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EASTER WEEK 1

31st March 2013

30 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Vigil - Baptism: Chris Norman</i>	7.30 pm	The Parish
31 Mar	SUNDAY	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8.45 am	Int: Sr. Anthony Wilson
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45 am 12 noon	Raymond Young Ellie Grace Hinde
1 Apr	MONDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	10.00 am	Joanna Grounell
2 Apr	TUESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Brenda Hancox
3 Apr	WEDNESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Peter Hughes
4 Apr	THURSDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Pat, Joe, Tom Ellis
5 Apr	FRIDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Bill Owen
6 Apr	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Thomas Sargent
6 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Medical Missionaries of Mary
7 Apr	SUNDAY	<i>Baptism</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am 12 noon	Mary McLoughlin Louis O'Sullivan Luca Joseph Smithson
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass				

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From Fr Ravi,

Thank you all sincerely for your participation in our Lenten activities and for making Holy Week so special and meaningful. During this Easter season, I thank God for you, your commitment and the love with which you contribute to the good of St. Winefride's. In particular, I remember the home-bound and the sick with whom we are all united in prayer.

I have been most impressed by the dedication of the altar servers, the children who performed in the Easter Play and the directors. Similarly by the commitment of the all of our active groups; Catechists, CWL, Ministers of the Word and Communion, musicians and singers, flower girls (!), gardeners, SVP, sacristans, prayer group, newsletter editors, YSVP, newsletter 'folders', the web team, SPUC, liturgy-sheet producers, ushers and all those involved in preparing the Stations of the Cross, St. Winefride's primary school, the church cleaners and many others who contribute in gentle and silent ways; St Winefride's is proud of you!

Easter Special: You may have noticed the addition of a small drawer unit on the table in the back porch. You can find copies of the following forms in the labelled drawers: Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, Marriage, New Parishioner Registration Form, Book of Remembrance and Requiem Planning (also downloadable from the website). I hope you find this a convenient way of accessing these as you need them.

May the living God lead us to fullness of life and joy! Happy Easter from us all – Fr Denis, Fr Chris, Mike and Fr Ravi!

Church Cleaners: Louise Wilkinson & Tina Davies.

'Lenten' House Group: 7:30pm, April 4th at Helen Jones'.

YSVP: Congratulations to Jordan Henshaw, Adam Warren and Jonathan Connolly who joined a number of parishioners to walk for Christian Aid. If you would like to support their work, a collection box will be available after 10.45 mass in the church hall. Thank you.

Confirmation classes: Every Sunday beginning from 7th April at 6pm.

SPUC Pro Life Times: Please take one per family.

Easter Quiz: 7th April after 10.45 mass for young children. 50p per child with a treat for all taking part (adult supervision required). Also 'Easter Treats' raffle tickets on sale in church hall after mass today, draw will take place today after teas.

EASTER SUNDAY HYMNS

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today;
 Christians, haste your vows to pay;
 Offer ye your praises meet
 At the Paschal Victim's feet.
 For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,
 Sinless in the sinner's stead;
 Christ is ris'n on high;
 Now He lives no more to die.

Christ, the Victim undefiled,
 all to God hath reconciled;
 When in strange and awful strife
 Met together Death and Life:
 Christians, on this happy day
 Haste with joy your vows to pay;
 Christ is risen, today we cry;
 Now He lives no more to die.

Say, O wond'ring Mary, say
 what thou sawest on thy way.
 I beheld, where Christ had lain,
 empty tomb and angels twain,
 I beheld the glory bright
 of the rising Lord of light;
 Christ my hope is ris'n again;
 now he lives, and lives to reign

Christ, who once for sinners bled,
 Now the first-born from the dead,
 Throned in endless might and
 power,
 Lives and reigns forevermore.
 Hail, eternal Hope on high!
 Hail, Thou King of victory!
 Hail, Thou Prince of life adored!
 Help and save us, gracious Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN

In Bread We Bring You, Lord

In bread we bring you, Lord, our
 bodies' labour.
 In wine we offer you our spirit's
 grief.
 We do not ask you, Lord, who is
 my neighbour?
 but stand united now, one in
 belief.
 Oh we have gladly heard your
 Word, your holy Word,
 and now in answer, Lord, our gifts
 we bring.
 Our selfish hearts make true, our
 failing faith renew,
 our lives belong to you, our Lord
 and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed
 and broken,
 and it becomes for us our spirit's
 food.

Over the cup we bring your Word
 is spoken;
 make it your gift to us, your
 healing blood.
 Take all that daily toil plants in our
 heart's poor soil,
 take all we start and spoil, each
 hopeful dream,
 the chances we have missed, the
 graces we resist,
 Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and
 redeem.

COMMUNION HYMN

My Son is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,
 My Saviour's love to me;
 Love to the loveless shown,
 That they might lovely be.
 O who am I, that for my sake
 My Lord should take, frail flesh
 and die?

He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow;
 But men made strange, and none
 The longed for Christ would know:
 But O! my Friend, my Friend
 indeed,
 Who at my need His life did
 spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,
 And His sweet praises sing;
 Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King:
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
 And for His death they thirst and
 cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run,
 He gave the blind their sight,
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
 Themselves displease, and 'gainst
 Him rise.

They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they saved,
 The Prince of life they slay,
 Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
 That He His foes from thence
 might free.

In life, no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heaven was His
 home;
 But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine;
 Never was love, dear King!
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my Friend, in Whose sweet
 praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

Be Still and Know I am with you

Be still, and know I am with you,
 Be still, I am the Lord.
 I will not leave you orphans.
 I leave you with my world. Be
 one.

You fear the light may be fading,
 You fear to lose your way.
 Be still, and know I am near you.
 I'll lead you to the day and the
 sun.

Be glad the day you have sorrow.
 Be glad, for then you live.
 The stars shine only in darkness,
 and in your need I give my peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen,
 conquering Son;
 endless is the victory, thou o'er
 death hast won;
 angels in bright raiment rolled the
 stone away,
 kept the folded grave clothes
 where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen
 conquering Son,
 Endless is the victory, thou o'er
 death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the
 tomb;
 Lovingly he greets us, scatters
 fear and gloom;
 let the Church with gladness,
 hymns of triumph sing;
 for her Lord is living, death hath
 lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious
 Prince of life;
 life is nought without thee; aid us
 in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors,
 through thy deathless love:
 bring us safe through Jordan to
 thy home above.



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HOLY WEEK

24th March 2013

23 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
24 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
			10.45 am	Pat Hancock
25 Mar	MONDAY		9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
26 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Belcher
27 Mar	WEDNESDAY	<i>School Mass St Michael's & All Angels Woodchurch</i>	9.00 am 9.10am 7.00pm	Nickson & Chambers families For St. Winefride's School Mass of Chrism
28 Mar	THURSDAY	<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at the Altar of Repose</i>	7.30pm Till midnight	The Parish
29 Mar	FRIDAY	<i>Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Collection: Holy Places</i>	10.00 am 3.00pm	
30 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Holy Saturday The Sacraments are not celebrated today</i>		
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From Fr Ravi - Blessed Are You...

We sincerely thank Bishop Brian Noble for leading our Lenten Renewal programme (18th - 21st March) with his beautiful and profound meditations on the Beatitudes "Blessed are you..." He selected four of the beatitudes to reflect on:

- Blessed are the Poor in Spirit – on our own propensity to cling onto possessions and talents but in sharing them we become Eucharistic (thankful) in our lives
- Blessed are those who mourn – dealing with bereavement as not just with the loss of someone but also loss of our own faculties; also bereavement in a wider context of mourning the evil that exists within the world and God's constant forgiveness and love for us
- Blessed are the pure in heart – with the heart as being not merely the seat of emotions but as the essence of us in totality and to make it pure it by means of prayer and conversion
- Blessed are the peacemakers – we are called to embody the peace that is Christ by service and self giving and how our community could be a beacon of that peace.

Many thanks to those who came from Heswall and Pensby as well as to our priests in the LPA – Frs Terry Boylan and Pat O'Brien. Besides our own Frs Denis and Chris, we were also blessed with the presence of Canon John Marmion and Canon Brendan Hoban who helped in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To paraphrase one of Bishop Brian's quotes: *When you don't love and forgive, you die; but if you love and forgive, you are crucified!* May these holy days deepen our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love! God bless.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Winefride's Play: Kingdom of Heaven, our Easter play will be performed by children of St Winefride's parish on Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday) at 7pm in church. Refreshments available afterwards. Please do come and support them!

Altar Servers' Training: In order to prepare our Altar servers for the liturgical celebrations during the Holy Week, there will be a special meeting for them on Tuesday, 26th April at 7pm in Church. They are already doing a fabulous service to our community every weekend as we appreciate their generous commitment.

Confirmation Preparation: As announced earlier, Confirmations this year in our LPA will be celebrated in Our Lady and St John, Heswall on June 5th, 2013. The preparation for the sacrament would be held *every Sunday evening in our parish hall at 6pm beginning from 7th April*. I encourage all those who have presented their applications to kindly participate actively in these preparatory sessions.

Ministers of Communion: For anyone who wishes to become a minister of Communion there are two preparation meetings on Saturday April 13th "Understanding our call as Ministers" and May 4th "Living Eucharistically". Both meetings start with mass at 9:00am and will end at 11:00am. Could those who have already volunteered please confirm their attendance. If you would like to join please contact Joe Tunstall 336 1261 joe.tunstall@uwclub.net. The induction will be held on the feast of Corpus Christi. The existing ministers will renew their commitment on Maundy Thursday.

Stations of the Cross: We are grateful to all the groups – and Catechists and the SVP who conducted in the recent past – for helping our parish community in meditating on the Stations of the Cross throughout the Season of Lent. Their active participation and the beautiful reflections they offered have been sincerely appreciated by all who attended.

LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension): Study Theology in Praxis MA or Certificate. If you would like to be part of the new study group please contact LIMEX Liaison, Cecilia Allan, ceciliaallan@aol.com 0161 439 3573. Information evening: Holy Name Church, 60 Beresford Road, Oxton, Prenton, Wirral CH43 2JD at 7:30pm Monday 8th April.

HOLY WEEK

After a meaningful Lenten season, we now enter into the Holy week, celebrating the mystery of Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, grateful for the salvation won for us on the cross.

Passion (Palm) Sunday: Saturday 23rd March – 6.30pm, Sunday 24th March – 8.45am & 10.45am.
Monday and Tuesday (25th and 26th March):
 First Forgiveness – after 9:00 am mass.
Wednesday 27th March: 9:00am mass (church), 9.10am Mass (school), 7pm Chrism Mass (St Michael & All Angels', Woodchurch).
Maundy Thursday 28th March: Evening Mass of the Lord's Passion, 7.30pm - Mgr. Chris Lightbound.

Adoration at the Altar of Repose till midnight
Good Friday 29th March: 10:00am Stations of the Cross – Canon Brendan Hoban; 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion– Fr. Denis Marmion – Day of Fasting and Abstinence.
Holy Saturday: The Church waits at the Lord's Tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The Sacraments are not celebrated today. It is recommended that the day be kept as a day of Fasting and Abstinence.
Easter Vigil 30th March: Saturday 7.30pm – Fr. Ravi Bosco; Baptism – Christopher Norman
Easter Sunday 31st March Mass 08.45am & 10.45am; Baptism – Ellie Grace Hinde.

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris

Prayer Petitions: If anyone would like to have prayers said at Walsingham for special intentions, please speak to Fr Denis and provide the prayer in writing.

OTHER

New Apologists: Course arranged by Catholic Voices at Hawkestone Hall over three weekends: Sept 20th - 21st; Oct 18th -19th; Nov 15th -16th. For more information <http://www.catholicvoices.org.uk>

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We know that every effort to better society especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us.

Oscar Romero,
 martyred archbishop
 of El Salvador
 24th March, 1980



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LENT Week V

17th March 2013

16 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	Bill Owen
17 Mar	SUNDAY	<i>Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45 am 12 noon	Johnnie Geron Louie David Pealing
18 Mar	MONDAY	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	9.00 am	Intention: Patrico Finneran
19 Mar	TUESDAY	<i>St Joseph: Pope Francis' inaugural mass</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
20 Mar	WEDNESDAY	<i>Diocesan prayer for our Holy Father</i>	9.00 am	For Pope Francis
21 Mar	THURSDAY	<i>St Winefride's School Yr 6 at Mass</i>	9.00 am	Joan McIntosh
22 Mar	FRIDAY	<i>Stations of the Cross: SVP; Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	Paul Hogan
23 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>St Toribio de Mogrovejo; Sacrament of Reconciliation for 1st Communion children</i>	9.00 am	TG: Mary Henesy
23 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
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From Fr Ravi

Pope Francis: Charity and Clarity

We at St Winefride's, Neston along with Catholics all over the world thank God for blessing us with Pope Francis as we pray that our Holy Father be filled with wisdom and courage to lead the People of God towards renewal, peace and joy in the Lord.

The image of the newly elected Pope bowing in prayer asking for people's blessings signals not only his humility and simplicity but his approach to leadership ministry in the Church – a breath of fresh air! On the night of his election, at supper, he responded to a toast from the Cardinals by saying 'May God forgive you for what you have done' and took the bus along with them to their residence. He appeared on the balcony of St Peter's wearing just the white papal zucchetto and cassock with the simple pectoral cross he has worn as bishop. He has requested the people of Argentina not to spend money in travelling to Rome, but instead to share that money with the poor. Well, it was that wandering mendicant whose name our Holy Father has taken who said, "Proclaim the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

Personally, I like his choice of name, reminding the world of that beloved saint from Assisi! No wonder, world peace, justice and ecological concerns – so central to the Gospel and our faith – will be the renewed focus of Church's life and mission. In a 2012 interview with the Italian newspaper La Stampa, the then Cardinal Bergoglio spoke of his desire to broaden the church's reach and increase its involvement in the world: "We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a church that is wrapped up in its own world...if the church stays wrapped up in itself, it will age."

God bless Pope Francis...Viva il Papa!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy St Patrick's Day: "Go mbeannai Dia duit"

Bishop Brian at St Winefride's: As part of our Lenten renewal programme in the LPA, Bishop Brian will be at St Winefride's, offering reflections on the Beatitudes for four days, from Monday, 18th March to Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm. The programme is entitled 'Blessed Are You...' and priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each session. May this be a time of grace and renewal for all of us.

Holy Week: The time-table for activities in the Holy week is displayed on our noticeboards and on the Parish Website. We have our regular masses on Palm Sunday (Sat 6.30pm, Sun 8.45 and 10.45) and on Easter Sunday (8.45am and 10.45am). The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday is at 7.30pm, the Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10am, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, the Easter Vigil at 7.30pm on Saturday. Many have been involved in preparing our Liturgy, singing, flowers, decorations, booklets etc and we look forward to a meaningful celebration of God's love during the most important days of the liturgical year.

Ministers of Word and Communion: Those who would like to commit themselves to these ministries are most welcome. The existing extraordinary Ministers of Communion will renew their commitment on Maundy Thursday while the new Ministers will be inducted on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in June after due preparation and discernment.

Year of Faith: We thank Mrs. Cecilia Allan for her reflection on the role of the laity in the Church in the light of the teachings of Vatican II documents. We look forward to listening to people at all levels in the Church to deepen our faith and to focus our mission in today's world. Thank you Cecilia for challenging us to experience the Church as the people of God, here and now.

First Communion: We thank all our Catechists and teachers involved in preparing our children for First Communion and for helping the parish community with their regular attendance at weekend masses and for the special liturgies we have once a month. It is a joy to see our children grow in faith.

GIFT AID SCHEME 2013 /14

Weekly envelopes are available for 2013/14 from the rear porch. The new blue envelopes start on Sunday 7th April 2013 i.e. the new tax year, so please do not use them before this date.

If you a tax payer and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. We can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you. Currently we estimate that we lose at least £1,500 per annum. To join please sign the Gift Aid form declaring you are a taxpayer and then decide whether to donate by a bank standing order (Standing Order form) or by weekly envelopes. The required forms are available on the website or directly from Mike Jevons, Scheme Administrator (0151 336-5026). If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mike. Thank you.

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Louise Wood and Fran Byrne

Easter Play Rehearsals: Sat 23rd March 4:30 pm *in church* for all; Sun 24th March 1:30 in church - *dress rehearsal*. Performance at 7pm. Please come and support the children of the parish as they perform their Easter Play. Refreshments will be available after the performance in the Parish Centre.

NESTON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

NDCT Lenten Lunch: For food, fellowship and prayer. 20th March St Nicholas, Burton at 12:00.

Lenten Group: The next St Winefride's House Group meeting is on April 4th at Helen Jones'. We have been using "Abiding" by Ben Quash as our discussion text dealing with various forms of "being with" ranging from abiding in body and mind to abiding in care. The tension between stability and change in our lives will be explored further in the final two discussions after Easter.

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Welcome Pope Francis!





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LENT Week IV

10th March 2013

09 Mar	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Margaret Webb
		<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>		
10 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Antony Beirne
11 Mar	MONDAY		9.00 am	Int: Margaret & Kevin Meengla
12 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Don Miller
13 Mar	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Health: Gladys Moreton
14 Mar	THURSDAY	<i>St Winefride's School Yr 3 at Mass</i>	9.00 am	Sp Int: N. Mulligan
15 Mar	FRIDAY	<i>Stations of the Cross: Catechists - Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	TG: Joan Bartley
16 Mar	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Health: Tunstall Family
16 Mar	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	Bill Owen
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RIP: Teresa Brazzill

From Fr Ravi

As the Conclave to choose the new Pope is set to begin on Tuesday, 12th March, I present to you some historical information regarding papal elections from Ambrogio Piazzoni, Vice Prefect of the Vatican Library. You may find them interesting!

On the age of the pope at election:

- Three popes were under the age of 25. The last was Pope Gregory V, who was 24 when elected in 996.
- Seven were between 25 and 40 years old. The last was Pope Leo X, who was 37 in 1513.
- Eleven were between 41 and 50. The last was Pope Clement VII, who was elected in 1523 at the age of 44.
- 24 popes were in their 50s. The most recent was Blessed John Paul II, who was 58 years old when he began his papal ministry in 1978.
- 37 were between 61 and 70 years old. The last was Pope John Paul I, who was 65 when he began his 33-day papacy in 1978.
- Only three popes were over 80 when elected. The last, chosen by cardinals in 1406, was Pope Gregory XII. He was 81.

A list of 'lasts':

- The last pope who was not a cardinal yet when elected was Pope Urban VI in 1378.
- The last who was not even a priest yet was Pope Leo X.
- The last African was Pope Gelasius, elected in 492..
- The last Frenchman elected was Pope Gregory XI, in 1370.
- The last Greek was Pope Zachary in 741.
- The last Englishman was Pope Adrian IV in 1154.
- The last Dutchman was Pope Adrian VI in 1522.
- The last Palestinian was Pope Theodore in 642.
- The last Pole was Pope John Paul II in 1978.
- The last Portuguese was Pope John XXI in 1276.
- The last Syrian was Pope Gregory III in 731.
- The last Spaniard was Pope Alexander VI in 1492.

May God continue to bless and guide the Church we all love so very much!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: We wish all our mothers a joyful day as we appreciate all they have done for us.

Year of Faith: Our next talk on Vatican II in this Year of Faith will be on Thursday, 14th March from 7.30pm to 9pm. Mrs. Cecilia Allan will speak to us on 'Laity in/and the Church'. The topic is special significance considering the recent developments in the Church and is an opportunity to listen to each other and to discern together our life and mission in today's world.

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Stations of the Cross: The great interest shown by different groups in conducting the Way of the Cross has been truly amazing. Many of them compiled their own prayers and inspired many who attended with their meaningful reflections. I am grateful to SPUC, CWL, Ministers of the Word and Communion, Prayer Group and Mike Topping for their cooperation. A special word of thanks to Year 3 children of Winefride's primary school and their teachers for leading us in prayer last Friday with their beautiful presentation and tableau.

Theme for Lent 2013: The theme for this year, 'By His wounds, we have been healed' (1 Peter 2:24) has been prominently displayed in our Church thanks to the artistic genius of Joe Tunstall. You are most welcome to write short poems/reflections based on this theme which may be read as post-communion reflections during weekday masses.

Ministers of the Word: Additional Ministers of the Word needed to read in our Holy Week services, from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Please ring Joe Tunstall on 336 1261 if you can help.

Ministers of Communion: For anyone interested in becoming a Minister of Communion there is a meeting on Friday 15th March in church at 6:30pm. Any Minister of the Word who also wishes to become a Minister of Communion would be most welcome.

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian and Veronica Casey

Bible Study: The next meeting will be on Friday 15th March at 7.30 pm at 2 Allans Meadow. Please prepare Chapter 6.

SPUC: Next meeting Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall SPUC AGM with Guest Speaker Mr John Smeaton, SPUC National Director. All are welcome to both these meetings.

CWL Meeting: Please note change of date! Wednesday 13th March at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be from the 'Special Olympics'. All are welcome.

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LENT Week III

3rd March 2013

2 nd March	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	John O'Keefe
3 rd March	SUNDAY	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Robert Casey
4 th March	MONDAY	<i>St Casimir</i>	9.00 am	Health: Linda Riley
5 th March	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Bill Owen
6 th March	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
7 th March	THURSDAY	<i>Ss. Perpetua & Felicity</i> <i>St Winefride's School Yr 4 & 5 at Mass</i>	9.00 am	50 th Wedding: Val – Mick Clower
8 th March	FRIDAY	<i>St. John of God</i> <i>Stations of the Cross: St Winefride's</i> <i>School Yr 3 - Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	Health: Mary Henesy
9 th March	SATURDAY	<i>St Frances of Rome</i>	9.00 am	David Stringer – Clare Pentall
			12 noon	Natasha Sophie Elizabeth
		<i>Baptism</i>		
9 th March	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	Margaret Webb
10 th March	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Antony Beirne
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent after 9.00am Mass and at 7.30pm				

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From Fr Ravi

The final moving tweet from Pope Emeritus Benedict "Thank you for your love and support. May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the centre of your lives." We also pray that we are guided by the Holy Spirit in these weeks as the needs of today's Church are discerned.

During this time the coat of arms of the Holy See also changes. Instead of the papal tiara over the keys, the tiara is replaced with the umbrella. This symbolizes both the lack of a Pope and also the governance of the *Camerlengo* over the temporalities of the Holy See.

We thank Deacon Les Arch for coming to speak to us at Monday mass last week to explain his Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry (see message below). He is looking for support in carrying out this important work. I hope if you are able to spare a few hours you will consider this beautiful ministry of service to our sick. God Bless.

Have you just retired from work or just have a few hours to spare one day a week? Are you a good listener and sympathetic? I am looking for volunteers to become part of the Catholic part of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team. The team serves the Wirral University Teaching Hospital Trust at Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral Women & Children's Unit, Clatterbridge General Hospital, Springview Psychiatric Unit, The Clatterbridge Cancer Care Centre and St John's Hospice.

Volunteers visit the wards spending time talking with patients and when invited to do so, pray with them, as well as identifying those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist or would like to speak with the Chaplain. The current groups of volunteers at the hospitals find this a rewarding and privileged ministry. So if you have the time to spare (usually two hours) and think that you might be suitable to be part of such a ministry then please get in touch to find out more about chaplaincy in the hospitals. Please leave your details on the following dedicated mobile number and I will get back in touch with you. **0777 193 7518**

Deacon Les Arch, Roman Catholic Chaplain

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Preparation Course: We thank our Baptismal coordinators Micheline Johnson and Tony Topping along with the parents and godparents who attended. We continue to support them in prayer as they join the wider Christian community here at St Winefride's.

First Communion: As announced earlier, there will be a session for parents and children on Monday, 4th March at 7pm at St Winefride's Primary School and their next special mass will be on Sunday, 17th March at 10.45am. Meanwhile, I request those parents involved, to continue to attend regular weekend masses with their children - it is another good way to help educate your children in the practice of our faith.

Confirmation: The preparation for Confirmation will be at Our Lady and St John's, Heswall, will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

Marriage Preparation Programme: Our Marriage Coordinators Pam Nicholson, Sue & Barry Lyonette and Karl Ankers conducted a session on 'Communication' as part of their efforts to help young couples to grow in meaningful relationship and life long commitment. We look forward to their sustained help in fostering a Christian understanding of marriage as we appreciate them and all who participated in the programme.

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Bible Study: Wednesday March 6th at 7:30pm 2 Allans Meadow. Session 5.

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CWL: Next month's committee meeting will be on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SPUC: Are there any young people in our parish (aged from 16 to 35) interested going to this year's Pro Life Youth Conference. It takes place from the 22nd to 24th March in Swanwick in Derbyshire. All expenses will be paid. See flyer on the notice board or contact Margaret on 336 2050 for more information.

Newsletter: Please note new email for all newsletter items newsletter@stwinefridesneston.org.uk Many thanks to all email announcements coming in. It has made the editing task much quicker!

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Christian Aid: Sponsored walk 16th March 2013. Starting at 9.00 am from the URC church, Parkgate Road. The walk is mainly along the Wirral Way and no more than 6 miles long. A shortened walk is available for children. Please support the YSVP with sponsorship or join in yourselves! Soup and drinks available at the halfway point. Sponsorship forms from Brian Fisher (336 4004) or Barbara Rivers.

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OTHER

St Winefride's Catholic Primary School: 200 Club Winners January 2013: 178 Mr Phil Williams £50.00; 52 Therese Jones £50.00

Expedition Borneo presents a Ceilidh on Friday 8th March, 7:30pm at Neston Civic Hall. Tickets- £5 adult £3 child £12 family bar, raffle, food. This event is being organised by one of our parishes youth SVP members who is going on an expedition to Borneo for a month with Chester Catholic High school, to live with the local tribes people and educate children. For tickets contact Connor 0151 336 7492

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LENT Week II

24th February 2013

23 rd Feb	SATURDAY	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> <i>2nd Collection: Family Fast Day</i>	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
24 th Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Nora & Patrick Wool
25 th Feb	MONDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
26 th Feb	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
27 th Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Intention: Mary Henesy & Family
28 th Feb	THURSDAY		9.00 am	For Pope Benedict
1 st March	FRIDAY	<i>St. David – Women's World Day of Prayer</i> <i>Stations of the Cross – Readers & Euch.</i> <i>Ministers - Friday Abstinence -</i> <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am	Margaret Sheila & Edward Lawson Webb
			1.30 pm	Bill Owen
2 nd March	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Pauline McCrea
2 nd March	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	John O'Keefe
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From Fr Ravi.

We shall remember Pope Benedict in a special way in our Eucharist on Thursday 28th Feb, the last day of his pastoral leadership ministry in the Church and thank God for the gentleness and theological depth he showed in serving God and humanity for so many years. At 7.00 pm that day Bishop Mark will lead a diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI at Holy Angels, Hale Barns. At the end of Mass at Holy Angels, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament inviting silent prayer and intercession for the Church and for the choice of his successor in the See of St Peter.

I have not read all of Pope Benedict's theological works but you will find the three encyclicals that he wrote - the first on the theological virtue of love, the second on the theological virtue of hope and the third on charity and truth - very interesting to read: relevant, simple and profound. He invited the Church to be Christ-centred and to experience God's presence in history through worship and service. An appreciation of the Church's cultural traditions and treasures helped him in his spiritual journey.

I am sure Pope Benedict's ministry has been read about, heard about and discussed by many of you as have the predictions about his possible successor. In and through all of this, we come to the beautiful realisation that the Church belongs to God and is always called to be a servant and sign of God's love in the world.

May God bless us all.

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First Communion: The celebrations will be held on Saturday, 15th June 2013 and I request all parents and children to participate in the preparation sessions and I appreciate them for their regular participation at our weekend masses.

Confirmation: 3 Candidates have expressed their desire to be Confirmed this year and we shall soon announce their preparation programme which may be held this year at Our Lady and St John, Heswall.

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Catechists: As announced last week, we are blessed with a team of Catechists who would help in various ministries. If interested, they will be happy to have you on their team and the parish will be grateful for your involvement.

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Women's World Day of Prayer: on 1st March. Speakers Rev Hilary Bell (URC) at 2:00 pm at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Burton; Fr Ravi Bosco at 7:30pm Willaston Methodist Church.

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LENT Week I

17th February 2013

16 Feb	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	TG: Dot Davies
17 Feb	SUNDAY	<i>First Sunday in Lent Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish Int: Teresa Brazzill
18 Feb	MONDAY		9.00 am	Sp.intention: N. Mulligan
19 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Tom Sellers
20 Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Mary & Christie Tomas
21 Feb	THURSDAY	<i>St. Peter Damian Day of Prayer for needy and hungry of the world – Family Fast day I</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
22 Feb	FRIDAY	<i>The Chair of St Peter – Bishop Mark's Episcopal ordination anniversary Stations of the Cross – CWL Friday Abstinence</i>	9.00 am	Ian Murphy
23 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>St. Polycarp</i>	9.00 am	Norman Perryman
23 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend Second Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
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Bishop Mark on Pope's decision to renounce ministry

We all received the news of Pope Benedict's decision to "renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of St Peter" with great sadness. It is a moment when we feel a certain sense of bereavement in the family of the Church. However, Pope Benedict XVI is a great teacher of the faith and he teaches us no less by making this brave decision than by the eight years as our Holy Father. Pope Benedict reminds us that the place and ministry of Peter always continues in the life of the Church by the continuous line of the Bishops of Rome, one pope going and another pope following, as the years go by. St Peter's chair is never to be left empty, his office, his ministry will continue until the end of time.

Pope Benedict tells us that "having repeatedly examined his conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry" and so will stand aside on the last day of this month, "renouncing the ministry of the Bishop of Rome, Successor of St Peter, entrusted to me," in order that a new Pope can be elected and the ministry of Peter should continue. The Holy Father realises that the office of Peter does not belong to him, but has been entrusted for a time, before being passed on to his successor. Pope Benedict indicates that he renounces his office as pope in the light of his declining strength in mind and body and so for the sake of the Church and the effective continuance of the Petrine ministry amidst the many challenges of these times.

How gratefully we will remember the eight years of Pope Benedict's service of the Church as our Holy Father. We think of the way he courageously responded to this call when already an elderly man, the enduring legacy of his teaching by which he confirmed us in faith and the unforgettable days of his apostolic visit to our country which gave new heart to us all. Let us pray now for Pope Benedict as he continues his service of the Church by a life devoted to prayer and pray very much for the coming conclave and for his successor who will continue the ministry of Peter for us as our Holy Father the Pope.

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Confirmation: Candidates wishing to be confirmed at the celebration at Our Lady and St John, Heswall on June 5th, 2013, please register by the end of this week.

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Catechists: We are grateful to the following volunteers who have generously agreed to help in meaningful preparation and celebration of sacraments. They look forward to welcoming more volunteers to help in these ministries - **Baptism:** Micheline Johnson, Tony Topping
First Communion: Edith O'Sullivan, Sue & Barry Lyonette, Tony Topping
Confirmation: Micheline Johnson and Dee Roberts
Marriage Preparation: Mike Topping, Karl Ankers, Sue & Barry Lyonette
Christian Funeral Help: Sue & Barry Lyonette to work in partnership with the existing Bereavement group
Priest's Friday Communion Visits: Tony Topping

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts, M Harris.

Fr Denis Bible Study Group: the next meeting (Session 4) will be on Wed February 20th at 7.30pm. 2 Allans Meadow.

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CWL Monthly Meeting: We are very lucky to have a flower demonstration given by Pat Woods, entitled the Western Isles of Scotland. It is sure to be a fun and interesting evening. All welcome. Thursday 21st February at 7.30pm in the church hall.

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Eucharistic and Reading Ministers; Meeting in the church hall for our Easter preparations and faith exploration: Friday 22nd February at 6.45pm - 7.30pm. Any questions please phone Joe Tunstall on 336 1261 or email joe.tunstall@uwclub.net

Website: for Lent we have added a new section to the site which includes Stations of the Cross, all Lent and Easter services and other Lent materials and information. There are also links regarding Pope Benedict's resignation on the home page which you may find useful.

NESTON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

NDCT Lenten Lunch: St Winefride's Church Hall, Wednesday 20th February from 12.30pm. Please come and give us your support. Neston Parish Church: Friday, 22nd Feb 12:30 (after Stations).

Ecumenical Lenten House Groups: If you wish to participate in any weekly groups please see posters in church porch or website for location and contact numbers or contact Barbara Rivers on 336 2972 barbara.rivers@virgin.net
 URC: Mon (18th Feb) 10.30 am; Neston Parish: Tues (19th) 7:30 pm and Thurs (21st) 7:30 pm; Little Neston Methodist: Thurs (21st) 2pm (LNM Church) and Weds (20th) 7:30pm 'Sava', Bull Hill, 7:30pm; St Winefride's: Thurs (21st) 7:30 pm.

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 5

10th February 2013

9 th Feb	SATURDAY	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the unemployed	6.30 pm	The Parish
10 th Feb	SUNDAY	2 nd collection: Catholic Education Services	8.45 am	90 th Birthday: Sr Antony Wilson
11 th Feb	MONDAY	Our Lady of Lourdes	10.45 am	Dillon Family
12 th Feb	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Jimmy Attracta & Finneran
13 th Feb	WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday – Fasting & Abstinence School	7.30am 9.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	The Parish Anne O'Brien For St Winefride's School Health: Sr Maura MM
14 th Feb	THURSDAY	SS Cyril & Methodius	9.00 am	Fr Gerry Courell
15 th Feb	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – SPUC Friday Abstinence	9.00 am	Helen Flooks
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Church Cleaners: Louise Wood, Fran Byrne

YSVP: 'Big Breakfast' in the church hall after 10.45 Mass for toast, crepes etc. Proceeds to 'Crossroads for Carers' & their work with the CAMEO group in Neston.

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CWL Committee Meeting: Wednesday 13th February at 8pm in the church hall.

Shrove Tuesday Betty Neale's 'Pancake Bonanza': 12th February from 10.30am-1.00pm at 56, Breezehill Road, Neston. Bring & Buy, Raffle – in aid of the Glasgow Midwives Appeal.

SPUC: Meeting Tuesday 12th February 7.30pm in the church hall. Thanks to all who supported our coffee morning - £125.43 raised to sponsor a young person at this year's youth & student conference. White Flower appeal this year raised £546.45.

Ushers/Collectors: Meeting in church on Saturday 16th January 9.45am to discuss the progression to receiving Communion under both kinds.

Ecumenical Lenten House Groups: Full details in church porch – please call numbers indicated if you wish to participate or contact Barbara Rivers on 336 2972 barbara.rivers@virgin.net. St Winefride's meeting is on Thursday 21st February 7.30pm at 11 Manor Close, Parkgate, Helen Jones 353 0256.

Charity ball: The Mayor of Neston Cllr Pat Hughes invites parishioners to join him at a charity ball at Neston Cricket Club on 10th May. Proceeds are in aid of local prostate and breast cancer charities. Tickets are £35 per head from 336 4749 or pat.marie@virgin.net

Perpetual Adoration: at Our Lady and St John's, every Wednesday from 9.30am - 8.30pm starting on Wednesday, Feb 20th. All are welcome.

Ceilidh (in aid of expedition Borneo) at Neston Civic Hall on Friday 8th March @ 7.30pm tickets £5 or £12 for a family on sale after mass or Connor on 336 7492.

St Winefride's Gift Aid Scheme Current Tax Year 2012/2013: If any member of the scheme is no longer a tax payer please contact Mike Jevons (336 5026) as soon as possible.

LITURGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES IN LENT 2013

(excluding regular weekday and Sunday Masses)

Wed 13 Feb	Ash Wednesday	7.30 am, 9:00 am 10:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass (church) Mass (school) Mass (church)
Fri 15 Feb	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	SPUC Mike Topping and others
Fri 22 Feb	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	CWL Mike Topping and others
Fri 1 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Mike Topping and others
Fri 08 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	St Winefride's School Yr 3 Mike Topping and others
Fri 15 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm	Catechists Mike Topping and others
Mon 18 Mar- Thu 21 Mar	'Blessed Are You...' Bishop Brian Noble on the Beatitudes	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Priests available on all 4days for Sacrament of Reconciliation
Fri 22 Mar	Stations of the Cross	after 9:00 am Mass 7:30 pm	SVP Mike Topping and others
Sun 24 Mar	Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) The Kingdom of Heaven'	7:00 pm	A play by the young people of St Winefride's (Parish Centre)
Mon 25 Mar- Wed 27 Mar	Holy Week	After 9:00 am Mass	Priests available for Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wed 27 Mar	Mass	9:00 am (church)	
	Mass	9:10 am (school)	
Thu 28 Mar	Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at the Altar of Repose	7:30 pm Until Midnight	Mgr Chris Lightbound Parish Centre
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Canon Brendan Hoban Fr Denis Marmion
Sat 30 Mar	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	7:30 pm	Fr Ravi Bosco
Sun 31 Mar	Easter Sunday Mass Mass	8:45 am 10:45 am	
Mon 1 Apr	Mass	10:00 am	
OTHER SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES IN LENT:			
Thu 14 Feb	Year of Faith – Vatican II Talk: Fr. David Long Small Christian Communities, 7.30pm		
Wed 20 Feb	NDCT Lenten Lunch at Parish Centre, 12.30pm		
Thu 21 Feb	NDCT weekly Lenten House Group begins		
Sat 2 Mar	Baptism Preparation Course, 10:00 -11:00am		
Sat 2 Mar	Marriage Preparation Course, 10:00 am – 12noon		
Thu 7 Mar	Year 6 children from St Winefride's attend Parish Mass		
Thu 14 Mar	Year 4 & 5 children from St Winefride's attend Parish Mass		
Thu 14 Mar	Year of Faith – Vatican II Talk: Mrs Cecilia Allen 'The Laity in/and the Church', 7.30pm		
Thu 21 Mar	Year 3 children from St Winefride's attend Parish Mass		

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 4

3rd February 2013

2 nd Feb	SATURDAY	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
3 rd Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	John & Barbara Healey
4 th Feb	MONDAY		9.00 am	Special Intention
5 th Feb	TUESDAY	St. Agatha	9.00 am	Intention: Andrew & Catherine Needhan
6 th Feb	WEDNESDAY	St. Paul Miki & Companions	9.00 am	Paul Kershaw
7 th Feb	THURSDAY	Requiem	9.00 am 11.00am	Health: Olivia Kenley John Williams
8 th Feb	FRIDAY	St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita	9.00 am	Mulligan Mary & Julie
9 th Feb	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Health: Tunstall family
9 th Feb	SATURDAY	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the unemployed 2 nd Collection: Catholic Education Services	6.30 pm	The Parish
			8.45 am	90 th B'day: Sr. Antony Wilson
10 th Feb	SUNDAY		10.45 am	Dillon Family
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00am; Morning Prayer 8:40am; Rosary following 9.00am Mass				

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 RIP John Williams

Message from Fr Ravi...

Singing at St Winefride's

Let me be honest - I'm not a good singer nor can I read music, but some hymns really captivate my soul. When 'The Lord's my Shepherd' is sung, my trust in God is strengthened. 'How Great Thou Art' often reminds me that I need this at my funeral. In our church, when we sing, 'Do not be Afraid', I experience a deep calm that comes in God's presence. 'This is the day that the Lord has made..' reminds me of a parish where this was chosen when their parish priest was transferred! I'm sure, you'll have your favourite hymns too!

I'm greatly encouraged to know that our musicians and singers have started planning for our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies - from Boxing Day onwards! I understand that many new volunteers have come forward to sing psalms and to lead the singing. They deserve all our support and appreciation. If you think you can help with singing or playing some instruments, please do contact the music liturgy team or me. We do need your gifts for the good of our community. There will be some practice sessions in the weeks ahead as we look forward to a meaningful celebration of the paschal mystery.

Was it not St. Augustine who said, 'to sing is to pray twice'?

God bless!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Preparation Course: The parents/godparents who have arranged for the baptism of their children this year are invited for a session on Saturday 2nd March 2013 from 10am to 11am. Please confirm your attendance by email to parishpriest@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

First Communion: First session for parents and children on Monday 4th Feb at 7:00 at St Winefride's School. First Communion Celebration will be on Saturday June 15th 2013.

Confirmation: June 5th 2013 at Our Lady and St John, Heswall. Candidates from Yr 8 onwards wishing to be confirmed please register by Feb 15th 2013. Forms on website.

Marriage Preparation Course: Those couples from our parish who have arranged for their wedding in 2013 or 2014 are invited to attend an important Marriage Preparation programme in our church on Saturday 2nd March 2013 from 10am to 12 noon. Please confirm your presence by email to parishpriest@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Year of Faith: Our next talk in the Vatican II series is on '**Small Christian Communities**', by Fr David Long on Thursday, 14th Feb, at 7.30pm.

LPA - Lenten Renewal and Reconciliation Activity: Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Priests available on all 4 days for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian & Veronica Casey

Fr Denis Bible Study Group: Next meeting Tuesday 5th Feb at 7.30pm at 2 Allans Meadow. Session 3 continued.

Readers Ministry: Please collect the new rota from the sacristy. Many thanks to our new volunteers. Can readers supply their email address to joe.tunstall@uwclub.net. Joe Tunstall 336 1261.

Chester & Ellesmere Port District SVP Walsingham Pilgrimage 2013: Will take place from Mon 8th April to Thurs 11th April. The cost approx. £170 per person. Contact Derek on 336 8426.

Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes:- 24th - 30th July: If anyone is interested in joining a parish group will you please contact Margaret Davies on 336 4046 to have some idea of numbers. More details later.

Anniversary of Teresa Higginson - Feb 15, 2013: Starting with Holy Hour at 11am, Mass at noon, ending at 3.30 after the rosary and prayers of Teresa Higginson. The day is organised by the Liverpool and St Helens pilgrimage group: all are welcome. Details on the church notice boards.

SPUC Winter Warmer Coffee Morning: Tuesday 5th February, 9.30am to 11.30am in Church Hall. Bring & Buy stall and raffle (contributions gratefully received). Money raised will send young people to youth and student conference.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

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Ecumenical Lenten House Groups: As in previous years, Lenten house groups reflect and share their faith together. If interested, please contact Barbara 336 2972 barbara.rivers@virgin.net

Women's World Day of Prayer: on March 1st. Speakers Rev Hilary Bell (URC) at 2:00pm at St Nicholas Parish Church, Burton; Fr Ravi Bosco at 7:30pm Willaston Methodist Church.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENT!

Calling all 6-12 year olds for the Easter Play: 'The Kingdom of Heaven' will be performed by the young people of the Parish at 7:00 pm on Wed 27th March in Holy Week. Anyone wanting to sing a solo please contact Katherine Powell (336 1208) before Sat 9th Feb. Otherwise please download a copy of the script from the website (forms download section) and bring to rehearsals in the church hall starting on Sat 9th Feb at 6.00pm.

QR Codes: Many thanks to Kit Wilkinson for designing our first QR Code with assistance from Tara O'Cleirigh and Jordan Henshaw.

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 3

27th January 2013

26 th Jan	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
27 th Jan	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for Education	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	John & Barbara Healey
28 th Jan	MONDAY	St. Thomas Aquinas	9.00 am	Health: Paula Blair
29 th Jan	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Michael McDowon
30 th Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Rosie McLoughlin
31 st Jan	THURSDAY	St. John Bosco	9.00 am	Sp. Intention: Chris Gerajhty
1 st Feb	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Thanksgiving: JB
2 nd Feb	SATURDAY	The Presentation of the Lord	9.00 am	D Strawson & Vera
2 nd Feb	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Elizabeth Gaffney
3 rd Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Kenneth George Rodrigues
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Message from Fr Ravi...

One of the blessings we cherish in Neston is the presence and ministry of our two (retired) priests. While I appreciate their pastoral help, their presence gives so much more than this alone. It is the joy of working together, listening to each other and learning from one another. We can be both effective and happy in team ministry.

Accordingly, the community will be seeing Mike Topping working closely with me in all areas of parish life. We have seen him assisting on the sanctuary and now he will also be organising our Sunday offerings and other collections. Gradually, we look forward to his ministry developing further, especially in relation to the three aspects we focus on in our parish - faith formation, faith celebration and faith action.

It is also an invitation to the entire parish especially for those already involved in different ministries and in leadership responsibilities to involve more people - of different ages, genders etc - and to consciously build teams of leaders for effective ministry today and for continuity tomorrow. It is our responsibility to our parish life in the present and to the sacred trust of working towards our future.

May the Trinitarian God bless our renewal and keep us all 'firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity'.

God Bless!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Communion June 2013: We thank those children receiving communion this year and their parents for their lively presence at last Sunday's celebration. We look forward to seeing them regularly at weekend masses and in their preparation sessions in the weeks ahead.

Confirmation: June 5th 2013 at Our Lady and St John, Heswall. Candidates from Yr 8 onwards wishing to be confirmed please download and complete the confirmation forms (available on the website) or contact the parish priest. Registration by February 15th 2013.

Year of Faith: Our next talk in the Vatican II series is on '**Small Christian Communities**', by Fr David Long on Thursday, 14th Feb, at 7.30pm. As we seek to promote team ministry at all levels in our Parish, our vision is to become 'a communion of communities' at St Winefride's. Please do come and feel enriched in living faith through these valuable sessions.

LPA - Lenten Renewal and Reconciliation Activity: Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. It is a privilege to listen to Bishop Noble and to be called 'Blessed are You...' by the God of infinite love and goodness. There will also be opportunities for individual confessions each day.

Volunteers needed: If you are interested in helping Mike Topping in counting our Sunday offering/collection after 11.30am on Sundays, please contact him; your help will be much appreciated.

Unity Octave: As indicated in last Sunday's newsletter, we meditated in our daily Eucharists on the theme chosen for this year: **What does God require of us?** '...to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God'. I was pleased to see some of you joining other Christian communities for prayer and fellowship this week and I encourage you to participate in such future activities. Barbara Rivers and Helen Jones, as St Winefride's voluntary representatives, are serving as Chair and Secretary respectively for NDCT this year. There is also a proposal to form a parish group of those interested in ecumenism to actively learn, live and foster Christian unity.

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Reader Ministers: Please collect the new rota from the sacristy. Many thanks to our new volunteers. Please can readers supply their email address to joe.tunstall@uwclub.net. Joe Tunstall 336 1261.

Ushers: Reminder to Ushers who help at Communion - we will be meeting on Tues 29th January at 10am to look at the organising of the congregation in order to receive Eucharist under both bread and wine.

White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual Appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. Please give generously to this cause.

SPUC Winter Warmer Coffee Morning: Beat the winter blues and join us for a hot tea cake or crumpet, coffee, tea or Gaelic Coffee on **Tuesday 5th February** - 9.30 to 11.30am in the Church Hall. Bring and Buy stall and raffle (contributions gratefully received). All money raised to be used to send young people to this year's youth and student conference in March. All welcome.

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosemary & Peter Southworth: Would like to thank the CWL, relations and friends for the Masses, flowers, cards and good wishes received for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 2

20th January 2013

19 th Jan	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	John & Joan Schofield
20 th Jan	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for World Peace First Communion Enrolment Mass	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Tim Delaney
21 st Jan	MONDAY	St. Agnes	9.00 am	Sp. Intention: Annie Kane
22 nd Jan	TUESDAY	St. Vincent	9.00 am	Jessie McMahon
23 rd Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Tony & Gerard Moreton & Family
24 th Jan	THURSDAY	St Francis de Sales Requiem	9.00 am	Paul Kershaw
			10.00am	Elizabeth Gaffney
25 th Jan	FRIDAY	The Conversion of St. Paul End Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	9.00 am	Special Intention
26 th Jan	SATURDAY	SS. Timothy & Titus	9.00 am	Finneran Family
26 th Jan	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,	6.30 pm	Health: Vera West
27 th Jan	SUNDAY	Day of Special Prayer for Education	8.45 am	The Parish
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RIP Elizabeth Gaffney

Message from Fr Ravi...

'May they all be one' was the prayer of Jesus, and in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as we welcomed our Christian sisters and brothers to St Winefride's on Friday and are invited to join them in their places of worship over the coming Unity Octave (please see timetable), I would like to present for your reflection the theme chosen for 2013 by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. The theme is 'What does God require of us?' based on Micah 6:6-8:

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God''

Accordingly, themes for the Unity octave reflections at daily masses in St. Winefride's:

- 18th: **Walking in Conversation** (Emmaus experience, Luke 24: 13-25);
- 19th: **Walking with the Broken Body of Christ** (Jesus' gift of himself Luke 22: 14-23);
- 20th: **Walking towards Freedom** (Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman John 4: 4-26);
- 21st: **Walking as Children of the Earth** (Jesus' healing, mud, bodies and water John 9: 1-11);
- 22nd: **Walking as the Friends of Jesus** (I call you friends, John 15: 12-17);
- 23rd: **Walking Beyond Barriers** (Jesus and the Cananite woman Matthew 15: 21-28);
- 24th: **Walking in Solidarity** (The Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-37);
- 25th: **Walking in Celebration** (Magnificat, Lk 1: 46-55)

We are blessed in Neston with active ecumenical relationships and may I take this opportunity to thank all the ministers and their communities for the 'togetherness' we experience in our area.

May God bless us all!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lectio Divina: On behalf the Parish, we thank Fr Denis Marmion for leading us and our fellow Christians in Neston in Lectio Divina on the first day of Christian Unity Week and for his sustained faith formation activities in our Parish throughout the year. Thank you Fr. Denis!

First Communion June 2013: We happily welcome those children preparing for First Communion and their parents this Sunday as they formally begin their preparation with the enrolment mass. We hope it will be an enriching experience for them and as a parish we accompany them with all our best wishes and prayers. Besides their regular instruction, they will assist in different ways at weekend masses and also animate our liturgies.

Vatican II Talks: Our 5th talk in this series will be on Thursday, 14th February, by Fr. David Long on 'Small Christian Communities'. 7:30 pm start. **ALL WELCOME.**

Blessed Are You... Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18th March to Thursday 21st March from 7.30 - 8.30pm, as part of Parish Renewal Programme during Lent.

Unity Octave: As much as we pray for the gift of Unity, we also work towards it by participating in these events planned by NDCT.

19/01	8.30 am	St Nicholas, Burton - Prayer Breakfast
20/01	6.30 pm	Christian Unity Service: Little Neston Methodist Church
21/01	5.30 pm	Neston Parish Church
22/01	7.00 pm	Neston Christian Fellowship
23/01	7.30 pm	Little Neston Methodist at 'Sava', Bull Hill, Little Neston
24/01	8:00 pm	URC, Parkgate Road

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Louise Wilkinson, Tina Davies

Website: New for this week: Christian Unity Octave information and Book of Remembrance monthly lists of those we remember at St Winefride's. We have had visitors from all around the globe as well as many repeat visitors from St Winefrides! Thank you for your continued support.

Bible Study: The next meeting will be this week on Wednesday 23rd January at 2 Allans Meadow

commencing at 7.30pm. Please read Chapter 3 of your Year of Faith Study book. .

Reading Ministry: Volunteers urgently needed for our Sunday 8.45am Mass. Please phone Joe Tunstall asap on 336 1261 if you feel able to volunteer or have questions. New rota for February available next week end.

Music Ministry: For our Easter Celebrations we will be singing several psalms. Anyone who would like to lead a psalm on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or at the Easter Vigil contact Katharine Powell on 336 1208 (full training given if required!)

White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual Appeal next weekend 26th/27th Please give generously to this worthy cause.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage: On Saturday, 9th Feb, 2.00 pm at Our Lady's Church, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ Couples celebrating special anniversaries this year (25th, 40th, 50th, 70th) are particularly welcome to this celebratory Mass. Please give your name and address to your Parish Priest to receive a written invitation from Bishop Mark. For further information please contact Fr. Pat Munroe Tel 0161 480 2489 or email: pat.munroe@btinternet.com

CCRS: Marian Tolley will lead two sessions on 'Introduction to Liturgy' on Saturdays 26th January and 2nd March at the Parish Centre at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Enfield Road, E. Port CH65 8BY 10am to 4 pm. Please bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee provided. The sessions are open to everyone. The cost is £25 for both days. For further information please contact Rowena Nield 0161 440 8619.

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CHRISTMASTIDE / ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

13th January 2013

12 th Jan	SATURDAY	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
13 th Jan	SUNDAY	<i>Renewal of Baptismal Promises Christmas Season ends today</i>	8.45 am	Paul and Barry Kershaw
			10.45 am	TG: Angela and David Rowland
14 th Jan	MONDAY	<i>Funeral Service</i>	9.00 am	Odilla Beardsworth
			10.00 am	Winifride Gill
15 th Jan	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Health: Dennis Owen
16 th Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Sp. Intention: Catherine O'Brien
17 th Jan	THURSDAY	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	9.00 am	Jessie McMahan
18 th Jan	FRIDAY	<i>Beginning of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	9.00 am	Mee Family
			7.30 pm	Lectio Divina
19 th Jan	SATURDAY	<i>St. Wulstan</i>	9.00 am	Alan & Elizabeth Walmsley
19 th Jan	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Day of Special Prayer for World Peace	6.30 pm	John & Joan Schofield
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RIP Winifride Gill, Elizabeth Gaffney

Message from Bishop Mark Davies - Retired Priests' Fund Special Collection

Today the annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special envelopes are available for you to use. If you use weekly offertory envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number. If you do not have this, or you give to your parish by means of a standing order, write in your name and home address

A leaflet is also available if you would like to make your donation by cheque, or if you wish to make a regular donation to the fund by standing order and wish to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my deep gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing, + Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Communion June 2013: The meeting we had with the Parents of First communicants on 9th Jan was very enriching and we agreed that we would have preparation classes on 4/2, 4/3, 15/4, 13/5, 10/6 with the celebration on 15/6, that the candidates would help regularly at weekend masses after their enrolment [20/1] and that they would also "animate" Sunday 10.45 masses on 20/1, 10/2, 17/3, 21/4, and 19/5. We are grateful to all the parents and catechists for their kind cooperation and to the staff of St. Winefride's School for their dedication in this responsibility.

Vatican II Talk on Christian Unity: We sincerely appreciated Fr. Nick Kern's meaningful presentation of the Vatican Council's teaching on Christian Unity and thank him on behalf of our Parish for all his support to St. Winefride's. We are grateful to all the volunteers who arranged our Parish Centre for the event and to those who organised it so well.

Our 5th talk in this series will be on Thursday, 14th February, by Fr. David Long on 'Small Christian Communities'.

Unity Octave: Churches Together' Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th - 25th January.

Each church offers their hospitality at one of their regular prayer groups inviting others to experience and learn from different approaches to faith exploration.

18/01	7.30 pm	St. Winefride's – Lectio Divina
19/01	8.30 am	St Nicholas, Burton - Prayer Breakfast
20/01	6.30 pm	Christian Unity Service: Little Neston Methodist Church
21/01	5.30 pm	Neston Parish Church
22/01	7.00 pm	Neston Christian Fellowship
23/01	7.30 pm	Little Neston Methodist at 'Sava', Bull Hill, Little Neston
24/01	8:00 pm	URC, Parkgate Road

Blessed Are You... Bishop Brian Noble will offer reflections on the Beatitudes from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st March, 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm, as part of our Parish Renewal Programme during Lent.

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L. Dee, A Williams, D. Roberts, M. Harris

Fr Denis Bible Study Group: Next meeting Wednesday 16th January at 7.30 p.m. 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read chapter 2 of the Year of Faith.

Website: Updated this week to include Little Church Prayers in the Youth and Children section, Prayers for Students in the Local Schools section and summaries of the Vatican II talks received so far including the full text from Fr Chris' talk on the Year of Faith page. Well worth a visit at www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Chester & Ellesmere Port District SVP Walsingham Pilgrimage 2013: The pilgrimage will take place from Monday 8th April to Thursday 11th April. The cost (assuming 50 including driver on pilgrimage) will be approximately £170 per person including coach travel, accommodation and meals in Walsingham and gratuities. For more details and to arrange to join the pilgrimage please contact Derek on 336 8426.

Reading Ministry: Workshop in Church Wednesday 16th January 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm Any questions 336 1261. All welcome.

CWL Annual Dinner: Thursday 17th Jan 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at The Grange.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage: On Saturday, 9th Feb, 2.00 pm at Our Lady's Church, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ Couples celebrating special anniversaries this year (25th, 40th, 50th, 70th) are particularly welcome to this celebratory Mass. Please give your name and address to your Parish Priest to receive a written invitation from Bishop Mark. For further information please contact Fr. Pat Munroe Tel 0161 480 2489 or email: pat.munroe@btinternet.com

CCRS: Marian Tolley will lead two sessions on 'Introduction to Liturgy' on Saturdays 26th January and 2nd March at the Parish Centre at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Enfield Road, E. Port CH65 8BY 10am to 4 pm. Please bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee provided. The sessions are open to everyone. The cost is £25 for both days. For further information please contact Rowena Nield 0161 440 8619.

Please do take a copy of the newsletter home with you (one per household).

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CHRISTMASTIDE

6 January 2013

5 th Jan	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
6 th Jan	SUNDAY	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8.45 am	Michael Halley
			10.45 am	Peter and Rosemary Southwell (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
7 th Jan	MONDAY	<i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	9.00 am	Paul Kershaw
8 th Jan	TUESDAY	<i>Tuesday after Epiphany</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
9 th Jan	WEDNESDAY	<i>Wednesday after Epiphany</i>	9.00 am	Mary Ellen and Tom Finneran
10 th Jan	THURSDAY	<i>Thursday after Epiphany</i> Mass in School <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am 9.10 am 1.30 pm	Margaret White For St. Winefride's Primary School Requiem: Peter Bernard Murray
11 th Jan	FRIDAY	<i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	9.00 am	Health: Bill and Cath Owen
12 th Jan	SATURDAY	<i>St. Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	9.00 am	Michael Shaw
	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> <i>Renewal of Baptismal promises</i> <i>The Christmas Season ends today</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
13 th Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Paul and Barry Kershaw
			10.45 am	TG: Angela and David Rowland
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass				

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Alan Jones, Pam Grace, Fr. Fred Robinson, Laura Growney-Stone, John Piccolo, Kevin Bradford, James Rourke, Molly Hopkins, Claire Heverin, Paula Tunstall, Jane Haines, Karl Smith, Vincent Marmion, Marie Claire, Margaret Maw, Stacey Leadbetter, Louisa Johnson, Pat Ward, Frances Dooley, James Mulligan Jnr., Peter Anderson, Christine Rhodes, Francesca Grace Peet, Kevin Hughes.

RIP: Peter Bernard Murray

From Fr Ravi:

Since Christmas, we have had quite a few events in our church and I am pleased to say that the response to them was pretty impressive.

On the 28th of December, we had Christmas Celebrations for the Altar Servers and First Communicants. The event was planned and organised by their parents and it was wonderful to see children celebrating Christmas in their parish on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Our sincere thanks to all these who took part in the event. The Prayer of Thanksgiving we had on the eve of New Year was a moment of grace where, in silence and prayer, many of us experienced God's presence and began the New Year filled with peace and serenity. A candle was lit for our own special intentions and we also remembered in a special way, the sick and the home bound of our community.

The launch of the parish website on 1st January 2013 marked a new beginning and it was interesting to see even our 'experienced' ones in the parish, learning about downloads, links etc. I am informed by our web team that the site has already received many visitors and I am sure you will inform your friends and family both here and abroad about this new means of staying connected to St. Winefride's!

It is already a week since we began the New Year and hence, enough time to have fumbled in our New Year's resolutions. As we reflected in our homily on New Year's Day, 'even a broken clock is right twice a day' we keep working even as we keep dreaming of a better, beautiful tomorrow for everyone! May the Magi, whom we remember this Sunday, help us in our journey to find Jesus, find peace and experience joy in God's presence.

God bless!

Message from Bishop Mark Davies - Retired Priests' Fund Special collection: Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. In the short time I have been with you, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of the Diocese towards the Retired Priests' Fund. With your help, we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A Leaflet is also available if you would like to make your donation by cheque, or if you wish to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order and wish to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my deep gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing – **Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Communion June 2013: There will be an important meeting for parents of First Communion children on Wednesday 9th January at 7pm in St Winefride's School. As the preparation for the event and other details are to be discussed at the meeting, all parents - those whose children are at St Winefride's and those in other schools - are requested to be present at the meeting. The enrolment mass will take place on 20th January at 10:45 mass, following which the candidates along with their parents will be encouraged to become actively involved in our weekend masses and we in the parish look forward to seeing them in our church.

Year of Faith - Vatican II: The theme of Christian Unity and ecumenism is more relevant today than ever before and we will listen to Fr. Nick Kern on Thursday 10th January from 7pm on this important topic. Please do bring your friends belonging to other Christian Communities along and we look forward to some meaningful and interesting conversation that evening.

Liturgical Ministries: We need more volunteers for church cleaning, singing, reading and to be special ministers of communion. This could be one of your New Year resolutions to help our Parish. Those interested please do contact Fr Ravi immediately.

Diocesan Year Book/Liturgical Calendar: Available for purchase [£4/£5] in Parish Office.

Blessed Are You....: Please make a note of Monday, 18th March to Thursday 21st March in your diaries, when Bishop Brian Noble will be in our Church, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, to help us in our spiritual renewal by offering reflections on the Beatitudes.

PARISH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Fran Byrne and Louise Wood

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Parish Ministers: please collect the Nov 29th meeting minutes from the sacristy and Jan 2013 readings.

SPUC Meeting: Next Tuesday 7 30pm in St Winefride's Church Hall. All Welcome

Fr Denis Bible Study Group: Next meeting Wednesday 9th January @ 7.30 p.m. 2 Allans Meadow. Please read session 2.

CWL Committee Meeting: On Wednesday 9th January @ 7.30 p.m. in the church hall.

Web Team: Many thanks to all who came to the launch of the website on January 1st. A special thanks to May Williams who at 102 years old took us into the 21st Century!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 09/01 First Communion:** Initial Meeting for parents 7pm at St Winefride's Primary School
- 10/01 Year of Faith:** Vatican II Talk 7pm in the Church Hall
- 12/01 Retired Priest's Fund:** Special Collection
- 20/01 First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass** during 10.45 Mass.

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