



## St Winefride's RC Church

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ORDINARY TIME XII

25 June 2017

24 June	SATURDAY	<b>THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6.30 pm	Parish Family
25 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Carol Cropper and Family
26 June	MONDAY		10.45 am	Hugh McNulty
27 June	TUESDAY	<i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	10.00 am	Anthony Ellis
28 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Irenaeus</i> <i>Vigil Mass: Ss Peter and Paul</i>	10.00 am 7:00pm	Margaret and Geoff Davies Anastasia Corbett Priest's Intention
29 June	THURSDAY	<i>Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Holy Day)</i>	10.00 am	Agnes Graham
30 June	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word & Eucharist
1 July	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word & Eucharist
1 July	<i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	6.30 pm	Special Intention
2 July	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Parish Family
			10.45 am	Kenneth McMahon

**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 JUNE

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<b>Readers - Intercessions</b>	P Flanagan	M Jevons	T Topping	A Flanagan	Clark Family	M Slater
<b>EMHC</b>	D Davies M Branch	K Hughes R Pisarek	A Cropper D Barber	J Gordon D Davies	S Etty T McGlynn	D Pover K Holden
<b>Counters</b>	Phil and Deacon Mike			Brian and Fran		
<b>Cleaners</b>	L Dolley and P Higgins			L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts		

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Mon:** SVP 7pm in hall; **Thur:** Communion Visits; **Sun:** YSVP 10am in hall; Choir 6-7pm in church.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month:** SPUC 7:30pm in hall; **3<sup>rd</sup> Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall

**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your support!

### Confirmation 2017

Friday 23 June saw 12 people from the Parishes of Our Lady and St John Heswall, Holy Spirit Pensby and St Winefride's confirmed by Bishop Mark.

We wish the participants well in their future roles in the Church and offer our prayers and support as they continue their journey in Faith.

Thank you also to the Catechists, who willingly offered their time and expertise to ensure a successful program of study and reflection for all the Candidates.



### Fr Paul writes:

'Blessed be the God of Israel. He has visited his people and redeemed them.' These are the words of the Father of John the Baptist, whose feast we celebrated on Saturday morning. This birth will herald the coming of the Christ. Over the last few weeks we have been shaken by the events in Manchester and London. Sometimes we can lose heart when we see how one human being can treat another. It is here that the Baptist will point out that 'the one who is to follow will Baptise with the Holy Spirit'. Jesus is to be the personification of the Father's love. A love that will lead to his only Son being crucified and left for dead. **It is in that darkened hour that the Holy Spirit will raise, what has been broken will now become new life in Christ.**

As these darkened events have shown how the human race has the capacity to do good. Both in Manchester and London we have seen the selfless **generosity of a people, many of the poor, giving to their 'brothers and sisters' all that they can give to those in their need. In truth these people, up and down our country. Are seen as the Baptist who proclaims, 'a light that darkness can never overcome'. Let us pray to the Spirit of Light, that those with the responsibilities of government, may seek out the poor, the infirm, those who sleep on our streets and many others who have the need to be listened to. May this governance be seen not seen as power but service of all to all who are in need. May the governance of our Church both local, national and international heed the call of the prophet John.**

Last weekend we celebrated our children who received the Lord Jesus for the first time. **It is always a special day in the life of the parish. The children were wonderful. I'm sure their parents and families are very proud of them. Many thanks to all who helped in their preparation both within our school and the parish family.**

**Please keep in your prayers Agnes Graham who has died, may she rest in peace.**

Let's pray for one another that with the Lord's help we might be a light for good in our world. With a remembrance at Mass for all your family intentions.

Fr Paul

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**School Summer Fair:** Sunday 25 June at St Winefride's school from 12:30pm

**Our Book of Condolence:** for the Manchester Tragedy will be removed from the church at the end of the week. There is still some time for you to sign it. Once Year 6 have added their comments I will send it to the Mayor of Manchester along with the money we have raised.

**MISSIO (red boxes):** Could someone please volunteer to help until our Missio Rep Jayne Peet is able to continue? Please contact Deacon Mike if you can.

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Syria Exhibition:** Organised by the Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) Taking place in the Cathedral from 14 - 16 July 2107. See posters in the porches for details.

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pilgrims for Servant of God Teresa Higginson:** Mass in honour of the Sacred Head and prayers in honour of Teresa Higginson on Friday 30 June at 11am. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information see the church notice board.



**Parish Census: As requested by Bishop Mark:** Many thanks to those who have completed the Parish Census. If you have not yet updated your details, please ask Fr Paul or Deacon Mike for a census card.



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**ORDINARY TIME XI**

**18 June 2017**

17 June	SATURDAY	<b>THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	6.30 pm	Ann Donnelly
18 June	SUNDAY	SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE <i>Collection: Day for Life</i>	8.45 am	Fred Dutton
19 June	MONDAY		10.45 am	Jack Henesy
20 June	TUESDAY	<i>In School</i>	<b>9:10 am</b>	School Intentions
21 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	10.00 am	Maureen Bainbridge
22 June	THURSDAY	<i>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	10.00 am	Grace Stringer
23 June	FRIDAY	<b>THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> (In Church) <i>Mass of Confirmation</i>	10.00 am	Jim Kay
24 June	SATURDAY	<b>THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	7:00 pm	Priest's intention Ken McMahon
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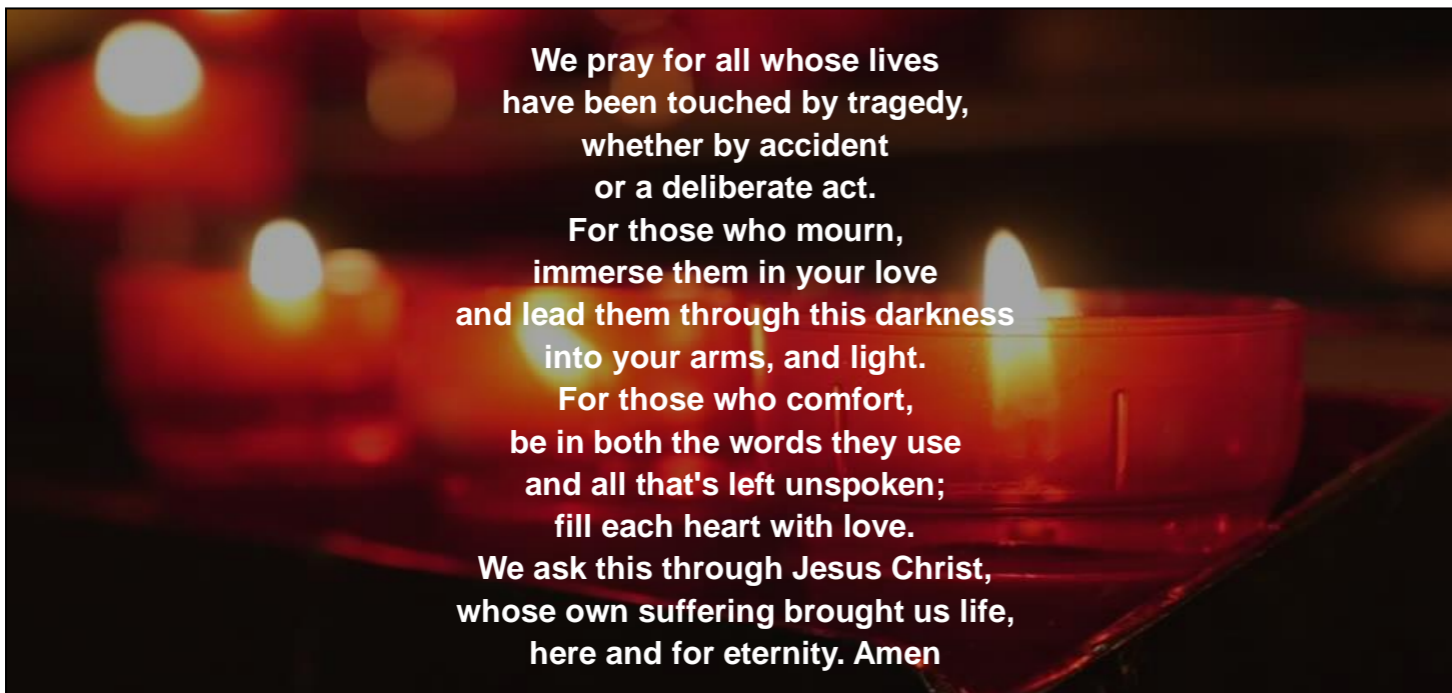
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**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your support!



We pray for all whose lives  
have been touched by tragedy,  
whether by accident  
or a deliberate act.  
For those who mourn,  
immerse them in your love  
and lead them through this darkness  
into your arms, and light.  
For those who comfort,  
be in both the words they use  
and all that's left unspoken;  
fill each heart with love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
whose own suffering brought us life,  
here and for eternity. Amen

**Fr Paul writes:**

This weekend we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Just before Holy Communion I will be asking our Eucharistic Ministers to renew their commitment of service.

Sometimes in life, one sadness can very quickly turn into another: the tragedy and horror of the block of flats in London might well leave us feeling helpless. Yet out of this 'horror' we are soon caught up in the wonderful generosity of the local people in that neighbourhood. Some of the poorest have brought food, water and offers of shelter to those who have lost everything. One lady was asked by a BBC correspondent where did she get all the clothes from? She answered by saying "I simply opened my wardrobe and collected everything that was inside. What I am giving is nothing compared to the loss of loved ones. I can always get more clothes, but you cannot bring back those that have been lost." Her generosity, along with that of so many others, shows the Spirit of the Living God at work even in the darkest of situations. We pray for those who have died, their families and friends. We pray for all those who have lost their homes and ask God's blessing on all the Emergency services.

We had our celebration of First Eucharist this Saturday morning, then, on Monday, in our school, we will have a Mass of celebration to which we are all invited. Please come along if you can. Last Saturday we celebrated the Wedding of Neil Gabriel and Helen Green. May they be blessed throughout their married life. On this Friday, Bishop Mark will be with us, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.00pm. Again, you are most welcome to attend. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

Please note that morning Mass this **Saturday is at 9.15am** as there is a Music Day which starts in the parish Hall at 10.00am. Let us pray for one another throughout this coming week.

*Fr Paul*

**P A R I S H A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

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**Pastoral and Financial Advisory Group:** Our first meeting will take place on **Wed 21 June at 7:30pm** in the presbytery.

**Music:** A reminder that our Music Day will be on Saturday 24 June – please note the change in mass times for that day. If you feel like joining us, it is not too late – call Louise Wilkinson on 366 1096 or see her after 10:45am Mass this weekend.

**Choir Practice:** This Sunday's rehearsal (18 June) at 6pm will be combined with the Confirmation rehearsal

**Day of Life:** As you leave Mass today you will be handed a leaflet from our Bishops. There will also be a retiring collection for the 'day of Life' National Agency.

**D I O C E S A N A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

**Holy Hour of Intercession:** To pray for the future of the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team, students from the Franciscan University, Steubenville who are visiting schools in the Diocese until the end of July, are leading Holy Hours in parishes around the Diocese to pray for

this intention. If you can, please join them: **Wednesday 21 June** at 7pm at the Carmelite Monastery, 12 Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead, CH43 1UA. All welcome!

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**OUR MISSION TOGETHER**  
Fulfilling Our Catholic Commitment

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## ORDINARY TIME X

11 June 2017

10 June	SATURDAY	Most Holy Trinity	6.30 pm	Sheila Talakuda		
11 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Parish Family		
12 June	MONDAY		10.45 am	Philomena Trewick		
13 June	TUESDAY	St Anthony of Padua	10.00 am	Emily Stevenson		
14 June	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Anastasia Corbett		
15 June	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Fr Ted Harrington		
16 June	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Nick Smith		
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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Holy Communion Preparation:** First Holy Communion Mass is on **Saturday 17 June, 10am.**

**Confirmation:** The final preparation session is on 11 June from 6 - 7:30pm at the Scout Hut, Marksway, Pensby. Confirmation rehearsal is on 18 June at St Winefride's at 6pm for all candidates and sponsors. All queries to Barbara Rivers or Karl Ankers at: confirmation@stwinefridesneston.org.uk Bishop Mark will celebrate the Sacrament on **Friday June 23 at 7pm.**

**Pastoral and Financial Advisory Group:** Meeting on **Wed 21 June at 7:30pm** in the presbytery.

**SPUC:** This weekend please will you sign our joint petition with SPUC and LIFE to have Marie Stopes International stripped of their licence to perform abortions. **AGM:** Tue 13 June at 7pm in our church hall followed by a "Stopping Abortion in the UK" meeting at 7:45pm. This is part of SPUC's 50th Anniversary Tour, and the talk will be given by John Smeaton, the National Director of SPUC and also Dr Tom Rogers SPUC's Education Manager. Everyone is invited to attend,

especially our young people, and flyers promoting this event will be given out as you leave Mass this weekend.

**CWL:** Meeting Thur 15 June at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Margaret Fletcher and the talk title is 'From Flower arranging to Vicar'. All welcome!

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pause for Hope:** Service to be held in Caldby Valley Neighbourhood Church, Chester on Sun 11 June at 3pm.

**Holy Hour of Intercession:** To pray for the future of the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team, students from the Franciscan University, Steubenville who are visiting schools in the Diocese until the end of July, are leading Holy Hours in parishes around the Diocese to pray for this intention. If you can, please join them: **Wed 14 June** at 7pm at St Michael and All Angel's, Woodchurch; **Thurs 15 June** at 7pm at Sacred Heart & St Peter, Baguley; **Fri 16 June** at 3pm at the Poor Clare Monastery, Ellesmere; and on **Wed 21 June** at 7pm at the Carmelite Monastery, Birkenhead. All welcome!

**CAFOD:** Wirral Coastal Walk Sun 18 June – see poster.

## Fr Paul writes:

Another week that has just flown by! As we go to print, the votes from the election have not yet been counted. Let our prayer be for our new government, that they will see their time in office not as 'in power' but as 'service'. May they support the many who are poor, the elderly, and those who are facing financial ruin. We ask the intercession and prayer of St Thomas More - the 'heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians'.

**Manchester Tragedy:** Many thanks for your generosity in support of last weekend's voluntary collection. We raised £444.93. I will leave the book of condolence for you to sign at the Lady Chapel until next weekend. Thereafter, I will give an opportunity for the two top classes of our school to add their messages. Following this I will send the condolence book and cheque to the Mayor of Manchester.

**Sacraments:** Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation - please keep all our young people, their families and confirmation sponsors in your prayers. We congratulate **Neil and Helen Gabriel**, who were married here on Saturday afternoon. May the Lord continue to bless them as they start their married life together.

**Prayers Requested:** As some of you know, Fr Chris's lifelong friend, Fr Ted Harrington, has not been too well and has been in hospital in Ireland for some weeks. Fr Chris recently visited him in hospital. Please keep Fr Ted in your prayers. On Wednesday morning at 10am we will celebrate Mass for Fr Ted's intentions.

**Pastoral and Advisory Financial Group:** Over the last few weeks I have invited a number of our parishioners from each of our weekend Masses to form a Pastoral and Advisory Financial Group. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm** in the presbytery.

**Our Mission Together:** This weekend, at the invitation of Bishop Mark, we have been asked to join other parishes of our Diocese in supporting the 'Our Mission Together' (OMT) initiative. He has asked us to look to the future in identifying the needs of our Diocese and to support specific projects over the next 10 years. Since its inception, parishes have raised new funds that have enabled some of these new initiatives to be started and, with more parishes participating, it is hoped to secure the future of many more such activities. Some of the projects are listed below.

**Caritas:** The Catholic Children's Society has now become part of the broader 'umbrella' of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, our Diocesan social outreach initiative, that includes supporting the homeless, refugees, families in crises, children in need etc. Most other dioceses in the country have joined the national Caritas network, the international arm of which is CAFOD.

**Funding Support:** The Bishop has been able to employ new social workers within the diocese for Caritas and has also appointed a Diocesan Welfare Officer to support the increasing numbers of our retired clergy. The Diocese also supports those young men exploring their vocations by means of a 'House of Discernment' at the Cathedral and those who are studying for the priesthood in our seminaries.

**Youth:** The future of our young people, coupled with the support they need to develop an active and vibrant faith, is a concern to every family and church community. Currently students from Steubenville University, USA are visiting some of our High Schools to inspire and energise our young people, encouraging them to develop a robust and active Faith Life in today's world. Building on the momentum of this mission, Bishop Mark is seeking to appoint youth workers for our diocese.

**Building Work:** As you are aware, the Diocese wishes to build some retirement accommodation in the grounds of our parish, here at St Winefride's. (I know that Fr Chris is keenly interested very interested in such a development!)

Over the next few weeks I will be able to update you on how we have been asked to support these new initiatives.

As requested by the organisers of OMT, we have been asked to complete a **parish census**. I'm aware that a census has been taken in the parish recently, but this census will be asking for slightly different information. Thank you for your participation in this.

Although we may feel a little uncertain at this stage, I hope that in the forthcoming weeks, as we hear more about the scheme and these developing projects, we will be able to firmly help and support the good governance of our parish and diocese for generations to come in the many different ways that we so generously engage in, here at St Winefride's.

Be assured of my prayers for you over the coming weeks.

Fr Paul

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you:** from Rosemary Southwell. I would like to thank Fr Paul, Fr Chris, Deacon Mike, parishioners and all my dear friends in the CWL for Masses, prayers and help received during my recent illness. God bless you all.

**Pilgrims for Servant of God Teresa Higginson:** Mass in honour of the Sacred Head and prayers in honour of Teresa Higginson on Friday 30 June at 11am. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information see the church notice board.

BLESSING FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

In this new season  
 may you know  
**the presence of the God**  
 who dwells within your days,  
**the mystery of the Christ**  
 who drenches you in love,  
**the blessing of the Spirit**  
 who bears you into life anew.





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### PENTECOST / ORDINARY TIME IX

4 June 2017

3 June	SATURDAY	<i>Pentecost</i>	6.30 pm	Lisa Limerick		
4 June	SUNDAY	<i>Confirmation Enrolment Mass</i>	8.45 am	Parish Family		
		<i>Holy Hour</i>	10.45 am	Mike Halley		
5 June	MONDAY	<i>Funeral Mass</i>	2:00 pm	<i>Exposition</i>		
6 June	TUESDAY	<i>St Norbert</i>	11.00 am	Columba Haggart		
7 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>Funeral Mass</i>	10.00 am	Lisa Limerick		
8 June	THURSDAY		10.30 am	Eleanor Mulholland		
9 June	FRIDAY	<i>St Ephrem, St Columba</i>	10.00 am	Keith, Una and Michael O'Shea		
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#### A Message from Sr Laurice:

I am Sister Laurice McMullan a Sister of Nazareth. I left home in Co Down Northern Ireland in 1964 and joined the Sisters of Nazareth in London. After noviciate years followed by ongoing formation I made final Profession in 1971 in Hammersmith London.

During those years I was also involved in the care of the elderly. This being the main work of the Sisters of Nazareth throughout the world. After my final commitment to the Congregation I studied Residential Social Work which equipped me to work with the elderly within Nazareth House.

From the year 2001, I had a change of direction working in Hawkstone Hall on the Pastoral team until it closed in 2016. Again, a very fulfilling ministry.

I am now looking forward to working with you in St Winefride's. If Wednesday's SVP tea is anything to go by this is going to be a great time of blessing. Over the next few months I hope to get to know as many of you as I can. My sincere thanks to Father Paul and to you all for your very warm welcome.

Sister Laurice

#### Fr Paul writes:

This has been a week of contrasts. Firstly, I ask you to remember in your prayers Columba Haggart, whose funeral is on Monday and Eleanor Mulholland whose funeral is on Wednesday and all the members of their family and friends. May they rest in peace. I know that many of you will have known Columba whereas Eleanor has only been in England at Plessington Court for the last 18 months. So, if you can attend her funeral Mass this will offer her family some support.

On Wednesday, we had our SVP High Tea with many of our senior parishioners and those who are housebound. There was one request to have some music to dance to. However, when our guests had sat down and got stuck into the sandwiches and cake, we could have had a full orchestra playing 1812 overture, with its big guns; and you would not have been able to hear it. Many thanks to the members of our parish SVP for their many works of charity. Speaking of the SVP, they are always on the lookout for new members. Their work does not take up too much time. So, if you would like to find out a little bit more have a word with me and I will put you in contact with one of its members.

On Thursday, I joined in with my first Neston Female Society on their 203<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk. What an event! The town was closed to traffic from 12.30pm to 5.30pm. The sun was shining brightly, the pipe band led the way followed by the Mayor and civic dignitaries, then the children, the choir of the Neston Parish church along with the clergy Allan, Judith and myself. It was good to see many parishioners and especially the children enjoying the event. I would like to thank Ms A Williams (Hon Secretary) for her organising this occasion for the Parishes and the people of Neston.

Manchester Tragedy I will leave the book of condolence for you to sign at the Lady Chapel. When our school is back from half term I will give an opportunity for the two top classes to add their messages. Following this I will send the condolence book and cheque to the Mayor of Manchester. As you leave the church today we are having a voluntary collection to help with the professional assistance that these families will need in the months and years to come.

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage please keep them all in your prayers. We congratulate Helen Jones and Liam Fogarty who were married here on Friday. Many of you will know Helen and her family who lived in our parish. Helen, is a broadcaster for the BBC in Liverpool. May the Lord hold them in the palm of his hand as they begin their new life together. Our General Election is nearly upon us. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and to inspire whoever is called to govern in protecting the poor and many vulnerable people in our communities. With my prayers. Fr Paul.

Fr Paul

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank You:** Annette, Rory and Gerald Smith would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kindness and messages of support following the recent death their husband and father, Nicholas Smith.

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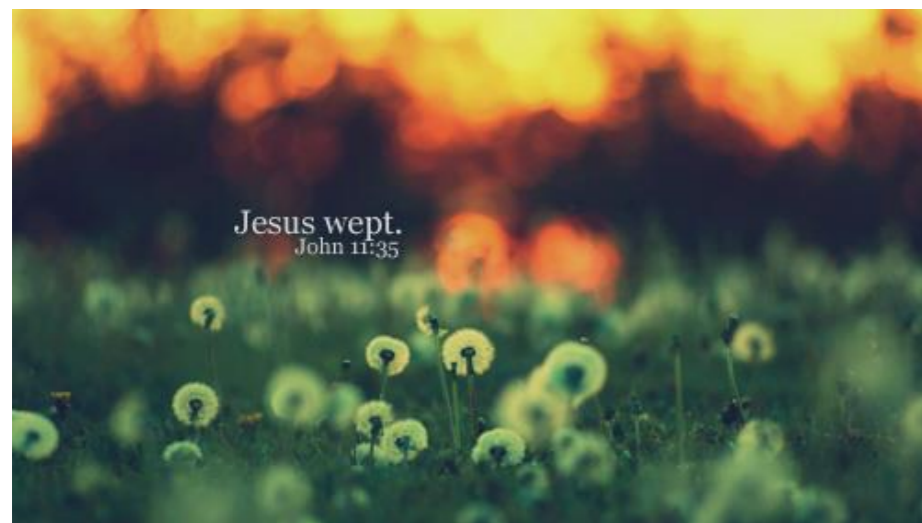
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### EASTER VII – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

28 May 2017

27 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Ascension of the Lord WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY	6.30 pm	Fr Gerry Courell		
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29 May	MONDAY		10.00 am	Philip and Ann Delaney		
30 May	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Terry Bartley		
31 May	WEDNESDAY	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am	Mark Branch		
1 June	THURSDAY	St Justin	10.00 am	Keith, Una and Michael O'Shea		
2 June	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Anastasia Corbett		
3 June	SATURDAY	Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions	10.00 am	Nicholas Smith		
3 June	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Pentecost	6.30 pm	Lisa Limerick		
4 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Parish Family		
			10.45 am	Mike Halley		
		Confirmation Enrolment Mass Holy Hour	2:00 pm	Exposition		
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The events that have taken place this week in Manchester have rocked the people of Manchester and further afield. **Her Majesty the Queen, while visiting the Manchester Children's Hospital, speaks of the event as 'evil'.** I believe her to be right. Yet, when we have listened to the news, we are told of how our professional organisations, our 999 services have worked so well. We have also been told of the generosity of the ordinary people on that night. Some people opening their doors and inviting strangers in. Taxi and private cars offering lifts to take people home. One driver took a family home to Birmingham. Hotels opened their doors to provide food and drinks of water. One homeless man is seen holding a young child in his arms. People of faith - or no faith - are moved to have compassion for the stranger who needs reassurance, warmth, shelter and love.

These sad events of life's journey can make us question as to **where God is.** Yet it is in the practical testimony of the Manchester people, we see the concrete action of today's feast. For the faith that we have inherited as gift, has been enacted by the words of the Lord in another text, for the Lord says, "if you are disciples of mine you are to 'look after the stranger, feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, look after the sick and come and give solace to the dying and comfort the bereaved'".

**Yes, the good news of the Word has been played out in so many different and diverse groups of people.** I believe that what this 'evil act' has tried to do has failed. But we must continue on our pilgrimage of life and strive to be 'a living Gospel' to all who share with us on the same road.

I've asked a few parishioners in what practical way we could offer support to the families who have lost their children or parents along with the injured. Firstly, **we need to have a time for prayer. Next Sunday between 2.00pm and 3.00pm we will have a holy hour in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. You do not have to commit yourself to the whole hour, 5 mins will do.** There will be a book of condolence available from this weekend in the Lady Chapel for you to sign. We will also have a **voluntary collection at the end of Mass.** I will send both the book and the collected money to the Mayor of Manchester who has opened up a fund to help towards some of the funeral expenses and to aid the survivors in the weeks, months and years ahead.

With my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

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**Thanks:** Roy Corbett and his family would like to thank everyone who offered messages of support and sympathy on the occasion of the death of Anna. A Mass is being offered on your behalf.

## ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NDCT: Volunteers Needed** Do you have an hour or two to spare on Monday 22nd May between 9:15am and 1:30pm? We need volunteers from St Winefride's to be present at St Mary and St Helen's on Neston Cross to support the 'Prayer in the Bible' exhibition with examples from all the local Christian traditions on display. If you can help, please contact Deacon Mike after Mass this weekend.

**NDCT Exhibition: Prayer in the Bible** at Ss Mary and Helen's, Neston runs from 22 – 26 May and the church will be open from 9:30am – 3:30pm with a youth drop in on Tuesday 23 May from 7 – 9 pm and a Praise Service at St Nicholas, Burton on Wednesday 24 May at 7:30pm. Do try and visit. This has been created especially with younger visitors in mind and schools will be watching the exhibition at various times during the week.

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**National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima:** To mark the centenary the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is visiting the Cathedrals of England and Wales, accompanied by the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco. The statue will be at our Cathedral on this weekend (20 - 21 May see poster for details).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**NE Singers:** Sing in day on 9 June. A Masterclass at St Michael's Church, Marshlands Rd 10am-3:30pm. £10 bring lunch! Diane 336 7192.

## EASTER VI

21 May 2017

20 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Sixth Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	Maureen Bainbridge
21 May	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Parish Family
			10.45 am	Delaney Family
22 May	MONDAY	The Dedication of the Cathedral Funeral Mass	12.30 pm	Dr Nicholas Smith
23 May	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of Word and Communion
24 May	WEDNESDAY	Our Lady Help of Christians	10.00 am	
25 May	THURSDAY	St Bede the Venerable,	10.00 am	
26 May	FRIDAY	St Philip Neri	9.10 am	
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### Fr Paul writes:

The weeks go flying by. It was wonderful to see our young people crowning Our Lady. For many of us it brought back childhood memories and how proud our parents were of us. I firmly believe that it is expressions like this that provide and deepen what we call 'the deposit of faith'. Many thanks to **Mrs Orme and her staff** for the hard work that goes into preparing the children for this occasion. I thank too the parents, family members and parishioners for their continual support of the school.

**On Monday,** we will be celebrating the **Funeral Mass for Nicholas Smith.** Nick was an Oncologist at Clatterbridge Hospital. I am sure that many members of our parish family may have been under his care. Sadly, Nick died of cancer early last Saturday morning. Nick was only 62 years old. Please keep Nick, his family and his colleagues in your prayers.

You may have noticed that **St Anthony** has a new position in the church. He now stands on a stand that was made by **Tom McKeown** and his son **Sean.** Both good men did so much for the Church. They were both gifted carpenters. This stand, I believe is a fitting memorial for all they have done for us.

After the school has its half term break we will be celebrating many sacraments within our parish family. Our young people will be receiving their first Holy Communion, our teenagers will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Many couples are coming here to start their new lives together in the Sacrament of Marriage. Please do keep them in your prayers.

Re: St Anthony yet no bag - so no £20 for him!

Know that you are remembered in my daily prayers. Have a good week.

Fr Paul





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### EASTER V

14 May 2017

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				10.45 am	Don Miller	
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S T M I L B U R G A

### Feast Day: 19 May Died: 23 February AD 727 at Wenlock Priory, Shropshire

St Milburga, Abbess of Wenlock, was the daughter of King Merewald of Magonset and his wife, St Ermenburga. Milburga. She became a nun at the monastery of Wenlock (Shropshire), founded by her father and Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury, on the borders of Wales, under a French Abbess, Liobinde of Chelles. Milburga eventually succeeded her in this office. Shortly afterward, a neighbouring prince attempted to compel her to become his wife and, with that intent, pursued her with an armed force. She fled across a river, which at once rose into an impassable flood and discouraged her pursuers.

A poor widow came to her in her oratory, bringing the body of her little dead son.

Throwing herself at the feet of the abbess, she besought her to raise the child to life. "You must be mad!" exclaimed Milburga, "How can I raise your child? Go and bury him and submit to the bereavement sent to you by God!" "No," said the sorrowing mother, "I will not leave you till you give me back my son!" The abbess prayed over the little corpse and, while doing so, she suddenly appeared to the poor supplicant to be raised from the earth and surrounded by lovely flames – the living emblem of the fervour of her prayer. Within a few minutes, the child had recovered.

Milburga's monastery was destroyed by the Danes; but, in the twelfth century, it was rebuilt and inhabited by Cluniac monks.

From Agnes Dunbar's "A Dictionary of Sainly Women" (1904)



### Fr Paul writes...

It has been wonderful to have had so many days of sunshine. I'm sure I am not alone in thinking it would have been nice if we didn't have to work!

Over the last few weeks we have had many funerals. Please remember to pray for those who have died along with their loved ones and friends.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is usually celebrated on a Sunday as this is the day the Lord rose from the dead. You can choose as to whether you wish to celebrate at our 10.45am Mass or at 12 noon. It is occasionally possible to celebrate this Sacrament for a sound reason, on a Saturday morning

I am very grateful to Deacon Mike who is to take responsibility for the Sacrament of Baptism. You can contact him either at weekend Masses, through the parish website or by filling in and returning a baptism form, at the back of the church. He will then be in contact with you to discuss and arrange a date. Over the summer, we will be looking at how we can prepare parents for the Baptism of their child.

This weekend we are to welcome Sr Laurice to our parish. I know you will give her a good welcome. Over the next few weeks and months I am sure we will wonder how we ever lived without her. Keep her too in your prayers that the good Lord will bless her in this new ministry.

On Friday 23 June, the feast of the Sacred Heart, Bishop Mark will be coming here to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Early in this week a letter will be sent out to those who have registered to be confirmed. We will be joining the parishes of Heswall and Pensby in preparation for this wonderful occasion in the lives of our young people. Once again please keep these young people in your prayers. If you require further information please contact Helen Jones (webmanager email below). I am very grateful to our catechists for very generously giving their time.

**The Saga of the Missing Bag: Part 3** So, when the manager contacted the police she was told that they had been called to the museum early that morning. They were told that a bag had been left there overnight. As a result, the police had informed the bomb response team. The staff were told to vacate the building until all was clear! They took possession of the bag safely and promised to return it to me. As yet the bag has not arrived so I'm keeping the £20 promised to St. Anthony, to see if he has kept his side of the bargain. More news, I am sure will follow!

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Fr Paul

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## EASTER IV

7 May 2017

6 May	Next Weekend	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			6.30 pm	Marie and Joey Whyte	
7 May	SATURDAY	Collection: <i>Mary's Meals</i>			8.45 am	Bishop Joseph Gray	
7 May	SUNDAY	WORLD DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS			10.45 am	Rob Zammitt	
8 May	MONDAY	Funeral Mass			12 noon	Margaret Mary Makin	
9 May	TUESDAY	Funeral Mass			12 noon	Joseph Michael Gallon	
10 May	WEDNESDAY				10.00 am	R.S.	
11 May	THURSDAY	Funeral Mass			12 noon	Anastasia Corbett	
12 May	FRIDAY				10.00 am	Fred Dutton	
13 May	SATURDAY				10:00 am	Una O'Shea	
13 May	Next Weekend	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			6.30 pm	Parish Family	
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### PRAYER TO END WORLD HUNGER



O God, you entrusted to us the fruits of all creation so that we might care for the earth and be nourished with its bounty.

You sent us your Son to share our very flesh and blood and to teach us your Law of Love. Through His death and resurrection, we have been formed into one human family.

Jesus showed great concern for those who had no food - even transforming five loaves and two fish into a banquet that served five thousand and many more.

We come before you, O God, conscious of our faults and failures, but full of hope, to share food with all members in this global family.

Through your wisdom, inspire leaders of government and of business, as well as all the world's citizens, to find just, and charitable solutions to end hunger by assuring that all people enjoy the right to food.

Thus we pray, O God, that when we present ourselves for Divine Judgment, we can proclaim ourselves as "One Human Family" with "Food for All".

**POPE FRANCIS**

### Fr Paul writes...

This week has flown by. Given the funerals that were held last week it was a change to celebrate Mass for our school children on Friday morning. They are so full of joy and seemingly without a care in the world. They are a credit to the school staff along with their parents. They have an innocence which enables them to welcome the Lord into their lives.

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**Part 2 - The saga of the missing bag!** On my last night in Padua I prayed to St Anthony asking him to locate the bag. I also promised to give him £20 to find the bag. So, in the early morning I went back to the place where I had left it and I asked at the customer service to see if they found it. The answer was a very firm "NO"! I asked if I could speak to their boss. A lady called Maria came so see me. She spoke so fast that she sounded like a machine gun! Thankfully another member of staff came to my aid. I was told that if the bag was handed in and was not claimed by the end of the day it would be handed over to the police and a record would be kept at the customer service desk. I asked her if she would ring the police to put my mind at rest. She did and with a smile on her face, she told me that the police had the bag. She then informed me that the local police station would be closed now and would not open until Monday. I reminded her that I was leaving for England later that evening. She looked up to heaven and said she would post it on to me. So - I now have to give St Anthony £20. I wonder if he would accept a penny per week?

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Easter III

30 April 2017

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3 May	WEDNESDAY	Ss Philip and James	12 noon	Clare Mary Saunders
4 May	THURSDAY	The English Martyrs	11.00 am	John O'Brien
5 May	FRIDAY	In School	9.10 am	All are welcome!
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**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your generosity

EMMAUS  
Rowan Williams

First the sun, then the shadow,  
so that I screw my eyes to see  
my friend's face, and its lines seem  
different, and the voice shakes in the hot air.

Out of the rising white dust, feet  
tread a shape, and, out of step,  
another flat sound, stamped between voice  
and ears, dancing in the gaps, and dodging  
where words and feet do not fall.

When our eyes meet, I see bewilderment  
(like mine); we cannot learn  
this rhythm we are asked to walk,  
and what we hear is not each other.

Between us is filled up, the silence  
is filled up, lines of our hands  
and faces pushed into shape  
by the solid stranger, and the static  
breaks up our waves like dropped stones.

So it is necessary to carry him with us,  
cupped between hands and profiles,  
so that the table is filled up, and as  
the food is set and the first wine splashes,  
a solid thumb and finger tear the thunderous  
grey bread. Now it is cold, even indoors;  
and the light falls sharply on our bones;  
the rain breathes out hard, dust blackens,  
and our released voices shine with water.



### Fr Paul writes...

I have had three wonderful days in Padua - following the spiritual life of its great St Anthony. Along with me were 16 priests of our diocese, plus one deacon. I can assure you we are a motley crew but are good company. Each day we visit places associated with his life, celebrate Mass and have a lazy luncheon. For those of us who live on our own it is always good to have a meal set before you.

On Wednesday, we were taken to see the church of *Capella degli Scrovengni* to see the frescoes of artist Giotto. In truth, (as I see it) it leaves the Sistine Chapel a little in the dark!! Still I have St Winefride's church to look forward to!

It is always sad when we celebrate a funeral for one of our parish family. As you see, from the newsletter we have 3 such funerals this week. If you can come along to any of them please do. I know how your prayerful support means a lot to the families of the deceased. In truth, it helps me too.

Remember this bank holiday Monday there will be the 'late' bacon butties after Mass, along with an Italian surprise. All are welcome!

Our school is back from its Easter break. This Friday there is Mass in the school at 9.10am. If you are able to come, you know you will always be welcome.

Over the next few months we celebrate several Sacraments: Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. We always need to keep these people in our prayers. We will start to place their names in the newsletter as their day comes.

You may have noticed by the door for the car park I have placed a stand which was made by Tom McKeown and his son Sean. I know how much both of them loved this parish and have left us such things as the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. When you have a chance to look at the stand you will be able to see the carved rose heads that Sean has made. I hope you will not mind if I place the statue of St Anthony there. This will give an area for us to visit and pray. I know too our children will have the opportunity to have a good look at him. I have been told that if you lose anything, all you need do is ask the good Saint for help and promise to give an offering for the poor. Well now, this has not been my experience! while in Padua I put my bag with alb and stole on the ground for a few minutes and it was pinched! Maybe the good Saint is trying to teach me something...?!

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**Easter II**

**23 April 2017**

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24 Apr	MONDAY	St George	10.45 am	Agnes Cropper
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26 Apr	WEDNESDAY		10:00 am	Mass or Service of Word and Communion
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Fr Paul



Parting the Red Sea and the Church Lawn are not exactly the same!

**ST GEORGE - PATRON OF ENGLAND AND CATALONIA - FEAST DAY 23 APRIL**

Died: 303 Canonized by: by Pope Gelasius I



**Some Interesting Facts**

- Saint George stands out among other saints and legends because he is known and revered by both Muslims and Christians.
- It is said Saint George killed the dragon near the sea in Beirut, thus Saint George's Bay was named in his honour.
- Saint George's feast day is celebrated on April 23, but if it falls over Easter, it is celebrated Easter Monday.
- The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates three Saint George feast days each year - April 23 as is expected, November 3, to commemorate the consecration of a cathedral dedicated to him in Lydda, and on November 26 for when a church in Kiev was dedicated to him.
- In Bulgaria, his feast day is celebrated May 6 with the slaughter and roasting of a lamb.
- In Egypt, the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria calls St. George the "Prince of Martyrs" and celebrates on May 1. There is a second celebration November 17, in honour of the first church dedicated to him.
- Saint George is the patron saint of England and Catalonia and his cross can be found throughout England.
- In older works, Saint George is depicted wearing armour and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies.

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**EASTER WEEK**

**16 April 2017**

15 Apr	SATURDAY	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	7.30 pm	Parish Family
16 Apr	SUNDAY			8.45 am	Parish Family
17 Apr	MONDAY			10.45 am	Parish Family
18 Apr	TUESDAY			10.00 am	Carmel O'Grady
19 Apr	WEDNESDAY			10:00 am	Margaret Davies
20 Apr	THURSDAY			10:00 am	Toney Lynnette
21 Apr	FRIDAY			10:00 am	Grace Stringer
22 Apr	SATURDAY			10:00 am	Bill Murray
22 Apr	<i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		6.30 pm	Priest's Intention
23 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Parish Family	10.45 am

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*We continue to pray for those who have requested our prayers-- the prayer list is now in the Lady Chapel. New requests for prayers will be printed in the newsletter for a few weeks, before being transferred onto the Lady Chapel list. Our Prayer Request Book, which was in the large porch is also transferred to the Lady Chapel.*

	15/16 April			22/23 April		
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<b>Gospel</b> <i>Palm Sunday/Easter Vigil</i>			<i>Psalm</i> M Slater			
<b>Readers - Intercessions</b>	T Topping	T McGlynn	S Cheetham	F Bryne	R Pisarek	T Topping
<b>EMHC</b>	C Haimes	K Garrod S Etty	T Topping	K Powell C Haimes	K Hughes M Davies	A Cropper D Barber
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**Last Sunday's Offering:** Thank you for your support.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

**Alleluia! The Lord is truly Risen, Alleluia!**



I just want to say many thanks for all the work and effort that has taken place over the last six weeks of Lent. But a special thank you for the cleaning and flower arranging; to the sacristans, singers, musicians and liturgy sheet producers; and to Fathers Chris and Russell and Deacon Mike. Together we have celebrated the events of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection in a fitting manner. Well, we have the next six weeks to live up to our Baptism vows as *The Children of Light and Hope*. For through these great events the Christ has grafted onto the vine of new life – life eternal. For we, and all who have followed Christ have become the adopted sons and daughters of the Father. So, we the Easter People can truly witness that he has risen and where he has gone, we are to follow. Be assured of my continual prayer for you, your family and friends.

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Fr Paul

**E A S T E R H Y M N S**

**ENTRANCE**

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name*

- Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
He is the King of creation
- Spread the good news o'er all the earth  
Jesus has died and has risen
- We have been crucified with Christ  
Now we shall live forever
- Come let us praise the living God  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour

**CREED**

*I believe in God the Father,*  
*I believe in God the Son,*  
*I believe in God the Spirit;*  
*God is three and God is one*

- God who made all there is, all of the things we see:  
The earth, the sky, the land, the seas,  
The flowers and the fishes, animals and trees.  
All of the things we see, God you made them, even me.
- Jesus for born for us, Jesus God's only son.  
He was crucified, on the cross he died,  
But then he rose again, ascended into heav'n.  
Jesus, God's only son, you will judge us, ev'ry one.
- And I believe in you, Spirit of God the Lord,  
Who speaks God's Word through holy people.  
Spirit of the Father, Spirit of the Son,  
Spirit of God the Lord, give us life that makes us one.
- And I believe in one Church, filled with the saints of God,  
That God forgives us all our sins  
And we will rise again and live for evermore.  
God I believe in you: Father, Son, and Spirit, one.

**OFFERTORY**

- All that I am, all that I do  
All that I ever have  
I offer now to you

*Take and sanctify these gifts*  
*For your honour Lord*  
*Knowing that I love and serve you*  
*Is enough reward*  
*All that I am, all that I do*  
*All that I ever have*  
*I offer now to you*

- All that I dream  
All that I pray  
All that I ever make  
I give to you today.

**COMMUNION**

- O bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal:  
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail!  
I love thee and, adoring, kneel;  
Each loving soul by thee is fed  
With thine own self in form of bread.
- O food of life, thou who dost give  
The pledge of immortality;  
I live, no 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
And every grief with joy repays.
- O bond of love that dost unite  
The servant to his living Lord;  
Could I dare live and not requite  
Such love - then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
Some love for such unmeasured love.
- Belovèd Lord, in heaven above  
There, Jesus, thou awaitest me,  
To gaze on thee with changeless love;  
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
For how can he deny me heaven,  
Who here on earth himself hath given?

**RECESSIONAL**

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!
- Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
- But the pains that he endured, alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!





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### HOLY WEEK

9 April 2017

8 Apr	SATURDAY	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	6.30 pm	Parish Family
9 Apr	SUNDAY	<i>First Forgiveness children, parents &amp; Parish</i>	8.45 am	Priest's intention
10 Apr	MONDAY	<i>House Mass</i>	10.45 am	Mary Williams
11 Apr	TUESDAY		2:00 pm	Reconciliation & Healing Service
12 Apr	WEDNESDAY	<i>In School Chrism Mass</i>	10.00 am	John O'Grady
13 Apr	THURSDAY	<i>Maundy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - Adoration until 10pm</i>	7:00 pm	House Mass intention
14 Apr	FRIDAY	<i>Good Friday - The Lord's Passion - Day of fasting and abstinence. Collection: Holy Places &amp; SVP</i>	10:00 am	Special intention
15 Apr	SATURDAY	<i>Holy Saturday - The Sacraments are not celebrated today - Day of fasting &amp; abstinence</i>	9:10 am	School intentions
15 Apr	SATURDAY	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>Easter Vigil</i>	7:00pm	St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch
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RIP: Clare Saunders

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*We say the following prayer together as we meditate on two of the Stations of the Cross each week, as our Penitential Rite at Mass.*

Fr Paul: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. **R: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. I love you, Jesus, my love above all things. I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never let me separate myself from you again, and grant that I may love you always. Then do with me what you will.**

#### Fr Paul writes...

The days seem to go faster and faster and now it is Holy Week. If I was given a £1 for everyone who says that "Christmas is your busiest time of the year" I can assure you that I would be living on Christmas Island soaking up the sun. Yet when I tell them that Easter is the busiest, some of them are quite shocked. Some ask "Why is it?" I simply say that if there were no Easter there would be no Christmas either. This Sunday is Palm Sunday. I call it the door that we are called to enter and so join Jesus on His road to His passion death and resurrection.

**On Sunday afternoon at 2pm there is a service of Reconciliation and Healing.** We will be joined by our young people who will be receiving this Sacrament for the first time. I promise you the service not be too long. So, give it a try.

At the start of the week our Mass times are at our usual times. If you are able, please come to the school Mass on Wednesday morning at 9:10am. You will be a great support for our young people as they too prepare to celebrate this feast. I hope you will come.

**On Wednesday evening at 7pm** in our Hall I will be giving a short introduction to the Triduum. So, if you can come along, bring also a friend. I promise I will have a little treat for you all.

Over these three days of celebration I ask you all to keep as quiet as you can as you enter and leave the church. This will help us all as we sustain each other in our prayerfulness.

Many thanks for your patience as we try to introduce the reception of Holy Communion with the Host and Chalice at our 8.45am Mass. I have had a couple of people come up with some suggestions. We will carry on with the 8.45am Mass and then slowly introduce this into our other weekend Masses.

**Holy Communion practicalities for our 8.45am Mass are as follows: All who wish to come for Holy Communion or a blessing are to come up the aisle, starting from the front in twos. After receiving the Host or a blessing please move to the left where you can and if you wish, receive the chalice. Then return to your seat via the left-hand side aisle. For those who are unable to come up for Communion the priest will come to you along with our Deacon or Minister of the Eucharist with the chalice.**

**Soup and Sandwiches on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:30pm.** I have asked whether the group would like to carry this on. The feeling of the group is to stop during the summer months and start once more in late October/November. I would like to thank all who made it so successful - from the soup makers to the providers of the lovely fresh daffodils on the tables. Once again be assured of my prayers for you, your family and friends.

Next weekend the collection goes to help offset parish funds for my salary etc.

I would like to thank Dawn Ormes, her staff and the Governors of our Primary school for all the hard work they have put in over the last term. I hope they will have a good rest and be ready to offer their service to the development of our children. It is interesting to note that the vocation that the Lord Jesus took was that of Teacher...

My prayers are very much for you and your family and friends along with the members of our parish community who are in hospital or their own homes because of age or sickness. Let us walk together, with the Lord, through Holy Week 2017. Be his witnesses - and proclaim 'Alleluia He is Risen! Alleluia!'

Fr Paul

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**Confirmation:** Please register your interest by completing a form available online or from the porch. Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at St Winefride's on 23/06.

**SPUC:** Meeting Tue 11 April 7:30pm in the Church Hall. **March for Life UK** Sat 20 May in Birmingham. Coach leaves Christ the King Church Bromborough at 8:30am. Price for adults is £15, free for young people and students. See posters or contact Margaret on 336 2050.

**STOP PRESS:** Thank you letter from CAFOD in the porch for our collection which finally totalled £1101.56.

#### ECUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Foodbank:** Can you help? Tinned vegetables are in short supply and would be most welcome.

**NDCT:** St Winefride's, along with other Christian traditions are to put on a display at Ss Mary & Helen's at the end of May. We have been asked to provide an artistic interpretation of the Psalms. If you can help, or have any ideas please contact Deacon Mike.

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Lent V

2 April 2017

1 Apr	SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	6.30 pm	Thanksgiving
2 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Stephen Turley
3 Apr	MONDAY	House Mass	10.00 am	S Tully
			7:00 pm	House Mass intention
4 Apr	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mitchell Family
5 Apr	WEDNESDAY		10:00 am	Josie Carr
			7:00 pm	For the work of CAFOD
6 Apr	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Thomas Sargent
7 Apr	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross	10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist
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**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays: 7pm, 7 Apr - Clergy.

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It is hard to believe that we are journeying into the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent. I'm finding that when I get to Wednesday the weekend comes rolling in. So when I feel this rush to life I try as hard as I can to find a little space to spend with the Lord. One of the most helpful ways I find this space is to sit down with a cup of tea – drink it slowly, close my eyes and call on the Lord's name. This only takes a few minutes. This helps me to keep in contact with the 'work of the Lord' as opposed to the lord of work. You may like to try this for yourself taking a little time walking with Jesus to the events of his Passion, Death and Rising.

On Tuesday evening, there is an **LPA service of reconciliation** at **Holy Family Pensby starting at 7.00pm**. Here we have an opportunity with our neighbouring parishes to come together for healing and forgiveness.

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday** I hope to have enough palms for you all. At our 10.45am Mass we will gather outside the church for the blessing of palms and walk, while singing, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. **In the afternoon at 2.00pm** in our church, **we will have a second opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. At this service our children, who are preparing for Holy Communion, will receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time. Please come along if you can.

At a request from Bishop Mark and several parishioners I'm trying to introduce the possibility Holy Communion in the elements of bread and wine over our weekend Masses. The trial will start this Sunday at our 8.45am Mass. Once we have ironed out and tweaked some little problems, we will offer this to the other Masses. Some of you will have noticed that we have had to move and re-locate some of the benches to make safe movement around the church possible. The method that will be used is very simple and I'm sure we will be able to manage it successfully. I would be grateful if you could give me a little latitude in this matter - as always, positive suggestions are always welcome.

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**Soup and Sandwiches on Tuesdays from 12.00 to 1.30pm** is going down a treat. **I am wondering if you would like to continue this after Easter.** If so, we will need a rota of soup and butty makers. **ALL OF THEM ARE WELCOME**, especially the MEN. There is no cost for the meal but there is a donations box if you would like to put something in. If you would like to become a member of the rota, please pass on your details to Fr Paul. Please pray for our children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Sunday for the first time.

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**Piety Stall:** Easter Cards, First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards in stock at the stall in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass and in the back porch of the church at all times.

**Gardeners:** Volunteers needed to help maintain the graveyard. Especially stronger persons warmly welcome to help with strimming! Please contact Fr Paul, Dave McNulty (336 1959) or Eric Wallace (07738011745).

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