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Pentecost Sunday

31st May 2020

Fr Paul is saying Mass behind closed doors and will continue to do so whilst the church is closed. Masses this coming week, are listed below.

Mass Intentions from this Saturday are as follows:

Saturday 30th May	Dr Marioth	Sunday 31st May	All hospital patients
Monday 1st June	All teaching staff	Tuesday 2nd	Anthony Daintree
Thursday 4th	Sheila Trimmer	Friday 5th	Anthony Hewitt
Saturday 6th June	Parish family	Sunday 7th June	Joe Thompson

Please do let us know if you would like a Mass said for someone by e-mailing the parish office.

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	Dot Davies
John Barber	Ted Henesy
Dorothy Robinson	Sheila Burrell



Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing.

Daily Rosary continues at 10.30am (apart from Sunday) with St Winefride's parish

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; 'If you prefer to join in over the telephone, please ring Deacon Jim just before 10.30am.

<https://zoom.us/j/252387114> password: AveMaria

QUIZ - At the above same Zoom address on **Wednesday 3rd June at 3pm** please join in a light hearted quiz and discussion. This week's bible reading is the Book of Revelation Ch 1-11 inclusive.

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.

Fr Paul writers....

Another week passes by. The government have begun to allow small groups of friends to meet up but not to be in each other's houses. Hopefully all will go well and in time will you be able to come to our church for silent prayer. The celebration of Mass, I hope that soon we will be able to gather once more in celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord and to receive him in the Eucharist.

As soon as we are given the lights to move forward by the government and the bishops of England and Wales. I will pass the information onto our website to keep you abreast of these changes. Please do keep in your prayers Sheila Trimmer from Avon Close who died on Thursday, may her family be consoled by your prayers. Please also pray for all the senior members of our parish who are still 'locked down' at home.

You will find below a letter from the bishops of England and Wales with the issues of opening the church. As a number of you will know I do you celebrate Mass every day during this lockdown for all the parishes intentions but especially those who have requested a message to be said for them or their family or friends. Once more be assured of my prayers and remembrance in Mass.

Please keep Bishop Mark in your prayers. Along with his brother bishops of England and Wales.

PREPARING TO EMERGE FROM LOCKDOWN

As we await an announcement regarding the re-opening of churches for private prayer, we have been asked by the Bishop's Conference to begin considering who in each of our parishes might be nominated to serve as a "COVID-19 Safety Lead" to help assist with the implementation of safety policies as our churches re-open.

I would be grateful if you begin giving thought as to who might be able to undertake this task at parish level. I would also be grateful if you could begin to give some consideration to those parishioners who might be approached and subsequently trained in public health requirements to serve as stewards facilitating this long-anticipated reopening. It will be important to be conscious that parishioners who fall into a "risk category" could not be invited to volunteer for these roles. The risk categories include those aged 70+, pregnant women, and anyone with underlying health conditions. As part of this process, risk assessments will need to be drawn up and appropriate PPE purchased along with cleaning materials. The Diocesan Health and Safety Officer, Julie Tinsley, will return to work next week to begin drawing up guidance and advice which will be issued in due course.

At diocesan level, we have been able to secure some limited supplies of PPE (face masks, gloves, disposable aprons and hand sanitiser along with barrier tape and floor marking tape) which we will be seeking to increase in the coming weeks working with "churchmarketplace". However, this will be a good time to consider ways of securing more readily available supplies of domestic cleaning materials such as household disinfectant; disposable cloths, disposable or kitchen "rubber" gloves and disposable aprons. Hand sanitiser will also be needed which should be at least 65% alcohol in order to be effective.

You can access what the pope has to say each day be heading to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- Fr Denis McBride: rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online
- Bishop Robert Baron: wordonfire.org/daily-mass/
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
(This is a fantastic resource for children.)

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A message from the office:

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News - Visit the parish website www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email. To join send an email to the office at parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk



News items: Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share, here in the Parish Newsletter? Are you celebrating a special birthday, anniversary? Birth of a child/grandchild? Do let us know and spread the happiness! Send your good news story and a photo (only if you want) to the parish office e-mail above.

Update - Rosemary Southwell, who is a member of the CWL. We now have details of the nursing home in Prenton where she is currently staying. Her family and close friends tell me that she is continually improving but missing all her friends here at St Winefride's. If you would like to contact Rosemary by letter or send a card then contact the parish office for details. Thank you.

I was hoping for a few news stories from parishioners this week, but I think everyone is outside enjoying this lovely weather instead of being at a computer or on their phone!! We are very lucky to have such great weather, makes queuing for food shopping even quite enjoyable. Standing outside with the sun on your face possible, making conversation with the person in front but still keeping safe.

CHURCH OFFERTORY GIVING

Some parishioners who use Offertory envelopes have asked how they can contribute at this time.

* Your donation can be put into your envelopes as usual and then put into the collection once Masses recommence. You can just use one envelope to do this if you prefer.

* Alternatively, you could set up a Standing Order. Please contact the Parish Office for details of how to do this. The office can either send a form out or give details of the parish bank if you use online banking. parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

* An online donation page has also been set up by the Diocese to simplify the process of giving online. The webpage allows you to make a one-off donation or a regular monthly payment. You can access this by following the details on the next page. There is a minimum donation of **£5.00**.



FOODBANK

In this time of lock-down and social distancing please do not go out especially in order to obtain food donations for us. Text and on-line financial donations are just as welcome.

If you are shopping and would like to donate food items we are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash, Cup-a-soup, bottles of cordial / squash.

We try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on our website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. Donations can be left in Sainsbury's Neston.

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood>

SOME USEFUL LOCAL CONTACTS ARE BELOW

* **NHS Volunteer Responders Portal.** This site will provide you with further information if you are self-isolating and need support. You can find out how you can access support and things to consider if you are going to receive support. <https://royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/nhs-volunteer-responders-portal/isolating-volunteering>.

* **NHS Mental Health Crisis Line 0300 303 3972.** It covers Wirral, Chester West, Chester East and is staffed 24/7.

* **Kooth** is aimed at young people (aged 11-25) offering free, safe and anonymous support through booked, online counselling sessions. www.kooth.com

Also **Neston Town Council in conjunction with the Community Centre** are helping people who can't get out and **need food or prescriptions collecting**. Contact on 0151 336 7805 or www.nestoncyc.uk

NEW “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**.



Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

Things to note:

- * You will need to use a password each time they donate – this is created the first time that they make a donation.
- * All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from **InvestMyCommunity**.
- * Please also be aware that donations appear on the bank/credit card statements of the donor with the narrative “Invest My School”.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mike Jevons – mike_jevons@hotmail.com

Thank you for your continued support

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

Reflection by Tony Topping

RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH

Come o Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth

As I sit each day and watch the press conference from Downing St., I get the feeling that many feel the same frustration that I feel. Day after day, ministers repeat the same warnings, stay at home, stay alert, help the NHS, save lives. When will we be able to go out? When can we go back to work? When will we see our families again? When will life get back to some kind of normality? The impatience shows when the Question is asked, why did this happen? Could it have been prevented? Was the government prepared for it? Did they act as quickly as they should have? Did world governments co-operate with each other? How are we going to make sure that it won't happen again? We are all sitting at home watching and waiting and worrying.

When Adam tasted the forbidden fruit, God promised to send a Christ, a redeemer. From then, the history of the chosen people in the Old Testament was a time of waiting for the one who would save the people of Israel. Jesus was the Christ who would save the world, but he was rejected and put to death. So, began, for the disciples, another time of watching and waiting and worrying. Jesus had promised to send an advocate to guide them. I can imagine how, like us now in lockdown, Mary and the disciples must have felt, gathered together in that upper room, frightened and frustrated, waiting and Questioning. They, too, were asking why did it happen. Why did God let it happen? Could they themselves have done anything to prevent it happening? But they also had faith and hope for Jesus had promised to send his Holy Spirit. We, too, can believe and hope, For Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is with us still. After He had descended on the apostles, they had faith, love and courage to go out and spread the good news throughout the world.

Our world today is in crisis and I am not talking of just the virus for I think that is the result of all the serious issues we have not found solutions to. Scientists tell us that global warming is coming to a point of no return. Every day, species are becoming extinct. During world lockdowns, carbon emissions have reduced dramatically but as restrictions begin to be relaxed, they will rise again. Throughout the world, people are dying from a lack of food and water and from disease. Even in our own country, people are living on the streets without homes, jobs or food, yet, during the crisis shelter and food have been found for them. We must find a way to convince world leaders that these are the problems that need to be solved. Like the apostles, we are being asked to spread the word of God. If we have faith, The Holy Spirit is there to help us.

Excerpts from the Morning Prayer of the Church: -

Make us generous, warm hearted and unselfish; - Help us always to think of the needs of others. Lord, may your spirit come to our aid.

The apostles waited and prayed for the coming of the spirit. Gathered together in their company, we pray for his coming tonight and joyfully proclaim the goodness of God- Father, send us your Spirit.

On the day of Pentecost, the church is filled with joy. Strengthened with measureless hope, we pray to Christ, who is calling the church together in the Holy Spirit; - Lord, renew the face of the earth.

Holy Apostles and Martyrs in Wallasey

I have received a message with a link to **Holy Apostles and Martyrs in Wallasey** on their celebration of Laudato Si. I thought you might like to see the video of what their parish has put together to celebrate the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si.

More than 70 parishioners contributed poems, photos, artefacts, poems etc to show God's creation. They say "it isn't a super-slick production" and they adhered to social distancing throughout but it shows what can be done under lockdown.

The video went live a week ago and is available on their parish website holypostlesandmartyrs.org please pass on to whoever you think might enjoy it. Do take a look.

Activities for the children - Lynne Vaughan who runs the Sunday school at St Michael's church has put together various activities for the children to get involved in each week. If you would like a copy of the materials or know a family who would like to receive them, then please get in contact with the office via e-mail and the information can be sent over.

There is something for the children on the next page as well.

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

Pentecost

Find the hidden words

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Acts 2:3

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