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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st January 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **			
	Saturday 6pm		
J	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 31 ST JANUARY DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE	CHURCH
	Sunday 11 am		
A	Monday 10.00 am		CLOSED
N	Tuesday		UNTIL
U	Wednesday		FURTHER
A	Thursday		NOTICE
R	Friday 10.00 am		DUE
Y	Saturday 6pm		TO
2021	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 7 th FEBRUARY 2020	ILLNESS
	Sunday 11 am		

Parishioners who need our Prayers

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

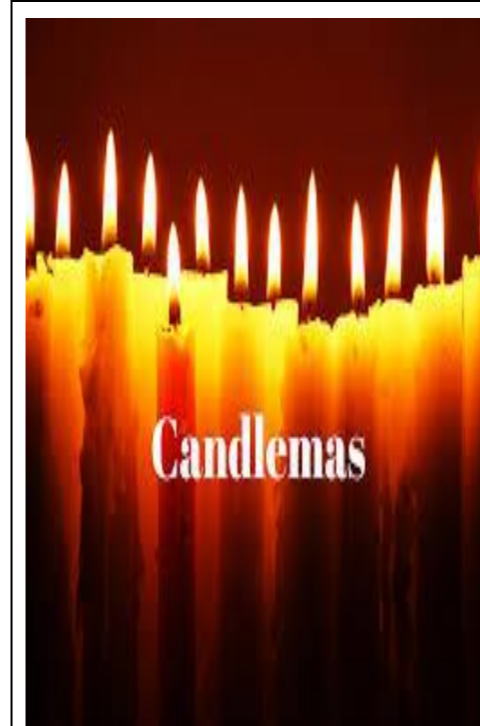
Dorothy Barber	Patricia Davies
Frances Wright	Rosemary Southwell
Pat Cummins	Sarah Alouane
Pat Matthews	Brian Byrne
Tony McDevitt	Ted Henesy
Dorothy Robinson	Sheila Burrell
Judy Howard	John Swann
Maureen Grace	Joyce & Maurice McAsey
Maureen Adams	Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle
Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Richard Furlong	Betty Davis
Alan Jones	



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 https://zoom.us/j/252387114 or click the link below; password: AveMaria	
Come Sing and Pray Thursday 8pm	'Come Sing and Pray' evening. This will be available at the same Zoom address and will be an opportunity on these darker nights to sing along a few hymns, join in prayer and reflection and enjoy the company of fellow Christians.	
Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 3rd February at 4.30pm . We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 7th February 2021 . First reading Job 7: 1-4 6-7; Psalm 146 and gospel Mark 1: 29-39 It will be the 5th Sunday in ordinary time. 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.	



Fr Paul writes We shall be celebrating the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February and this marks the last day of Christmas. It's also called Candlemas and I shall celebrate Mass for all our Parish family. Let's look forward to brighter days ahead and thank God for the skill of those who are working on vaccines to combat COVID 19. God bless them.

Some of you already know that I have had COVID 19. My doctor tells me that I have developed 'long COVID' which means that I continue to have symptoms without the actual virus. Bishop Mark has encouraged me to take some time away from the Parish in order to recover. I hope and pray that I shall return to full health as soon as possible. Bishop Mark has closed the Parish until then. While I am unavailable you can contact our Deacons or Jayne our parish secretary. You will find their numbers on first page of our Newsletter.

I assure you that I shall be keeping you in my prayers daily and hope that you will remember me in your prayers. God bless you and your families.

Fr Paul

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

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

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

RACIAL JUSTICE – SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

The following information has been taken from the following website at: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic.Bishops.Conference.of.England.and.Wales.cbcew.org.uk)

Sunday, 31 January 2021

This year's Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in [Fratelli Tutti](http://Fratelli.Tutti) speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

Theme

The theme is '**A Time to Act**'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice but what can we do? Read a [reflection on the theme](#). Parishes might consider using elements of this reflection for homilies and further discussion.

Resources

As well as a thought-provoking [reflection on the theme](#), we have a [message from Bishop Paul McAleenan](#), the Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, and a series of poignant videos. We also have a prayer to bring this important work to the Lord.

Zimbabwean Catholic Youth

We have a video reflection produced by a diverse group of young adults from across England and Wales who belong to the Zimbabwean Catholic Community. They are either in full-time education or work in leading professions. [Watch the short film](#).

More information available at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>

Next Newsletter compiled by parish office **Newsletter:** newsletter@stwinefridesneston.org.uk E-mail items for inclusion to the editor (newsletter email) by **WEDNESDAY 7PM.** **Website:** webmanager@stwinefridesneston.org.uk Shrewsbury Diocese is a registered charity 234025
Contact Details for Chaplains: Countess of Chester – 01244 365000 Ext 4543 Arrowe Park/Clatterbridge – 0151 678 5111 Ext 2275 Before 5pm After 5pm Urgent Calls Only.

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off. We remind you that the use of cameras, video or sound recording equipment is strictly prohibited in Church during the liturgy.



Prayer Resource for January: month of the Holy Name

'At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' Philippians 2:10-11

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Alphonsus:

O my Jesus, thou art the Saviour who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have fallen into so many sins, because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defence, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips. Amen

A Short Litany:

Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the living God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Splendour of the Father,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of Glory, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Sun of Justice, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most patient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most obedient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, God of Peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Author of Life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Model of Virtues, have mercy on us.
Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Refuge, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the Poor, have mercy on us.
Jesus, good Shepherd, have mercy on us.
Jesus, true Light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, eternal Wisdom, have mercy on us.
Jesus, infinite Goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Way, our Truth and our Life,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
have mercy on us.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus!
Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.



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



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 in at some point to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

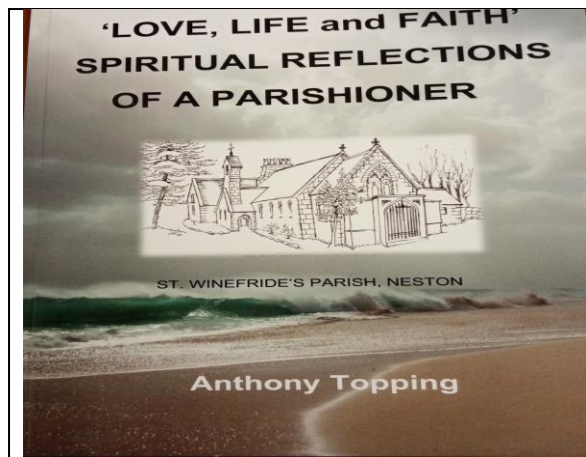
Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

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Mass intentions, which have had to be moved as church is closed are listed below. Once church is open again, I will make sure they are put back in the diary.

**** Thomas Smith, Larry Duggan, Pat Hemington, Patricia Brown, Monica and Frank McVey, Barbara Evans, 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**



“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.

Message from Lucy Walsh from Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality **Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** will be live streamed on;

church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford> from St Vincent de Paul, Knutsford at 9.30am on 11th February 2021
A recording will be available to watch on the church services TV website

We will then be hosting a zoom social gathering that evening at 8pm, if you would like details to join in please email secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

A letter received from Daniel Turner to St Winefride’s RC Church

I am writing today to inform you of a new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) which is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

In response to this, we are asking members of the public to contact their MPs, asking them to sign this motion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP.

I wanted to know whether you would be able to help us get the word out by putting this notice in your church newsletter.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Turner
Right to Life UK

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www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion



“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**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

Standing order – If you would like to start making your weekly or monthly donation to the parish via standing order, then please contact Jayne in the office. She can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete. Alternatively, you can contact Mike Russell at the curial office 0151652 9855 or via e-mail at Mike.Russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Gift aid – Again, if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your contribution, then please let myself or Mike Russell know and we can arrange to do this by completion of a form.

A big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who continue to pay by standing order or those who are posting their offertory envelopes through the door.

Also a thank you also to those parishioners who have been giving via the Giving Page. I have just had confirmation that in December we received £320 and £135 in January via the Giving page.

THANK YOU

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 speak to Fr Paul or Deacon Jim.



Government U-turn on DIY abortion consultation shows “pro-life power”

The Westminster Government has done a U-turn on the way in which the public can make submissions to the DIY abortion consultation. “Thanks to pro-life power, the Government will now accept responses from people who cannot make an online submission,” says SPUC.

When the Department for Health and Social Care announced the consultation on whether DIY home abortion should be made permanent, it would only accept online submissions. The pro-life community in England were outraged that the government was discriminating against those without access to technology.

Many pro-lifers contacted their MP to highlight this shocking discrimination. In the answer to a Parliamentary question, the government has now confirmed that responses can be submitted on paper.

Michael Robinson, SPUC Director of Communications said: “It is deeply concerning that the government deemed it appropriate to silence the voices of many on this important matter solely because they cannot complete a questionnaire online. We welcome the government’s decision to revoke this restriction. This shows the power of the pro-life presence in the UK.”

Make your voice heard

The Government’s consultation will close on February 26th 2021
SPUC’s Mr Robinson added:

“We welcome the opportunity given by this consultation to highlight the particular horrors of the home abortion regime, and to argue that women and babies deserve better.

“We urge all pro-life people in England to make their voices heard and respond to this consultation.”

You can find SPUC’s briefing on how to respond to the consultation [here](#).

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**If you need any more information, please contact Margaret
on 0151 336 2050 (SPUC)**

Reflection by – Tony Topping

SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

*O God, be gracious and bless us
And let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn your saving help. (psalm 66)*

My latest pet hate is when people imply that the universe is a force which controls everything that happens. So often, lately, on television and now in real life, I have heard people say "I think the universe is trying to tell me something". Ancient civilisations believed that the sun, moon and stars had divine powers and worshiped them. To imply that the universe is in control is a denial of God. I am no scientist, but as far as I understand, the universe is made of matter and non-matter. The key word in that sentence is made. It is a created thing that obeys the laws of nature which God created. If I add two and two together, I will always get four, a simple law of mathematics. If I throw a stone up into the air, it will come down again obeying the law of gravity. Night follows day because the earth is a spinning globe and the seasons occur because the earth orbits the Sun. I have been watching and enjoying David Attenborough's series entitled "A perfect world", and have marvelled how God created this planet so that all the creatures on it could survive, but our world is changing due to the mistakes man has made.

When God created man, He gave him intelligence to learn and understand his surroundings. Since he breathed life into the first man, God has been teaching us to discern between right and wrong; between good and bad. God gave man the power to rationalise but, also, he gave man the freedom to choose. A couple of Sundays ago, at mass, in the first reading we heard how Samuel, three times, heard a voice calling him. Each time he reported to Eli who told Samuel to go back and lie down as he had not called him. However, the third time Eli told Samuel if he heard someone calling to say "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". In the gospel, John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God". Andrew then tells his brother, Peter, "We have found the messiah!" Many times, during his ministry, Jesus tells us to listen, to read the signs of the times. I think God is calling us and talking to us all the time. We must learn to listen and to read and understand the signs of our times. We are living through a crucial time. Not only are we fighting a virus which has already killed millions and seems to be getting more deadly but the world as we know it is changing. Our planet is on the brink of disaster. Our climate is changing so fast our wild life is struggling; species are in danger of becoming extinct. People are losing their homes and their ways of life and dying due to extreme weather, floods, fire and drought; The ice at the poles are melting and the seas are rising.

When Jonah warned the people of Nineveh that their city was on the brink of disaster, they listened and changed their ways. They turned to God, repented and begged forgiveness and God relented. Their city was not destroyed. We too, must change our ways and turn back to God, begging his forgiveness for the mistakes we have made. God is in control, he loves us, he can save us. He doesn't want us to suffer, but we must play our part. We must learn to put God first in all we do, thank him for all his gifts, to listen and to pray to him more earnestly. We must spread his good news of salvation in whatever way we are able.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you. (psalm 66)*

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord God, rule over our hearts and bodies this day. Sanctify us, and guide our every thought word and deed according to the commandments of your law, so that now and for ever your grace may free and save us. (Morning prayer)

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



Today we hear about how Jesus was a great teacher. Let's think about how important it is for everyone to get a chance to go to school and learn.

Christ Jesus, teach us how to be kind and generous, sharing what we have with our friends, family and people all over the world. May we always listen to your word. Amen.

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28*

