has no Covid cases, their economy, based on the tourist industry has dried up completely.

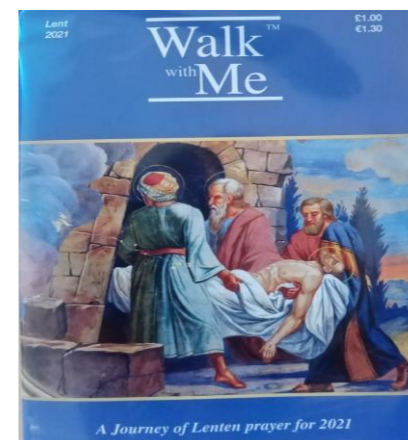
Our local Committee will be recording the service as we are not able to hold a 'live' event this year. It will be just as interesting and colourful as the usual service, and will be streamed on YouTube from **St. Mary & St. Helen, Neston**

on Friday, 5th March from 9am onwards.

Go to Google www.nestonparishchurch.org and follow the links.

The Committee will be distributing the Service Booklets to our supporters during the next couple of weeks so you can be part of the World Day of Prayer at home or online. If you don't receive one by 1st March, but would like one, please contact your church rep. or Lynne on 336-8920, or Viv on 327-6053.

The representative for our church is Peggy Challis. Her contact details are 336 1504 or mobile 07884381936.



A Journey of Lenten prayer for 2021

The Walk with Me booklets have arrived at last. Copies of the booklets are in the porch and are priced at £1.00 each. If you would like to take one, please do and then just put the money in the red brick box. If you try and bring the correct change. Thank you.



The children of **St Winefride's** have been accessing their learning via a platform called Google Classroom. They attend daily live lessons where they have opportunity to see their class teacher and friends whilst continuing their learning, albeit in a different way. The children (and parents) have quickly adapted to learning online and Mrs Ormes and the teachers are incredibly proud of the children and their families and all that they are achieving. It has been a difficult time for everyone, but it is of paramount importance to remain connected, which the children and staff at school have successfully achieved. The school has remained open for children eligible to have a place in school. Teaching assistant staff have worked hard to support the children in school and have been supported by sports' coaches Mr Mills and staff from Premier Sports.

Every week, the children have engaged in 'whole school' activities such as celebrating in collective worship led by Mrs Ormes; taking part in a weekly well-being singing workshop; visiting Chester Zoo virtually and engaging in creative activities for 'Screen Free Fun Friday.' The children have had fun getting creative in the kitchen; celebrating Chinese New Year; entering a spirited arts competition and creating a vision of their own world for Fairtrade Fortnight. The children celebrated the life of Sir Captain Tom by writing letters to his family and producing poems and artwork about this courageous and compassionate hero. This influenced 'The Power of the Heart' where each child created their own rainbow heart to place in their window at home to show gratitude for all of the 'big hearts' who look after them and keep them safe. A beautiful display of hearts has been scattered outside the school to remind us of all of the people in our lives who have 'hearts of gold.'

During this season of Lent, the children are gathering for daily worship where they share the daily Gospel and pray and sing together.

There certainly have been lots of challenges throughout the pandemic but many of these challenges have become positives that we can benefit from as we move towards the light.

Mrs Ormes and all the staff at school are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 8th March.



DELIVER US FROM EVIL

If you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either. (Matt 6:15)

Among the literature I have chosen to accompany me through Lent is a CTS booklet by Carl E. Olsen about praying the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer. It led me to think about the end times. I remember in my youth seeing a man who used to walk up and down Grange Road, Birkenhead carrying a sign saying "THE END IS NIGH". We are living in the end times which began when the Son of God became man and will only end when he comes again; the second coming. Only God knows when that will be so I do not worry and confidently leave it in his hands, He is in control. However, I do think about my own end. I am at an age when the time I have left on this earth is only a fraction of the time I have already lived. For my age, I think I am reasonably fit and healthy and I may have another ten or twenty years, but only God knows. I have no reason to expect it but I am also aware that my time here on Earth, could be much shorter than that, so what do I do? What does God want me to do? I'm sure he does not want me to just sit and wait for him. "May thy will be done". There is a reason for me to be here.

I do not take for granted the fact that throughout my life God has always provided for my every need. and will continue to give me the courage and the strength to face whatever he puts before me and he will forgive me my failings if I am truly sorry. The booklet I am reading, explains the difference between a contract and a covenant. A contract is a legally binding agreement or a bargain which has been negotiated, sometimes even between total strangers. I'll do this for you if you do this for me. A covenant on the other hand, is "a sacred and intimate union in which those involved give themselves completely to one another; body, soul, heart and mind".

With this in mind, I have to ask myself, why do I do the things I do? Why do I say my prayers and go to mass on Sunday? Why do I try to treat others as I would want them to treat me? Is it out of obligation or do I want to impress others? Am I afraid that if I don't, I might be punished and I may end up in purgatory or, God forbid, in Hell? Or is it because I love God and want to do his will? I pray that it is the latter but I am Human and a sinner and, of course, the devil often causes me to doubt. In my previous reflection, I spoke about perfect contrition and admitted how difficult it is to attain. "To err is human, to forgive, divine". (Mgr Ronald Knox) Perhaps that is what God wants of me, to continue to strive to achieve that perfect condition through prayer and meditation. To do so, I must constantly keep in mind all he has given to me and all that his son, Jesus, freely, willingly and lovingly, did for me. I pray that God will not put me to the test but deliver me from all evil.

*My God, I love thee-though there were
No heaven for me to win,
No hell to punish those who dare,
Against thy love to sin.*

*Upon the cross, Thy wide embrace
Made me, dear Lord, thy own;
The nails, the spear, the long disgrace
For me should all atone.*

Reflection by Tony Topping

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



Today we hear a voice from the clouds saying “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.” How do we listen to Jesus in our lives? And how do we respond to what we hear about Jesus? Let’s think a bit more about that today.

Opening prayer: God of mercy, you ask us to listen to your Son, Jesus. Open our ears to hear your Word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and so change the lives of others. Amen.

*Second Sunday of Lent
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10*



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Find Lent activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families