



St Winefride's RC Church  
Neston

# Coronavirus

# Information Booklet

Correct as of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Contact Telephone Numbers & Email Addresses

### Parish Website

- [www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

### Diocesan Website

- <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org>

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### Parish Secretary – Jayne Shakespeare

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- [parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

The Curial Offices in Prenton are now closed until further notice.

## **Newsletters and Update Bulletins**

A reduced newsletter will be posted onto the website each week. The Mission Sunday sheet will also be available on the website.

[www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

No paper newsletters will be printed, as paper could harbour the virus if touched by an infected person.

Parishioners are encouraged to keep checking the website where they can for up to date information.

## **Weekday and Sunday Mass**

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice. However, Fr Paul will be celebrating Mass every day behind closed doors and will continue to say Mass intentions that we have. He will also pray for the members of our parish family.

Live streaming of the Mass from Shrewsbury Cathedral and Wythenshawe can be watched from our Diocesan website:

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>

Alternatively, the website <https://www.churchservices.tv/> offers Mass from a whole host of Catholic churches across Ireland, Northern Ireland, England and Scotland.

The Catholic Churches of England and Wales also have a YouTube channel which has interesting uploads to view. This can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCknR9Qdz8f\\_T4Mi6bHpVH3w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCknR9Qdz8f_T4Mi6bHpVH3w)

The Diocesan website, also has details of Morning and Evening prayers which can be said, as well as Sunday Mass readings and Meditations of the week.

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>

Vatican news also has lots of information for you to read or listen to.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

## **Confession**

Confessions are NO LONGER being heard, as church is closed until further notice.

## **Weddings**

If possible, the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, bride and groom and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar.

## **Baptisms**

Baptisms should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely. In case of necessity, baptisms should be celebrated with all the hygiene precautions that have been laid down by the Church in its COVID-19 advice

## **Funerals**

Funeral services should now only take place at the graveside or at the crematorium, subject to the conditions being laid down by the cemetery or the crematorium authorities. The maximum number of people that can attend is 15. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.

## **First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation**

These celebrations have been postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches.

## **Anointing of the Sick**

No pastoral visits will be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends.

## **Offertory Collections**

If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, please contact Jayne Shakespeare, Parish Secretary either via e-mail at [parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk) or by telephone on 721 3035.



The collection of goods for the Food Bank at church has been suspended. The Food Bank is still reliant, more than ever, on donations of food, so please carry on donating food at collection points in local supermarkets.

## **What can we do as a Parish to help?**

We are asking all parishioners to keep in telephone contact with anyone they may know, who is elderly or alone. That phone call could be the only contact they have with the outside world that day!

Our parish secretary, Jayne has set up a list of parishioners who may need help or even just a chat on the telephone. If you would like to be added to the list or you know of a parishioner that needs help or a friendly call, please do let Jayne know, so that we can ensure that they get the help they need.

*By working together, we can look after each other.*