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**Lent IV**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

29 Mar	SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – "Reconciliation Sunday", Mgr Jack Kennedy: Confessions after each mass	6.30pm	The Parish
30 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45am	Sp Int: Lilian Jones
			10.45am	Catherine & John Southwell
31 Mar	MONDAY		9.00am	Health: Veronica West
1 Apr	TUESDAY		9.00am	Health: Jim & Mavis Milstead
2 Apr	WEDNESDAY	St Francis of Paola	9.00am	Norah Crawshaw
3 Apr	THURSDAY		9.10am	Alice Breen
4 Apr	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross - Ministers of Word and Communion – St Isidore	9.00am	Pat O'Neill
5 Apr	SATURDAY	St Vincent Ferrer	9.00am	Health: S.Gordon
5 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – "Holy Land" Sunday	6.30pm	Chris Farley
			8.45am	The Parish
6 Apr	SUNDAY		10.45am	Thomas Sargent
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**From Fr Ravi: Healing the world...**

As seen in last week's message, the Sacrament of Reconciliation heals us individually, heals our communities and heals the world. Our hurts and our wounds are touched by the mercy of divine love freely and unconditionally given to us in this Sacrament. We are led to accept ourselves with our strengths and struggles, restore relationships with God and with nature, build bridges of love with those in our families and also with those with whom we may have differences. May this Reconciliation Sunday be a time of grace, healing and peace for all of us in our parish community.

What better way to share this inner joy than to express it by saying a hearty thank you to all the mothers in our parish. They love and care, affirm and challenge us and they are always there for us. Additionally, their contribution to the faith life of our parish is immense. They help to bring up children in the faith, accompany them on their first communion and confirmation journeys, encourage them to take part in the sacraments regularly and keep reminding the family of what is essential – faith, hope and love.

If your mother is around, please tell her, that at St Winefride's we prayed for her. If she is not here, she is with God and loves you just the way she always did.

Happy Mother's day everyone!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wood, Fran Byrne.

**Reconciliation Sunday:** We welcome Mgr Jack Kennedy of Liverpool Archdiocese who will lead us in our Reconciliation Sunday Celebrations and preach at all masses. There will be four priests available after each mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). I invite you all to fully experience the grace of the Sacrament, especially in this season of Lent.

**Holy Land Sunday:** As we focus our eyes on the passion of Christ we are invited to see the plight of those suffering for their beliefs, convictions and values in different parts of the world, especially in the Holy Land. We will be made aware of their suffering and their need of our support at all masses over the next weekend.

**RCIA:** We accompany the catechumens and candidates all over the world who will be received into Catholic Church this Easter with our prayers. In our parish we have five who will receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil and when Bishop Mark visits our parish in June. As part of the RCIA process, they will be given a copy of the Creed and the Lord's prayer at 8.45am mass this Sunday. We wish them, their sponsors and all other participants of the Programme, God's closeness in their faith-journey. Contact: [rcia@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:rcia@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

**First Communion:** Our First Communion children will animate the 10.45 mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April and on 18<sup>th</sup> May. The remaining preparation meetings for children not attending St Winefride's school will be on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> June. They will celebrate their First Forgiveness during Holy Week (14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April) from 9.30 to 10am. We thank all our catechists, both at school and in the parish, Mrs Liz Dolley who guide our children so well. [firstcommunion@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:firstcommunion@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

**Confirmation:** Our Confirmation candidates, thanks to the generous commitment of their catechists, have been involved in various activities for the last few months. We thank their parents for their active support of our programme and their appreciation. After leading us in the Stations of the Cross, our candidates will animate the 8.45am mass this Sunday and also on 4<sup>th</sup> May. The next preparation session takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> April from 2 to 3pm and then on 11<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> May. The liturgy rehearsal will be on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm and the celebration of the sacrament with Bishop Mark on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. [confirmation@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:confirmation@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

**Marriage Preparation:** If you plan to get married in the near future, you are welcome to attend our Marriage Preparation programme on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12 noon. [marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

**Lent 2014:** We thank CWL for leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday morning and who are celebrating 50 years of their presence in our parish. We also thank our Confirmation candidates for leading us in our evening Stations. As we look towards our Easter celebrations,

praying the Stations can lead us to a deeper understanding of the paschal mystery. Home masses at different houses are a great means to foster unity and fellowship around the altar of the Lord in an intimate family setting.

**Explore 2014:** For all in Year 11 to those in their 20's and 30's on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, from 2pm to 5.30pm at St Chad's Catholic High School, Runcorn WA7 5YH. Contact: [lukeneedham@outlook.com](mailto:lukeneedham@outlook.com)

**Music Rehearsal:** We have already begun practicing hymns for Easter but would still welcome more singers. If you can join us, please come along to rehearsals on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in Church.

**Bible Study Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2 Allan's Meadow commencing at 7.30pm. Please read chapters 58 - 59 of the study book in preparation.

**From the Hall Committee:** Since Christmas many changes have taken place in our hall. It has been modernised in several areas. We now have a portable ramp for disabled access, with a new approach to the entrance. Thanks go to Sean McKeown for his excellent alteration to the garden area.

The patio doors now have much better closures making the exit to the cemetery much easier. The hall now has state of the art CD/DVD players, projector and screen with computer and broadband connections, along with the necessary new electrical wiring. Future plans include updating of the equipment in the kitchen.

The hall is available for private hire to parishioners for functions such as family gatherings, weddings, baptisms and birthdays. [hall@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:hall@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

**The NE Singers** present 'A Salute to Tommy' commemorating the First World War through music and poems at Parkgate and Neston URC Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. Tel: 336 8426.

**Foodbank:** Thank you for your continuing support of West Cheshire Foodbank. Your help in hosting a collection box is vital in helping people in times of crisis in the Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston areas. At the moment, we are experiencing shortages of the following items: Sugar, UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Meat/ Meat Items, Jam, Instant mashed potato. We would appreciate any help you could give us in replenishing our stocks of these items.

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**LENT III**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

22 Mar	SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent <i>Confirmation Candidates</i>	6.30pm	Health: Debbie Caulfield
23 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Sandra Sally
24 Mar	MONDAY		9.00am	Elizabeth McHugh
25 Mar	TUESDAY	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.00am	Brian Haggart
26 Mar	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Margaret Belcher
27 Mar	THURSDAY		9.10am	Alan Gordon
28 Mar	FRIDAY	<i>Stations of the Cross – CWL - Abstinence</i>	9.00am	Ken Bayley
29 Mar	SATURDAY		9.00am	Victor Clyronomides
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R.I.P Silvia Saddler

**From Fr Ravi: Let Peace Flow through us....**

Next weekend, Mgr Jack Kennedy has been invited to our parish to lead us in meaningfully celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and thus prepare ourselves to joyfully sing the Easter Alleluia. The weekend masses will start and conclude at regular times and four priests - Frs Jack, Chris, Denis and myself - will be available after each mass to celebrate the Sacrament individually with you.

This Sacrament is certainly not just about ourselves and our sins! As you know well, we understand sin as 'the deliberate and conscious carrying out of something we know to be wrong,' which can be harmful, as it damages ourselves, our relationship with others in the community, with nature and with the God of love. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, even as it helps us to be aware of our experiences, is primarily about God's love and mercy which is freely and unconditionally given to us. The grace of the Sacrament heals the wounds of both the individual and the community. Peace begins to flow, and it flows through us out into the world helping us experience the joy of relating with the God, who never, ever abandons us, especially when we fail, fumble and falter. There is a rebuilding of relationships, leading us to new hopes, new possibilities, new prayers and new dreams.

I am told there are even 'apps' like *Confession* and *Mea Culpa* that smart phone owners can use! Of course, as many will say, possibly the best 'app' is to sit in silence contemplating the compassionate face of Jesus on the cross...

May God bless us all!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Brian and Veronica Casey

**Archbishop of Liverpool:** Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon O.P. (Bishop of Nottingham) has been appointed the ninth Archbishop of Liverpool. His Mass of Installation will be at 12 noon on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.

**Reconciliation Sunday:** Next weekend (29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March) we welcome Mgr Jack Kennedy, who will preach on the theme of Reconciliation at all masses. A leaflet sent to us by Bishop Mark to help us celebrate this sacrament is available in both porches and online.

**RCIA:** Those preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil in our parish will be given a copy of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer at 8.45 mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please do keep them in your prayers.

**First Communion:** Preparation meetings for children who do not attend St Winefride's school are on Thursdays at 4-5pm in the church hall on: 27/03, 01/05, 15/05, 12/06. The children will animate our 10.45am Sunday masses on: 06/04 and 18/05. They will celebrate First Forgiveness during Holy Week (14/04 to 16/04 from 9.30 to 10am). The First Communion celebration will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. For further information please contact: firstcommunion@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**Confirmation:** Candidates will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm and animate our 8.45am Sunday masses on 6/4 and 4/5. Our preparation meetings at 9.30am are this Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>), 11/5, 18/5 and at 2pm on 27/4. The liturgy rehearsal will be on Sunday 15/6 at 7pm and the celebration of the Sacrament on Wednesday 18/6 at 7pm. Contact: confirmation@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**Marriage Preparation:** All those who plan to marry in our church in the months ahead are invited to participate in our Marriage Preparation Programme on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am to 12 noon in the parish hall. Contact: marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**Lent 2014:** We thank the SVP, Deacon Mike and all those involved in leading the Stations of the Cross last Friday. The evening Stations are conducted to especially enable those who work during the day to participate in this meaningful Lenten devotion. The presence of St Winefride's children at our Thursday masses is very encouraging.

**Explore 2014:** For all in Year 11 to those in their 20's and 30's on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, from 2pm to 5.30pm at St Chad's Catholic High School, Runcorn WA7 5YH. This event for young people is organised by the Bishop's Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth. Contact: lukeneedham@outlook.com

**Music Rehearsal:** We have already begun practicing hymns for our Easter services but would still welcome more singers to help us make a joyful sound! If you can join us, please come along to the rehearsal on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 4pm in Church.

**SPUC:** Attention all Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, School Governor's. Do you know what is being taught in schools re Sex Education? Do you know what your rights are? You are invited to the SPUC AGM on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Antonia Tully head of SPUC's "Safe at School" campaign. The title of her Talk is "Sex Education The Destruction of Childhood." All are welcome to attend. Please see the posters and notice of the AGM on the notice boards.

**Bereavement Group:** Meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the presbytery after Stations of the Cross. All interested are welcome to attend. Contact Kate Hughes: bereavement@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**New Rota:** Now available for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for use in April onwards. Please collect from sacristy or access online.

**Website:** A reminder that all our Lenten Activities are available online under the Lent 2014 section along with Lenten Reflections that go with the weekly Lenten posters displayed on the ambo.

**Hymn Book Amnesty:** Do you have any hymn books that have been "borrowed" and not yet returned to church? If they could find their way back it would be much appreciated!

**Gift Aid Scheme 2014/15:** New 2014/15 boxes for parishioners using envelopes are in the rear porch. The new envelopes start on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (the new tax year). If you are no longer a tax payer please let Mike Jevons know as soon as possible.

If you are you a tax payer and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as we can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you. There is a minimum potential sum of over £1500 that we lose every year. All you have to do is sign a form (available on our website or from Mike) declaring you are a taxpayer and then decide on a method of payment. Contact Mike on 0151 336 5026.

**Anti-Human Trafficking Forum:** Promoted by Justice & Peace Commission, led by Major Anne Read, 29<sup>th</sup> March: frodshamforuminfo@gmail.com

**Society of St Gregory Summer School:** An opportunity to explore how Vatican II and in particular Sacrosanctum Concilium, guides both liturgical practice and the life of the Church in the world. Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August at The Hayes Conference Centre, Stanwick, Derbyshire. More details at www.ssg.org.uk

**Neston Parish Church:** 60's Night at Neston Royal British Legion Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £7.50.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Wendy Morgan, Anne-Marie McLean

**Reconciliation Sunday:** In this Year of Reconciliation, we celebrate our Reconciliation Weekend on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March when four priests will be available after each mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) to enable us to experience the Grace of this sacrament. Mgr Jack Kennedy will preach on the theme of Reconciliation at all masses. A leaflet sent to us by Bishop Mark to help us meaningfully celebrate this sacrament is available in both porches.

**RCIA:** At least 10 from our parish participated in the Rite of Election Celebrations presided over by Bishop Mark at Shrewsbury Cathedral last Sunday. There are 20 Catechumens (non-baptised individuals) and nearly 50 candidates (baptised Christians) in the Shrewsbury diocese who will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil this year. Please accompany them all with your prayers. rcia@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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**Lent 2014:** We thank SPUC, Joan Braidwood, Fr Denis and Deacon Mike for conducting the Stations of the Cross on Fridays and the SVP for organising our Lenten soup lunch last Wednesday. Also our Home masses and Lenten Study Groups are off to a good start.

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**Music Rehearsal:** The turn out for last week's rehearsal was extremely encouraging; however we still need more singers. If you enjoy singing, we would love you to join us. Please contact Maria Slater on 336 4622 or come along to the rehearsal on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in Church.

**SVP:** Wish to thank everyone in the Parish and wider community for supporting the NDCT Lenten Lunch, £169.70 was raised.

**CWL:** Monthly meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in the church hall. All welcome.

**Bereavement Group:** meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the presbytery after stations. All interested are welcome to attend. Please contact Kate Hughes at bereavement@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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The forms can be downloaded from the parish website or directly from **Mike Jevons**, Scheme Administrator (Tel 0151 3365026). If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mike.

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

### Lent II 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014

15 Mar	SATURDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Sp Int: G Moreton & Family
16 Mar	SUNDAY	Collection: Family Fast Day	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Pat, Joe & Tom Ellis
17 Mar	MONDAY	St Patrick	9.00am	Don Thomas
18 Mar	TUESDAY	St Cyril of Jerusalem	9.00am	Sp Int: Rosa Mulligan
19 Mar	WEDNESDAY	St Joseph	9.00am	Margaret Harris
20 Mar	THURSDAY		9.10am	TG: Mary Henesy
21 Mar	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – SVP - Abstinence	9.00am	Agnes Williams
22 Mar	SATURDAY	Baptism	9.00am	Health: Claire Jones
			12.00 noon	Harry Samuel Coffin
22 Mar	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Health: Debbie Caulfield
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**R.I.P** Marjorie Williams

**From Fr Ravi:** Many of you have recently told me that they have found the reading material published in the last few weeks in our newsletter - on healthcare, the school's Ofsted report, Volunteer Form, our Lenten Programme, Bishop Mark's Lenten message - very helpful and enriching. And our Lenten Calendar is, I'm told, on many of our parishioners' fridges! As you are aware, at St Winefride's we give equal importance to the three areas of our parish life - faith-formation, faith-celebration and faith-action in our vision of becoming a community that is 'firm in Faith, joyful in Hope and active in Charity'.

Pope Francis has spoken of the Internet as 'a gift from God', while inviting us to use it prudently to proclaim the Gospel. I know that some of you will have already experienced a few of the new features of our Parish Centre. Inside we have a new projector and screen which can be used for showing DVDs or connecting to a computer for presentations, slideshows etc. We also have fixed internet access which enables us to experience the World Wide Web on both small and large screen. All this gives our community a great opportunity to use our new technology for fellowship and learning. And I urge you, individuals and groups alike, to make good use of our new equipment and the hall, regularly and imaginatively, for increasing our knowledge, deepening our faith and fostering unity in our parish family. Outside, to aid access to the hall we have also installed an exterior ramp and the door leading into the churchyard from the hall, has been repaired. May communication lead to communion of minds and hearts!

God bless!



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**A LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER "DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION"**

My dear brothers and sisters,

*"I would like to ask you – but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his or her heart: when was the last time you made your Confession?"*

This is the question Pope Francis has recently put to us. The Holy Father continued:

*"Everyone think about it ..." Is it "two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years?... And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests. Jesus receives you, he receives you with much love. Be courageous and go to Confession!"* (General Audience of the Holy Father, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014)

This is the call of Pope Francis which I wish to echo at the beginning of Lent in this year which we have dedicated in the Diocese to peace and reconciliation. (Pastoral Letter for Peace Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014)

*"Do not be afraid of Confession!" Pope Francis says in his simple and direct teaching. "When one is in line for Confession," he reflects, we feel those things which weigh on our hearts; "but when one finishes Confession, one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!"*

This is the Sacrament which Christ gives us for our salvation; for the forgiveness of sins after Baptism; and to enable you and me to reach the holiness, the perfection of charity which is the goal of our Christian lives. (Lumen Gentium 40)

So, what is it that holds us back from this Sacrament? I think I know from personal experience what can hold us back. Confession is the moment when I have to put aside all illusions about myself and about the state of my Christian life and be ready to say, "Father, these are my sins." It would be so much easier to say: these are someone else's sins and faults! But, no; this is where I have gone wrong! Confession is a 'reality check' when I recognise how far I still have to go in the Christian life and receive the grace to go forward.

In our Emeritus Pope Benedict's words: *"We must accept our frailty but keep on going, not giving up but moving forward and becoming converted ever anew through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a new start ..."* (Pope Benedict XVI 17<sup>th</sup> February 2007)

This is surely a moment when you and I are "led by the Spirit" (Mt 4:1) to reject the temptations of the Devil, as Our Saviour did in the wilderness. We must never forget the Lord Jesus Himself, God the Son sharing our humanity, was

tempted by the Evil One. We, then, must expect to face the same struggle in our lives. The sincere Confession of our sins is the moment when we put aside the illusions we can all so easily entertain about ourselves.

Before Christmas Pope Francis described how he goes to Confession.

*"Priests and bishops too have to go to Confession. We are all sinners" the Holy Father explained, "The Pope is also a sinner. And the Confessor hears what I tell him, he counsels me and forgives me, because we are all in need of this forgiveness."*

Pope Francis reminds us that confessing our sins can involve shame. But he calls it a "good shame," for our sins are the one thing of which we should be ashamed! However, it is in the very moment we confess them (in the Holy Father's words) God sends *"a brother to bestow his pardon, the certainty of his forgiveness in the name of the Church ..."*

Through the ministry of the priest, Pope Francis reflects, God holds us *"in a new embrace and regenerates us and allows us to rise again and resume our journey"* (General Audience, 20th November 2013)

Today's Gospel ends with these beautiful words: *"Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him"* (Mt 4:11)

It is a scene of peace following the struggle in the wilderness. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation brings us peace: "Go in peace" the priest says to us.

I am sending Pope Francis's words of encouragement to you in a leaflet, together with a simple guide on how to go to Confession. During Lent there will be many opportunities to approach this "great and beautiful Sacrament". I have asked your priests to be especially available on Good Friday, as I will be in the Cathedral. With Pope Francis, I invite you to put this question to yourself: How long is it since I was last at Confession? Please do not lose any time. The Holy Father reminds us:

*"It is Jesus Himself who awaits us in this great and beautiful Sacrament: have courage and go to Confession!"*

With my prayer for you all,

**+ Mark**

**Bishop of Shrewsbury**

Lent I		9 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	
8 Mar	SATURDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Rite of Election ( RCIA)	6.30pm The Parish
9 Mar	SUNDAY	Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter First Communion Children's Mass	8.45am Clare Pentall
			10.45am David Stringer
10 Mar	MONDAY		9.00am Margaret Sheela Webb
11 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00am Sp Int: R Mulligan
12 Mar	WEDNESDAY		9:00am Louis O'Sullivan
13 Mar	THURSDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Pope Francis' Election	9.10am Special Intention
14 Mar	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – Fr Denis Marmion Friday Abstinence – Family Fast Day	9.00am Health: Sue Bryan
15 Mar	SATURDAY		9.00am Ned O'Mahoney
15 Mar	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Collection: Family Fast Day	6.30pm Sp Int: G Moreton & Family
			8.45am The Parish
16 Mar	SUNDAY		10.45am Pat, Joe & Tom Ellis
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm <b>Stations of the Cross:</b> On Fridays in Lent, after 9am mass and 7.30pm <b>RCIA:</b> Tuesday 6.45pm to 8pm			

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wilkinson and Tina Davies

**Confirmation and First Communion:** We thank our confirmation candidates and their catechists who helped us celebrate our 8.45am mass very meaningfully last Sunday. We welcome our First Communion children who will read, sing and pray with us at 10.45am mass this Sunday (9/3). The next preparation meeting for children who do not attend St Winefride's school is Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm-5pm in the Church Hall.

**Easter Music Rehearsal:** On Sunday 9th March in church from 4-5pm. If you enjoy singing, we would love you to join us as we need more people (including men!) If you would like to sing a psalm at one of the Easter services, please contact Maria Slater on 336 4622 or come along to our rehearsal.

**CWL Committee** meeting this Thursday 13 Mar 7.30pm at Pauline's.

**YSVP: Lenten Projects** - we are collecting "Pennies in a Bottle" during Lent in Aid of a local charity for the homeless. Please join us and collect an empty bottle from the church hall or donate any loose change. Raffle tickets on sale every Sunday after 10.45 mass for Easter Egg Prizes.

**Website update:** All our lenten activities are now online in addition to weekly lenten reflections and stations of the cross. Our Virtual Tour is also live. Please do take a look!

**SPUC:** Meeting on Tuesday 11th March in our church hall 7 30pm. All Welcome. AGM: Wednesday 26th March 7 30pm in our Church Hall. The guest speaker is Mrs Antonia Tully head of Spuc's " Safe at School " campaign. Her talk will be entitled "Sex Education The Destruction of Childhood".

**Hall Bookings:** Please contact Peter and Louise Dee 0151 336 8806 until 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**Piety Stall:** We are open in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass selling a full range of religious items, gifts, books and cards for all occasions including Easter cards, along with a limited new stock of First Holy Communion and Confirmation items. Cards and Prayer Cards are also available at all times from the vending unit now located in the rear entrance porch of the Church. All money raised goes to the Diocesan Children's Society and your support is very much appreciated.

**NDCT:** The first Lent lunch is this Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>) here at St Winefride's at 12.30. All proceeds to FoodBank.

**Healing Mass:** For those with Mental Health issues at St Mary's Middlewich at 12 noon on Saturday 15th March.

**Foodbank:** The amount donated in February amounted to 130kg, the Foodbank agency wish to thank the parishioners of St.Winefride's for their support.

**Gift Aid Scheme 2013/14:** Could the owner of the Weekly Offertory Box Envelope Number 27 please contact Mike Jevons 0151 336 5026 to confirm their name and address.

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



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**Ordinary Time Week VIII/Lent**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014**

1 Mar	SATURDAY	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Education Services	6.30pm	Jack Kirby
2 Mar	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates	8.45am	Margaret Harris
			10.45am	The Parish
3 Mar	MONDAY	Requiem	9.00am	Int: Clare, M & R Jones
			10.30am	Mary Josephine Green
4 Mar	TUESDAY		9.00am	Joyce Jackson
5 Mar	WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday Fasting & Abstinence	7.30am	The Parish
			9.10am	Fryderyk Poloczek
			7.30pm	Ken Bayley
6 Mar	THURSDAY		9.00am	Special Intention
7 Mar	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – SPUC Friday Abstinence	9.00am	Christine Bickerstaff
8 Mar	SATURDAY	St John of God	9.00am	Int: Ken & Theresa Oakley
8 Mar	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	The Parish
9 Mar	SUNDAY	First Communion Children's Mass	8.45am	Clare Pentall
			10.45am	David Stringer
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**Church Cleaners:** L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

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**Confirmation:** Children will animate the 8:45am Sunday masses on 2/3, 6/4, 4/5 and their involvement in other liturgical activities. Dates are all online under Sacraments.

**Easter Liturgy Music Rehearsal:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 4-5pm in Church.

**Lent House Groups:** Full details are in the church porches and online under Parish Contacts. They start week beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>: Monday 10am, 7.30pm, 8pm; Tuesday 10.30am, 7.30pm; Wednesday 7.30pm, 8pm; Thursday 2pm.

**Piety Stall:** We are open in the Church Hall after each Sunday Mass selling a full range of religious items, gifts, books and cards for all occasions, including Easter cards and prayer cards.

**Foodbank:** Volunteers please call West Cheshire Foodbank on 0151 355 7730 or make contact via the website <http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/> The Neston distribution centre will be opening at Ss Mary and Helen's Church shortly. The amount donated in January was 140kg, many thanks to all.

**NDCT:** Welcome all for fellowship and soup to their Lent lunches, the times and venues are in the porches and online. The SVP will be hosting the St Winefride's lunch on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12.30, all proceeds going to the Foodbank.

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**LITURGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES IN LENT 2014**

(excluding regular weekday and Sunday Masses)

*"he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1)*

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7.30am 9.10am 7.30pm	Mass
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	SPUC Deacon Mike Topping & others
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Special Mass on the First Anniversary of the Papacy of Pope Francis</b>		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	Fr Denis Marmion Deacon Mike Topping & others
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	SVP Deacon Mike Topping & others
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	CWL Confirmation Candidates
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Reconciliation Sunday</b> Preacher Mgr Jack Kennedy, Priests available after each Mass for Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)		
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Deacon Mike Topping & others
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>"Holy Land" Sunday</b>		
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Lenten School Mass</b>	9.10am	St Winefride's Primary School
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross	After 9.00am Mass 7.30pm	Catechists Deacon Mike Topping & others
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) – HOLY WEEK</b>		
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> April		After 9.00am Mass	Priest available for Sacrament of Reconciliation/First Forgiveness
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Chrism Mass</b>	7.00pm	St Anthony's Wythenshawe
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm – Fr Denis Marmion Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight	
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Good Friday</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 9:00 – 10:00am Stations of the Cross 10.00am - Canon Brendan Hoban Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm – Fr Chris Lightbound	
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Easter Vigil 7.30pm – Fr Ravi Bosco	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Mass</b>	10.00am	
<b>OTHER SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES IN LENT</b>			
Tuesdays 6.45 – 8.00pm RCIA			
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March	NDCT weekly Lenten House Group begins		
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March	NDCT Lenten Lunch by the SVP in the Parish Centre, 12.30pm		
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Marriage Preparation Course, 10.00am-12 noon		
St Winefride's children in church for mass on 5/3, 13/3, 20/3, 27/3, 3/4			
First Communion children special mass on 9/3, 6/4			
Confirmation candidates special mass on 23/3, 6/4			
Home Masses at 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm on 12/3, 19/3, 26/3, 2/4, 9/4			



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Ordinary Time Week VII

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2014

22 Feb	SATURDAY		6.30pm	Sarah & John Hogan
		7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
23 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45am	Norman Perryman
			10.45am	The Parish
24 Feb	MONDAY		9.00am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
25 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00am	Sp. Int: Mary Henesy
26 Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Health: Paula Tunstall
27 Feb	THURSDAY		9.00am	Health: Thomas Mahney
28 Feb	FRIDAY		9.00am	Ken Bailey
		Requiem	11.30am	Margaret Mary Harris
1 Mar	SATURDAY	St David, Patron of Wales	9.00am	Int: Gerard Robinson
		Wedding	12noon	Jessica Haynes & Matthew Weir
1 Mar	SATURDAY	Next Weekend	6.30pm	Jack Kirby
		8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
2 Mar	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates	8.45am	Margaret Harris
		2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Catholic Education Services	10.45am	The Parish
<p><b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm  <b>RCIA:</b> Tuesday 6.45pm to 8pm</p>				

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**Confirmation:** Our young people will be animating the 8:45am Sunday masses on 2/3, 6/4, 4/5 and their involvement in other liturgical activities. Dates are all online under Sacraments.

**Lenten Preparation:** House masses will be said on Wednesday evenings during Lent. If you wish to have a mass with your neighbours and family please contact Fr Ravi. NDCT Lenten Lunches information is in the porches (St Winefride's SVP will be hosting ours on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 in the Parish Hall), Lenten House Groups Information also online and in the porches.

**Bible Study Group:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm at 2 Allan's Meadow. Please read chapters 54 - 55 of the study book.

**Singers and Musicians:** We will be starting rehearsals for the Easter services on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 4pm-5pm in church. Our group is friendly and informal so, if you enjoy singing, please come and join us.

**Safeguarding: Recertification of Volunteers**

All catechists, bereavement counsellors, Little Church helpers and SVP members are reminded to attend the meeting with Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Pauline Butterfield on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Church Hall for renewal of certification with the Diocese and the DBS. Please bring your completed application forms together with supporting documentation at any time between 6.30 pm and 7.30pm.

**Thanks:** Paula and Joe Tunstall wish to say a big and sincere thank you to all those lovely people who have given so kindly Mass intentions, cards, prayers and good wishes.

**SPUC:** Many thanks for your generosity last weekend and your response to our appeal for the Glasgow Midwives. Completed Postcards can be left in the baskets in the porches and we will send them off for you.

**EWTN:** Bishop Philip Egan accompanied by priests of Portsmouth Diocese on EWTN Global Catholic Television this Lent as they offer special seasonal reflections. Starts Sunday 9th March.

**Wanted:** Old Rosary beads, medals, crucifixes and holy pictures for Philippino sailors. Will be collected at each Mass next weekend.

**From the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship – February 2014**

*'Assisted dying' is often in the news. There is a Private Member's bill before Parliament to try to legalise it. But just what is 'assisted dying'? What does the law say about it? What do doctors have to say about it? What does the Church say about it and what are the problems with it? What exactly is 'assisted dying'?*

'Assisted dying' really means assisting someone to commit suicide. It is the language used by those who want to change the law to legalise assisted suicide. A law permitting 'assisted dying' would licence doctors to supply lethal drugs to terminally ill patients.

**Shouldn't everyone have the right to decide when and how they die?**

An 'assisted dying' law could easily put vulnerable people at risk. There are real concerns that there is scope for such a law to be abused. For example, some terminally ill people might feel under pressure to end their lives, either from others or from feeling that they should remove a care or financial burden from their families. Others might wish to do so as a result of depression, a common feature of terminal illness. A 'right to die' could become a 'duty to die'.

**Why should dying people be forced to stay alive and suffer?**

End-of-life care in Britain has advanced hugely since the days when death was commonly associated with pain and suffering. An international survey by *The Economist* in 2010 ranked Britain top among 40 nations, including the United States, for quality of end-of-life care. What is needed is to ensure that everyone has access to the best palliative care available. In contrast, assisted suicide is a counsel of despair.

**What's the law on this now?**

It's against the law to encourage or assist another person's suicide. This reflects a widely-held view that, while people who attempt suicide should be treated with compassion, helping someone to commit suicide is not something that should be encouraged. Indeed, as a society we go to great lengths to prevent suicides.

**What does the Church say about assisting suicide?**

In a message addressed to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, Pope Francis said, "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect". The Church supports high quality care for the dying and protection for the weak and vulnerable. The Church teaches that life is a gift from God (*John* 10:10) and that suicide is the ultimate inability to accept the gift of life. Although attempting suicide should be treated with compassion rather than with blame, suicide should never be encouraged or promoted. Moreover the Church teaches that deliberately ending or helping to end someone else's life, even if that person may have requested it, is wrong. Those who take someone else's life take to themselves the power of life and death, which ultimately belongs to God.

**What does the medical profession have to say about it?**

The BMA and the Royal Colleges of Physicians, General Practitioners and Surgeons are opposed to legalising physician-assisted suicide. And most doctors don't regard it as a proper part of clinical practice - they are all too well aware from experience that dying patients can be vulnerable.

**What's wrong with changing the law?**

There are powerful practical reasons why the law shouldn't be changed. It's almost impossible to be sure that a request for assisted suicide from someone who is terminally ill reflects a clear and settled wish that has not been influenced by depression or pressure of one sort or another. Changing the law might give a very small number of strong-minded people what they want but it could easily put much larger numbers of vulnerable people at risk of harm.

**Wouldn't there be safeguards in any legalised system?**

Yes, but what safeguards and how effective would they be? In the tiny number of other countries where assisted suicide has been legalised there is emerging evidence that the safeguards don't work. For instance, some laws seek to restrict access to assisted suicide to terminally ill people who are in full possession of all their faculties and are acting freely. But prognosis of terminal illness is fraught with difficulty: terminally ill people often live for much longer than the predictions they are given when they are diagnosed - occasionally, they even recover. And the evidence from overseas shows that doctors have sometimes failed to spot clinical depression among those who have been supplied with lethal drugs to end their lives.

**If I can end my life by refusing treatment, why can't I have medical help to end it?**

Everyone has the legal right to refuse treatment, but patients who refuse treatment rarely do so in order to end their lives: they do it because they are finding the treatment burdensome and they want to let nature take its course. There's a world of difference, in medical ethics and in law, between accepting that death can't be prevented and seeking assistance to end your own life.

**Don't doctors sometimes hasten patients' deaths under the guise of pain relief?**

These days pain relief is a sophisticated science. When analgesics are properly prescribed and administered, there is no risk to the patient's life. Research has shown that in Britain illegal action of this kind by doctors is rare or non-existent.

**British people are going to Switzerland to get help with suicide. Why should they not be able to get that help here?**

Though every 'Swiss suicide' makes the headlines, only around 1 in every 25,000 deaths of Britons in the last 10 years has taken this form. The fact that a very small number of British people choose to seek assisted suicide in another country doesn't mean we should legalise the practice here. We make our own laws, and the legal protection of the weak and vulnerable is a fundamental duty of the state and of society.



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**Ordinary Time Week VI**

**16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014**

15 Feb	SATURDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary Time	6.30pm	Fr Gerry Courell
16 Feb	SUNDAY	First Communion Children's mass	8.45am	Health: David Williams
			10.45am	Ian & Dorothy Ilott
17 Feb	MONDAY	Seven Founders of the Servite Order	9.00am	Margaret Harris
18 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00am	Tom Sellers
19 Feb	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Mr & Mrs W Cuthbert
20 Feb	THURSDAY		9.00am	Sp Int: John & Karan
21 Feb	FRIDAY	St Peter Damian	9.00am	William Davies
22 Feb	SATURDAY	The Chair of St Peter – Anniversary of Bishop Mark's Episcopal Consecration	9.00am	Ken Bayley
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**Marriage Preparation:** The first marriage preparation course for this year will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10-12 in the church hall. Please confirm your participation by emailing marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk.

**Home Masses in Lent:** If any group of families living in the same area would like to have Mass celebrated in their home on Wednesday evenings (March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>) during Lent, please contact Fr Ravi.

**Easter Play:** We are planning to put on an "Easter Extravaganza" on Palm Sunday (April 13<sup>th</sup>) this year. All those interested in taking part in "The Bunny's Easter" should come to the Parish Hall on **Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm.** We need high school aged actors/singers for the main parts as well as primary aged children for additional involvement. Rehearsals will be Saturdays at 4:30pm in the parish hall. Contact: Katharine Powell 336 1208 kaththeorganist@gmail.com

**Safeguarding:** Would all catechists, bereavement counsellors and Little Church helpers who have not already done so please obtain a set of forms for renewal of DBS certification from the church porch. Completed forms to be brought to the Church Hall with Pauline Butterfield on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

**OFSTED Inspection**

Pupils, staff and Governors at St Winefride's Catholic Primary School, Little Neston are celebrating following their recent Ofsted report where they received 'Good' across the board, with some outstanding features.

The excellent report highly praises the good teaching; all pupils making at least 'good' progress; a high expectation of behaviour, which is evident throughout the school; good governance and the head teacher's strong resolve to continue the drive for improvement, as well as a clear vision about what needs to be done to build upon the achievements of the school to date.

The inspectors rated the quality of teaching in all classes to be consistently 'at least good' and on occasion, outstanding. They found that children get off to a good start in the Early Years Foundation Stage and make good progress in a well structured environment, leaving St Winefride's, at the end of year 6, with attainment above the National average. The teachers make learning interesting and stimulating with great opportunities for pupils to practise their skills in reading, writing and mathematics in other subject areas. Reading and writing skills of the children is of a high standard throughout the school, with the inspectors describing the children as 'fluent readers who often read for pleasure outside of school.' Writing produced by the children is lively, interesting with accurate application of spelling and grammar. The report highlights that the Mathematical and calculation skills of the children are thoroughly developed and the most able rise to the challenge of investigative work.

The inspectors particularly enjoyed the cross curricular links between subjects which were evident in the

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**Lent House Groups:** NDCT have arranged house groups for fellowship and discussion with other Christians in Neston during Lent. Full details of location, hosts and contacts are in the church porches and online under Parish Contacts. Dates: March 10<sup>th</sup> Monday 10:00am, 7:30pm, 8:00pm. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30am, 7:30pm. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm, 8:00pm. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm. Resource materials will be provided and if you wish to participate please call the designated contact person to confirm your attendance.

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**Singers and Musicians:** We will be starting rehearsals for the Easter services on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 4pm-5pm in church. Our group is friendly and informal so, if you enjoy singing, please come and join us.

children's participation in a version of 'The Young Apprentice.'

This project enabled the children in year 6 to meet a candidate from the television programme and work alongside him to develop 'real-life' skills by setting up their own businesses and raising money. The inspectors remarked upon how confident and articulate the children are. The children enjoyed speaking with the inspectors and sharing their learning, which clearly underlined how proud they are of their school and how much they value the warm and trusting relationships that underpin their positive attitudes to learning.

Keeping pupils safe and secure was judged as 'outstanding.' The school is a happy, safe and secure environment in which pupils are well cared for by all adults. The inspectors say that it is obvious that pupils have great respect for each other and the adults who care for them. It was reported that 'An air of calm and friendliness permeates the whole school.' The report acknowledges that all areas for improvement from the last inspection have been addressed robustly. The only area in which the report suggests that the school could progress further is to improve the already good quality teaching to outstanding across the board.

Proud Head Teacher, Dawn Ormes reports: "I am delighted that the hard work of all of the children and staff at our school has been acknowledged by Ofsted; resulting in an excellent report. The inspectors recognised that, despite being labelled a 'good' school, our school was also found to be an improving school. I feel that this is a true reflection of our school community and we will continue to build upon our successes."

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**Marriage Preparation:** The first marriage preparation course for this year will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10-12 in the church hall. Please confirm your participation by emailing: marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk The next session will be in the second half of the year.

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**SPUC Annual White Flower Appeal:** will take place next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February. Our talk this year will be about the two brave Glasgow Midwives. Please give generously to this very worthy cause. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm** in the church hall. After our appeal at the Volunteering Weekend, please come along along to our meeting to see if you want to join us in our pro life work. You will receive a very warm welcome.

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**ORDINARY TIME WEEK V**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>SATURDAY</b>		6.30pm	The Parish
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>SUNDAY</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45am	Ken Bayley
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>MONDAY</b>	St Scholastica	10.45am	TG: Ron & Maureen Jones
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>TUESDAY</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.00am	TG: Christine Connolly
		Funeral Service	10.30am	Vera Hennessy Victor Bernard Clyronomides
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		9.00am	Int: Nolan Family
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>THURSDAY</b>	Requiem	9.00am 11.00am	Nora & Patrick Wool Brian Gerard Haggart
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>FRIDAY</b>	Ss Cyril & Methodius Pilgrims pray at the grave of T Higginson	9.00am 10am-4pm	Bill Owen Adoration, Mass, Rosary
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>SATURDAY</b>		9.00am	Helen Flocks
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>SATURDAY</b>	Next Weekend 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Fr Gerry Courell
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>SUNDAY</b>	First Communion Children's Mass	8.45am 10.45am	Health: David Williams Ian and Dorothy Ilott

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**POPE FRANCIS TO RECEIVE QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

On 3 April 2014 Pope Francis will receive in audience Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This was made public by Buckingham Palace and confirmed last Tuesday (4th February) afternoon by the Holy See Press Office.

Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by Prince Philip of Edinburgh, will be in Rome upon invitation by the president of the Republic of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano. It will be the first encounter between Pope Francis and the Queen, as at the Holy Mass at the beginning of his pontificate the United Kingdom was represented by Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester.

On her last visit to Rome, in 2000, the Queen was received by Blessed John Paul II. The Queen met with Benedict XVI during his apostolic visit to the United Kingdom in September 2010.





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ORDINARY TIME WEEK IV

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014

1 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>The Presentation of the Lord Volunteering Sunday</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
2 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45am	Dilly Beardsworth
			10.45am	Frank Morgan
3 Feb	MONDAY	<i>St Werburgh</i>	9.00am	Health: Paula & Joe Tunstall
		<i>School</i>	9.10am	Candlemas
4 Feb	TUESDAY		9.00am	Health: Claire Thompson
5 Feb	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Agatha</i>	9.00am	Health: Margaret Harris
6 Feb	THURSDAY	<i>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	9.00am	Health: Gerald Sanderson
		<i>Funeral Service</i>	10.00am	Anthony Rupert Foulkes
7 Feb	FRIDAY		9.00am	Int: Theresa & Ken Oakley
8 Feb	SATURDAY	<i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	9.00am	Int: Rodney & Clarendon Gritten
8 Feb	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
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**Poor Clare Colettines:** Holy Mass and the blessing of St Colette, patron of hopeful and expectant parents, mothers and of babies, the sick and the unborn at Upper Aston Hall Lane Hawarden CH5 3EN, 12.30 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February:

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*"To build up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:12)*

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FOR CHILDREN			FAITH ACTION	
Little Church (From 3 years +)	<i>child</i>	<i>adult</i>	CWL (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Altar Servers (First communion +)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPUC (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR TEENS			SVP (Mondays 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
YSVP (Sunday 10am)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Justice & Peace	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAITH CELEBRATION			Poor Clare's Food Delivery (monthly)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welcoming	<input type="checkbox"/>		ADMINISTRATION	
Readers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Money Counters (Sunday after mass)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eucharistic Ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Gardens and Grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music – Singers	<input type="checkbox"/>		Cleaners	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FAITH FORMATION			Wedding Registrar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catechists (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Bereavement)	<input type="checkbox"/>		SOCIAL	
Prayer Group (Fridays 7:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Event Organisers (meals, quiz nights, cultural activities etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**ORDINARY TIME WEEK III**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

25 Jan	SATURDAY		6.30pm	The Parish
26 Jan	SUNDAY	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Retirement Fund First Communion Children's Mass</i>	8.45am	Isabelle & Joseph Loughe
			10.45am	John & Barbara Healy
27 Jan	MONDAY	<i>St Angela Merici</i>	9.00am	Mary Agnes & Laurence Binns
28 Jan	TUESDAY	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.00am	Int: Jim Mulligan
29 Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Pauline Mellor
30 Jan	THURSDAY		9.00am	Christina Malone
31 Jan	FRIDAY	<i>St John Bosco</i>	9.00am	Ken Bayley
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**From Bishop Mark...**

**RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Today the annual Special 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 your Offertory Envelope with you, or you give to your Parish by means of a Standing Order, write in your name and home address. In this way, it will be possible to reclaim the tax on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme.

A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid to boost your donation to the Fund. 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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** Louise Wilkinson, Tina Davies.

**Dialogue and Unity:** In January we have had the privilege of receiving the Rev Alan Leach, Church of England from St Peter's, Heswall who joined us for the Blessing of Baptismal Water; David Arnold, Co-chair of the Council of Christians and Jews in Manchester, who was with us for Holocaust Memorial Day; Rev Hilary Bell, URC, Neston, who preached an inspiring homily on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and also many friends from faith based and other communities.

**A Tour Around our Church:** We thank Msg Chris Lightbound and Steve Fox for preparing an elegant and informative leaflet to guide us and our visitors. Please do take a copy.

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**Marriage Preparation 2014:** We encourage all those who are planning to marry at St Winefride's to attend the following Marriage Preparation sessions in the Church Hall on Saturdays (10:00 – 12:00 noon): March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd. Please confirm your participation by emailing marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk.

**Volunteering Sunday:** Next weekend (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February) representatives from some of our active parish groups will speak to us and encourage us to participate in their activities

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**SVP Sudan Baby Appeal:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Appeal - the sum raised was £663.00.

**The National SVP:** As recognition of the work of the SVP throughout the Country, we have received a "Big Society Award." David Cameron said: "The St Vincent de Paul Society turns concern into action. The Society's incredible number of volunteers build on a 200 year history of lending a practical hand to support those in need. I'm delighted to recognise all 10,000 St Vincent de Paul volunteers, and the staff who support them to do their vital work, with this Big Society Award."

**CWL:** The Catholic Women's League raise funds every year for local and national charities. We would all like to thank everyone in the Parish for supporting us by buying hamper raffle tickets, attending one of our coffee mornings and visiting our Christmas Fair. Thanks to your generosity, we donated over £2,500 last year to good causes listed below:

Special Olympics (EP&Chester) £240; URC Church £100; The ARK Birkenhead (homeless) £50; The Medaille Trust (stop human trafficking) £100; Water Aid £200; White Father Missions £100; ARC N West (Arthritis research) £50; Mary's Meals (school feeding project in the developing world) £350; Sense (Deaf & Blind) £200; Sponsorships for a Cancer charity and youth volunteering in Borneo £50 each; Wirral Autistic Society £100; Romanian Orphanage £130; Wirral Mind £100; Youth SVP Shoe Box Appeal £100; MacMillan Nurses £327; Cafod Philippines Appeal £250; Wirral Hedgehog Rescue £50; Christmas Gifts for the Catholic Children's Society.

As a group, we decide on who we donate the funds to. If you want to know more, then come along on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Contact Maria Slater: 0151 336 4622

**Website:** You may have noticed our new Gallery page which features pictures from recent events. If your group is participating in any picture-worthy activities, please do send us your photos!

**Ecumenical Taizé service** at 6.30pm at St Thomas' Church, Parkgate on Sunday, 2nd February. All welcome!

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**Ordinary Time Week II**

**19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014**

18 Jan	SATURDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter – Peace Sunday	6.30pm	John & Joan Schofield
19 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Harold William Thelwell
20 Jan	MONDAY	St Fabian, St Sebastian	9.00am	Ken Bayley
21 Jan	TUESDAY	St Agnes	9.00am	Michael Halley
22 Jan	WEDNESDAY	St Vincent	9.00am	Joyce Ablett
		Requiem	11.00am	Kenneth John Bayley
23 Jan	THURSDAY		9.00am	Alison Davies
24 Jan	FRIDAY	St Francis de Sales	9.00am	Dan Roberts
		Funeral Service – Blacon	2.00pm	John Heywood
		Ecumenical Prayer	7.30pm	NDCT
25 Jan	SATURDAY	The Conversion of St Paul	9.00am	Beatrice Vella
25 Jan	SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Retirement Fund	6.30pm	The Parish
26 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45am	Isabelle & Joseph Loughe
		First Communion Children's mass	10.45am	John & Barbara Healy

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**RIP: Ken Bayley**

From Bishop Mark...

**RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. In the 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 about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. 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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**First Communion:** Preparation meetings for children who do not attend St Winefride's school are on the following Thursdays at 4-5pm in the Church Hall: 23/01, 06/02, 27/02, 13/03, 27/03, 01/05, 15/05, 12/06. First Communion children will animate our 10.45am masses on the following Sundays: 26/01, 16/02, 09/03, 06/04, 18/05 and the First Communion celebrations will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**Confirmation:** Next meeting on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the presbytery.

**Marriage Preparation 2014:** We encourage all those who are planning to marry at St Winefride's to attend the following Marriage Preparation sessions: Saturday March 1st, Saturday April 5th, Saturday May 3rd. Sessions run from 10-12 noon in the Church hall. Please confirm your participation by emailing marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**Catechists:** All Catechists involved in different ministries (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage preparation etc) are invited to plan for a team-meeting with me, preferably in January. The response for Marriage preparation and Baptism meetings last year was very positive and it is important to announce the dates for these sessions as soon as possible.

**Baptism Sunday:** We welcomed 14 children and one adult along with their families, reminded them about our core identity of being God's beloved and reaffirmed our commitment to make St Winefride's, 'a home for all'. For parents planning their child's baptism this year, we would love to see them all on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**Parish Meeting of leaders/volunteers/ministers:** The second meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January was well attended. Along with many other issues discussed, it was decided to hold a 'Volunteering Sunday' on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, when the community would be reminded of the many groups/activities/ministries that take place in the parish. We hope to encourage more people to actively participate at all levels of Parish life - formation, celebration, action, administration etc. Like last year, the groups will also help in conducting the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in the Season of Lent.

**Home-masses in Lent:** If a group of families living in the same area would like to have Mass celebrated in one of their houses on Wednesdays of Lent at 7 or 7.30pm, please let Fr Ravi know. The dates available are, 12/3, 19/3, 26/3, 2/4 and 9/4.

**YSVP:** Sadly, Jordan Henshaw has stepped down from his role as YSVP president due to study commitments. Dominic Lisboa is newly appointed President and Jonathan Connolly is Vice President. We wish them every success in their work and look forward to hearing about their contribution to Parish Life and also thank Jordan for all his hard work over the last four years.

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**Disabled Access:** Please can people park ensuring enough space for wheelchair access opposite the ramp at the back of Church.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January:** Our 2014 theme "Is Christ Divided?" Please do take a moment to read through the reflections on the board at the back of the church.

**Holocaust Memorial Day:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

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**Christmastide/Ordinary Time Week 1**

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> <i>The Christmas Season ends today</i>	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sp Int: Lilian Jones
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	MONDAY	<i>St Hilary</i>	9.00 am	Mary and Julie Mulligan
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Gerard McNulty
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Int: R & M Saunders & Family
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	THURSDAY		9.00 am 9.10 am	Michael Everitt School
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FRIDAY	<i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	9.00 am	Int: G Moreton and Family
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATURDAY	<i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	9.00 am	Dorothy Hickman
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter – Peace Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	John and Joan Schofield
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Harold William Thelwell

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**RIP:** Ken Bayley, Gerard McNulty, John Heywood

**From Fr Ravi... Looking ahead!**

This weekend we are delighted to welcome all those children who were baptised in 2013 and their families. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we especially pray for them at 10.45am mass and also experience the joy of sharing together the life and mission of the Church.

Next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> January), we celebrate 'Peace Sunday' and Bishop Mark's Pastoral letter on the theme, 'Living as One Family is the Foundation and Pathway to Peace', will be read at all masses. In the Beatitudes, we read, 'Blessed are the peacemakers' and not just 'peace lovers'. As we pray for peace, we all could do something in the New Year to learn to the art of peace building in our lives. It could be learning some inter-personal skills, methods of counselling, reading about the Church's role in conflict resolution and peace building, studying about other cultures/faiths, welcoming the 'stranger' home, etc. I remember taking a course in 'non-violent communication', some years ago!

We also celebrate the Unity Octave from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January and the list of activities in Neston is given in the announcement section. During this period, we shall also be reflecting on the theme for this year: 'Has Christ been Divided?' in our daily masses.

We had a planning session of the RCIA programme last Thursday and it was decided to have our learning sessions on Tuesdays in the Parish hall from 6.45 to 8pm. At the Easter Vigil this year, four candidates will be received into the Church, one (catechumen) will be baptised with four parishioners accompanying them on their journey. As I invite you to pray for them, you are also welcome to come along, if you feel the need to know the fundamentals of the Catholic way of living, sharing and celebrating our Christian faith.

God bless.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** L Dolley, P Higgins

**First Communion:** The first meeting for parents is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. First Communion children will animate our 10.45am masses on the following Sundays: 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9<sup>th</sup> Mar, 6<sup>th</sup> Apr, 18<sup>th</sup> May and the First Communion celebrations will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**Confirmation:** After our trip this weekend, the next meeting will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am in the presbytery. Our LPA Confirmations will take place at St Winefride's on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**Leaders' Meeting:** For leaders of groups and those involved in different ministries a meeting will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Considering the energy at the first meeting earlier in 2013, I am confident that such efforts will lead to greater participation of many at all levels of our life and mission.

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**CWL Annual Dinner:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7pm for 7.30pm at The Grange.

**SPUC Meeting:** Next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm in the church hall, all welcome.

**Food Bank:** The amount donated in December amounted to 127kg, thank you for your continued support. Since the Parish first became involved with Foodbank, we have donated over 885kg of food.

**SVP Walsingham Pilgrimage 2014:** Will take place from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The cost will be £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 or email derekpoover@gmail.com.

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**Holocaust Memorial Day:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30pm is one of our contributions to Christian Unity week. David Arnold, co-chair of the Council of Christians & Jews in Manchester, will be addressing us. We shall also be remembering the Holocausts in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

**Lent Study Groups:** As in previous years the NDCT are coordinating ecumenical Study Groups during Lent. We would be very grateful if anyone is willing to host or co-host a group. There will be 5 meetings with material provided. It's a good way to prepare for Easter and join in informal discussion with our fellow Christians. If you feel you could help please let Barbara Rivers (336 2972) or Deacon Mike (353 0253) know as soon as possible: ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk.

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**Christmastide**

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

4 Jan	SATURDAY	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	6.30 pm	Tom Rainford
5 Jan	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
6 Jan	MONDAY		10.45 am	Selina Ashington
7 Jan	TUESDAY	<i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	9.00 am	TG: Agnes Harrington
8 Jan	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Sp Int: K K
9 Jan	THURSDAY		9.00am	Catherine Walsh
10 Jan	FRIDAY		9.00am	Sally & John Hogan
11 Jan	SATURDAY		9.00am	G. Moreton & Fly
11 Jan	<i>Next Weekend</i> SATURDAY	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> <i>The Christmas Season Ends Today</i>	9.00am	In Thanksgiving
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**From Fr Ravi... A Home For All!**

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. In many places across the world, Christmas gifts are exchanged on January 6<sup>th</sup>, when this feast is traditionally celebrated. The Magi, reading the signs of the times, reached the stable 'outside' Bethlehem. The three seekers see in Jesus, 'the light of the nations', a Saviour for all peoples. Epiphany happens! The Gospel accounts of his birth - born outside a village, to be recognised by distant travellers - foreshadow Jesus' crucifixion 'outside' Jerusalem, again, to be recognised by another foreigner, the Roman Centurion. In a way, this feast calls on us to make the universal Church, and St Winefride's in particular, 'a home for all'.

Apart from cards and gifts, this is also the season for resolutions and new beginnings. In the past few days some amusing texts were in circulation: 'my new year resolution is not to hang out with those who ask me about my new year resolutions' and ' may your troubles last as long as your new year resolutions' ... I found the following anecdote helpful in my new year meditation: A monk from Thomas Merton's abbey visited a priory and the superior apologised to him for the many steps as they climbed the stairs. "There are many steps in our abbey, too," the monk replied. Then he added, "I count them as I climb.... This is how I count them: *one, one, one...*"

Every step in life is a new beginning, hence it is never too late to begin anew!

God bless.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** L Wood & F Byrne.

**Baptism Sunday:** As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, we welcome those children who were baptised in our church during 2013, together with their parents and godparents and renew our Baptismal promises along with them. We celebrated 26 baptisms at St Winefride's in 2013.

**RCIA:** The first meeting for those who have registered for RCIA will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the Presbytery. Please bring your 2014 diary with you to plan our sessions for the months ahead.

**Communion to the Sick:** As previously announced, we have begun our Communion visits to the sick and housebound on Wednesdays from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014. There are currently 40 people who receive weekly communion from our Eucharistic ministers and are visited regularly by the priest. Due to health and safety regulations, a visit to a home or care home is only possible if we are invited or called and an arrangement is then made to visit on a regular basis. Hence it is important that Fr Ravi or Tony Topping are informed of anyone in your family who requires regular pastoral care through communion visits.

**First Communion and Confirmation:** The parish community accompanies our candidates preparing for First Communion and Confirmation and we look forward to them regularly animating our Sunday 10.45 Eucharistic celebrations soon. A particular word of thanks to the catechists who have generously committed themselves to this faith-formation activity. The first meeting for parents of First Communion children is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. First Communion children will animate our 10.45am masses on following Sundays: 26/1, 16/2, 9/3, 6/4, 18/5 and the First Communion celebrations will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

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**Prayer on New Year's Eve:** The last two years have seen an encouraging response to the Thanksgiving Prayer on New Year's Eve and we intend to make it a regular feature in the years ahead. One of the resolutions suggested was to welcome the New Year with a modest celebration in the hall immediately after Benediction.

**Diocesan Directory and Liturgical Calendars 2014:** Now available from Parish Office priced £5 each. The regular Parish Diaries are available in our two porches.

**Catholic Voice:** The latest copy is available in both porches. A contribution of £1 would be welcome.

**Bible Study:** The next meeting of the Bible study group will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Anyone wishing to join us at the start of a new year will be most welcome. Existing participants should read up sections 50 & 51 of the study book in preparation. We meet at 2 Allan's Meadow at 7.30pm for about one hour followed by a cup of tea.

**Win & Christopher Bayley:** Wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for Mass cards and all the prayers and good wishes received during Ken's illness. Also to our Eucharistic Ministers Tony and Karl, God bless you.

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