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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th January 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **			
	Saturday 6pm		
J	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 24 th JANUARY	CHURCH
	Sunday 11 am	SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	
A	Monday 10.00 am	(POPE FRANCIS 2019)	CLOSED
N	Tuesday		UNTIL
U	Wednesday		FURTHER
A	Thursday		NOTICE
R	Friday 10.00 am		DUE
Y	Saturday 6pm		TO
2021	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 31 ST JANUARY	ILLNESS
	Sunday 11 am	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR	
		RACIAL JUSTICE	

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

Daily Rosary
at 9.00 am
apart from
Sunday

To join in please download **Zoom.us** either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the **Zoom.us** website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below;

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

password: **AveMaria**



Come Sing
and Pray

Thursday
8pm

'Come Sing and Pray' evening.

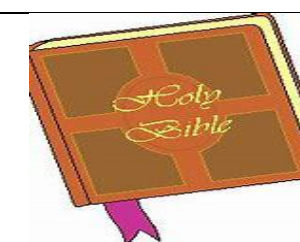
This will be available at the same Zoom address and will be an opportunity on these darker nights to sing along a few hymns, join in prayer and reflection and enjoy the company of fellow Christians.



Bible study
Wednesday
4.30 pm

This **Wednesday 27th January at 4.30pm**. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following **Sunday 31st January, Mark 1: 21-28. It will be the 4th Sunday in ordinary time and "Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice"**.

Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.



Divine Mercy
Friday
3 pm

If you would like to join in with reciting the **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm** each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.



Coffee
Morning
Saturday
10 am

Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.



Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Dorothy Barber
Frances Wright
Pat Cummins
Pat Matthews
Tony McDevitt
Dorothy Robinson
Judy Howard
Maureen Grace
Maureen Adams
Pat Hemmington

Patricia Davies
Rosemary Southwell
Sarah Alouane
Brian Byrne
Ted Henesy
Sheila Burrell
John Swann
Joyce & Maurice McAsey
Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle
Barbara Evans



Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing from the prayer list or you have a Mass intention.



A big thank you. I have not had an opportunity to say thank you to those who work very closely with me, in particular Deacons Mike and Jim and Sister Laurice. More especially, thank you to Jayne for keeping us all up and running. Can I also say thank you to John Kane and Mike Byrne for the hours of work they have put in to enable our church to open last year. John, is also looking after health and safety and works very closely with the Diocese. Mike very much supporting John and looking after the streaming and organising the Steward rotas. Thank you Stewards for volunteering your time.

Can I personally thank all those who sent me cards and gifts during this time of illness. My prayer as always will be for you and your families. Thanks again.

Fr Paul.

LIVE STREAMING - Please note that camera images and sound of services are now transmitted on the internet but not recorded. This is to help us share our faith with others who are unable to attend in person. If you have any concerns about the use of live streaming during a service or mass, then please speak to Fr Paul or Deacon Jim.

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

St Winefride's Parish Church - www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

All times and details of other services available search Church Services TV on Google
ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to

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

Deacon Jim has asked me to give you details of other churches which are also close by or maybe closer to you than St Winefride's depending on where you live.

Our Lady and St Johns Heswall see their website for Mass times <http://ourladyandstjohn.org.uk/>

Note on OLSJ website. - Please be reminded that in these difficult times there is no duty to come to church, and no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. Currently infection rates on the Wirral/Cheshire are at their highest levels ever. The government has issued advice for those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, summarised below:

The new national lockdown guidance, which applies to everyone, means that you must not leave or be outside of your home and garden, except for limited purposes which are set out in that guidance.

We are advising clinically extremely vulnerable people to stay at home as much as possible.

You can still go outside for exercise or to attend health appointments, but try to keep all contact with others outside of your household to a minimum, and avoid busy areas.

You may receive further advice from your medical professionals.

Roman Catholic Churches of Hooton and Ellesmere Port (rcchep.co.uk)

The RCCHEP web link above is for Mass times at Hooton, St Saviours and Our Lady Star of the Sea.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD The Pontifical Council for New Evangelisation has provided liturgical-pastoral resources for Sunday 24th January which can be found at:

www.c-b-f.org

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY Information for Sunday 31st January can be found on the Bishops Conference website at: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales](http://CatholicBishopsConferenceofEnglandandWales.org.uk)
(cbcew.org.uk)



Prayer Resource for January: month of the Holy Name

'At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' Philippians 2:10-11

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Alphonsus:

O my Jesus, thou art the Saviour who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have fallen into so many sins, because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defence, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips. Amen

A Short Litany:

Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the living God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Splendour of the Father,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of Glory, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Sun of Justice, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most patient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most obedient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, God of Peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Author of Life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Model of Virtues, have mercy on us.
Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Refuge, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the Poor, have mercy on us.
Jesus, good Shepherd, have mercy on us.
Jesus, true Light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, eternal Wisdom, have mercy on us.
Jesus, infinite Goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Way, our Truth and our Life,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
have mercy on us.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus!
Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.



More prayer resources are available here:
www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org



Year of St Joseph

Prayer Resource



Prayer: from the Roman Missal

Grant, we pray,
almighty God, that by
Saint Joseph's
intercession your
Church may constantly
watch over the
unfolding of the
mysteries of human
salvation, whose
beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph:

Oh Saint Joseph whose protection is so strong,
so great, so prompt before the throne of God,
I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh
Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful
intercession and obtain from your Divine Son
for me all spiritual blessings through Christ Our
Lord, so that having engaged here below your
heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving
and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh
Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating
you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not
approach while He reposes near your heart.
Press Him in my name, and kiss His fine head
for me and ask him to return the kiss when I
draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of
departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Short Litany of Saint Joseph:

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Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Noble scion of David,
have mercy on us.
Light of the Patriarchs, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us. Chaste
Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us. Foster-father
of the Son of God, pray for us. Sedulous Defender
of Christ, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most valiant, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Lover of poverty, pray for us.
Model of all who labour, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
Protector of virgins, pray for us.
Pillar of family life, pray for us.
Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Terror of demons, pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.

*"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked
anything of Saint Joseph which he has failed to
grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given
grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of
this glorious saint my experience is that he succours
us in them all..." Saint Theresa of Avila*



Please do let me know any news you may have,
with most of us working from home and not
meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday,
anniversary, new member to the family, baby or
pet!!

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and
would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish
office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping in at some
point to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

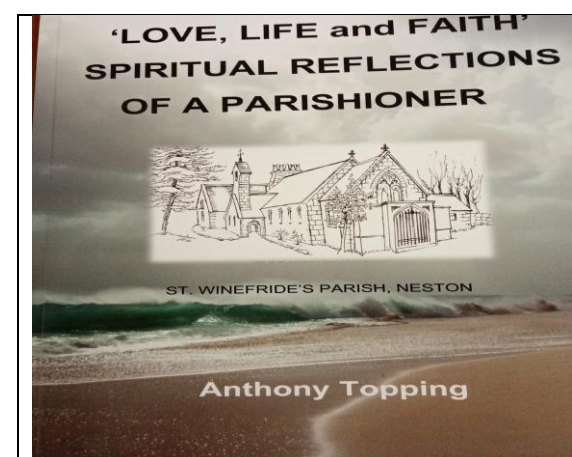
Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

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**Mass intentions, which have had to be moved as church is closed are listed
below. Once church is open again, I will make sure they are put back in the diary.**

**** Thomas Smith, Larry Duggan, Pat Hemington, Patricia Brown,
Monica and Frank McVey, Barbara Evans, Doris Gillies, Sheila Trimmer
Dot and Jess Jones, Fr Chris, Diana Phillips, Ruth Doyle
Bridget, Ernan, Michael, Bill, Geoff and Grandad Bertie
Moira Griffiths-Parr, The Radburn family in Tasmania
Late Grandfather Thomas Welham, via Stella Maris ****



"Love, Life and Faith"

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

Tony's son has organised for all of Tony's reflections
over the years to be put together in a book. The book
has now been published and are now available to buy.

If you would like a copy then please contact the office.
The books are £7.50 each. Cheques to be made
payable to Winefride's Parish Church or you can pay
by cash.

ONCE CHURCH REOPENS, I WILL UPDATE YOU ON WHEN THE FOODBANK TEAM WILL START THEIR COLLECTIONS. IN THE MEANTIME YOU ARE CAN DONATE ITEMS IN SAINSBURYS NESTON WHEN YOU ARE SHOPPING, DON'T MAKE A SPECIAL JOURNEY.

AS THE GOVERNMENT ARE WANTING US TO STAY AT HOME, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS YOU CAN DONATE.

ONLINE, VIA TEXT, BANK TRANSFER AND ALSO BY CHEQUE.

THE LINK BELOW GIVES YOU MUCH MORE INFORMATION, SHOULD YOU WISH TO HELP.

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



FOODBANK - Food items they are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash or tinned potatoes and UHT Milk

Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham

Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots

Pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, instant custard

Cup-a-soup, Small bottles of cordial / UHT juice

They have plenty of pasta, tea bags, rice

Foodbank try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on their website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood>

The contact number for the Food Bank in Dutton Green, Chester is 0151 355 7730.

The office and warehouse are open Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 2.00pm



Bale of hay is still available. Do let me know if you think it will be of use to someone with a rabbit perhaps or guinea pig or horse? Only asking for a donation.

Jayne – Parish office



Dear St Joseph

You have shown love and care to the Son of God,

You looked after his mother Mary,

You worked hard for your family,

You led your family to safety,

You never questioned the will of God,

You dedicated your life to the service of God.

May we also show our dedication to the God's Son. May we honour Mary, our

Holy Mother, may we work hard for our families and communities and may we

strive for justice and peace as Kingdom builders in this world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



#NeverMoreNeeded

News wise – Neston Community Youth Centre on Burton Road is advertising a need for volunteers to organise the administration of the vaccine; anyone interested can contact them by phone or following the link below. The contact number – 0151 336 7805.

VACINNATIONS - The first members of the clergy have now received the Covid-19 vaccination according to the roll out of the national programme. Earlier this month Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. I am sure their example will be a source of encouragement to many. *Update from Bishop Mark*

<https://www.nestoncyc.org.uk/post/help-with-vaccine>



New members of our daily Zoom rosary group would be especially welcome; the consistency of our daily meeting and contact with our Mother Mary has brought joy and a stronger faith for everyone in the group as well as a real fellowship at a time when distance and separation are key words.

For those among us who are unsure as to whether or not the Rosary is for them, I would say that a free trial would clarify this and may well surprise you!!! Ring Deacon Jim if unable to use the internet or tap in 252387114 and password AveMaria to join, once or more often, no hard and fast rules!

Covid-19 Vaccine Text Scam Alert

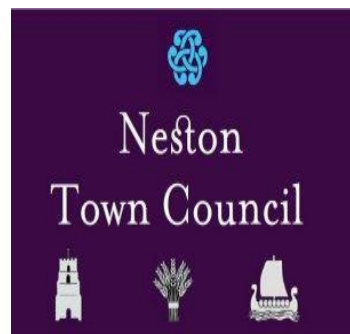
We have been informed by the Neighbourhood Watch Network about a highly believable scam which starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine and to click on the link in the text message. The user is then led to a webpage, which looks very convincing and asks them to complete some details, in order for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for:

Name / Address / Date of birth / Proof of address / Card payment details

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the rollout to some many people.

For more information please see the article on the Ourwatch website: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/fake-text-identifying-you-eligible-covid-19-vaccine>



Neston & District Churches Together was formed to help the many Christian communities in Neston area to work more closely together. It might otherwise go unnoticed that there are so many active Churches in the district committed to Christian worship.

The purpose of the Group is to promote awareness of all the local Churches and help organise ecumenical events each year. These include a service as part of **Christian Unity Week in January**.

The **NDCT Unity service** this year was due to be from **Christ Church, Willaston** but will be held online via Zoom **this Sunday 24th Jan at 6:30pm**, followed by the AGM. It should work if you just press CTRL and click on the link that says "UNITY SERVICE".

Join Zoom Meeting

[UNITY SERVICE](#)

Meeting ID: 815 5739 9706 and Passcode: 242212

January 18th to 25th is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity where in the past we have been able to meet, worship and pray together, this year we will meet online. If you missed URC Parkgate and Neston last night. Then St Mary and St Helen, Neston have parish prayers this evening at 5pm.

Friday 22nd. Weekly Parish Prayers from Ss Mary and Helen.

Join Zoom Meeting at 5.00pm sharp (come early)

[Parish Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 884 8818 4705

Password: neston

Saturday 23rd - Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast, 8.30am stay at home and pray for someone you know who is struggling at this time.



“Online giving to the Parish”

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

Standing order – If you would like to start making your weekly or monthly donation to the parish via standing order, then please contact Jayne in the office. She can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete. Alternatively, you can contact Mike Russell at the curial office 0151652 9855 or via e-mail at Mike.Russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Gift aid – Again, if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your contribution, then please let myself or Mike Russell know and we can arrange to do this by completion of a form.

A big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who continue to pay by standing order or those who are posting their offertory envelopes through the door.

Also a thank you also to those parishioners who have been giving via the Giving Page. I have just had confirmation that in December we received £320 and £135 in January via the Giving page.

THANK YOU

Covid-19 Protection - Keeping the Message Simple

When church is reopened, it is important that we fall in line with and act to the spirit of current government guidelines. Our primary objective as upholders of safety procedures is to minimise the potential of infection as far as is reasonably practicable. To this end we will be enforcing procedures (outlined below), these are copied directly from the government website, to which we receive daily updates.

Where possible, there will be a number of masses per week. Midweek masses are quieter and may be an acceptable alternative for you to attend.

All masses will go ahead only if there are sufficient stewards available to carry out all of the duties required of them. There may be occasions that Mass (or other service) may have to be cancelled at short notice due to lack of availability of stewards. Although disappointing we have to face the possibility of this happening.

It is expected that, should you feel unwell for any reason, that you stay away from church until you are fully recovered.

Please remember that if you are unable to come to Mass, there are a number of online Masses which you can follow, please see the church website for some examples.

Regarding face coverings;

Please make sure your face covering covers all of your nose and mouth at all times

If you are exempt from wearing one, you will still be expected to wear a face visor. In this case you will be placed in the transept and a socially distance of 2m will be maintained at all times, including when you go for communion or queue for any reason. There are floor markers spaced at 1m so please allow 2 markers when queuing.

Definitions from the Government website

Time updated: 2:20pm, 11 January 2021

Where possible, when visiting a place of worship you should stay local and avoid travelling outside your local area, meaning your village or town, or part of a city.

Face Coverings

In England, face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship.

There are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups to not wear a face covering in these settings. In particular, those who are leading permitted services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them.

Face visors or shields

A face visor or shield may be worn in addition to a face covering but not instead of one. This is because face visors or shields do not adequately cover the nose and mouth.

When you do not need to wear a face covering

In settings where face coverings are required in England there are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering.

Please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances. Some people are less able to wear face coverings, and the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- children under the age of 11 (Public Health England does not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)
- people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
- where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress
- if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate
- to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others – including if it would negatively impact on your ability to exercise or participate in a strenuous activity
- police officers and other emergency workers, given that this may interfere with their ability to serve the public

Social distancing

Social distancing measures are actions to reduce social interaction between people in order to minimise the opportunity for transmission of COVID-19.

All venue managers and all visitors to a place of worship must follow the law and should follow the guidance on social distancing including:

- adhering to social distancing, meaning people should be 2 metres apart or more than 1 metre apart as well as taking extra steps to stay safe (such as wearing face coverings) to reduce the risk of transmission
- for frequently used places, mark areas using floor tape or paint to help people maintain social distance
- visitors must not mingle with anyone outside of their household or support bubble when attending a place of worship

From Reuben Purchase, Diocesan Mission Catechist

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? It's Sunday of the Word of God. I've a suggestion – why not sign up to with our own home-grown **Mission for Catechesis**, to study the **Word of God** more deeply via our world-class library of formation resources.

Register with our Catechetical partners at franciscanathome.com/shrewsbury. It's available to everyone! You can use as much or as little of the library of several hundred online workshops as you see fit - either alone, and ad hoc, or as part of a tailored track for your parish team. If you want to help us with the Mission's vision to form a new generation of evangelists, you could become a mentored student on the Diocesan Certification programme.

Your Diocesan mentor is available to help implement all options for the formation of minsters and catechists alike. You can contact him anytime at reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Be the change you want to see!

Please follow the Mission on our new website – www.weareallcatechists.com

And follow us on social media –

<https://www.facebook.com/weareallcatechists>

<http://www.instagram.com/weareallcatechists>

<http://www.twitter.com/allcatechists>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgLVgfUIN3HarGh2AP803qA>

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



Today we hear about how Jesus called his disciples to follow him. They left what they were doing and went with him straight away. Let's think a bit about how we can follow Jesus in our lives.

Christ Jesus, you call us all to follow you. Help us to answer that call and live our lives as you have asked us to. Amen.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



Find out more about children around the world at cafod.org.uk/kidzzone

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**no one
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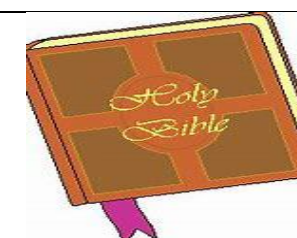


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10 am

Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.



Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

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Frances Wright
Pat Cummins
Pat Matthews
Tony McDevitt
Dorothy Robinson
Judy Howard
Maureen Grace
Maureen Adams
Pat Hemmington

Patricia Davies
Rosemary Southwell
Sarah Alouane
Brian Byrne
Ted Henesy
Sheila Burrell
John Swann
Joyce & Maurice McAsey
Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle
Barbara Evans



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I just wanted to send a quick note on behalf of Fr Paul for all the messages that have been sent via me wishing Fr Paul a speedy recovery, offering prayers or asking if there is anything they can do to help.

Also a big thank you to John Kane and Mike Byrne for all the effort they put into getting the church "Covid" ready for the Christmas Masses, which unfortunately, didn't happen.

Jayne – Parish Secretary

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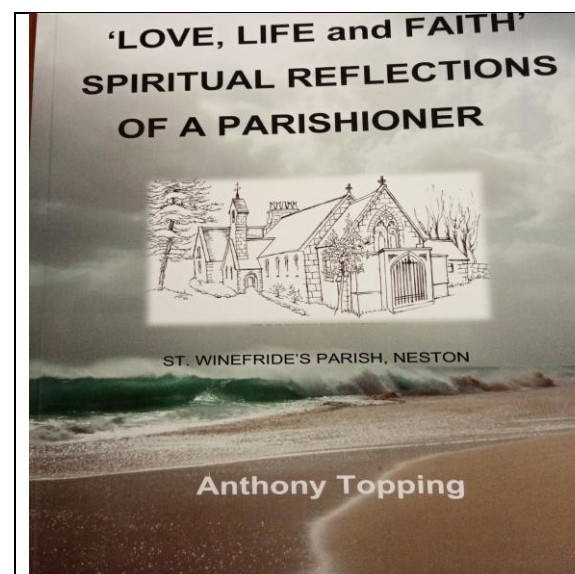
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Please remember in your prayers the family of Dot Davies. Dot sadly passed away on the 21st December at Arrow Park Hospital. Her family are having to prepare for a funeral during yet another lockdown and dealing with their own bereavement.



"Love, Life and Faith"

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

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ONCE CHURCH REOPENS, I WILL UPDATE YOU ON WHEN THE FOODBANK TEAM WILL START THEIR COLLECTIONS.

SAINSBURYS IN NESTON ALSO HAS A COLLECTION POINT, SO PLEASE USE IF YOU ARE THERE SHOPPING.



FOODBANK - Food items they are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash or tinned potatoes and UHT Milk

Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham

Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots

Pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, instant custard

Cup-a-soup, Small bottles of cordial / UHT juice

They have plenty of pasta, tea bags, rice

Foodbank try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on their website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood>



The link below is a New Year reflection, that was shared with the children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62ZNM99-XRw>

The prime minister's announcement on Monday night caught us all out; although the general feeling was that a full lockdown was coming!

School responded quickly and places were offered to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. However, the number of requests far exceeded the places available. These children have settled well into their new 'bubbles' and the school,

although quieter, is still alive with children's voices.

Fortunately, the school has a robust remote learning policy and process which was trialled during the autumn term. So, the move to home learning, although there have been a few glitches regarding laptops and iPads, has been quite smooth for most children. Through this medium, children have at least a daily 'live' lesson, where they can interact with their class teacher, see their class friends and continue their education.

The school catering staff have been working hard to organise weekly food hampers and these will be ready for distribution next week and will be provided weekly throughout the lockdown.

We are all hoping and praying that this lockdown is a short one and that the children can all be back in school after February half term, and we can start getting back to normal.

Please remember the children, staff and school community in your prayers. Take care and keep safe.



Lord Jesus, may your light guide our way, as it once guided the steps of the magi. So that we may be led to your presence and worship you. Jesus, the child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the Saviour of the World, to whom be glory for ever. Amen

MESSAGES FROM YOU PARISHIONERS!!

A message from Barbara B in Gozo (Part of the Maltese archipelago) who was sorry to hear I was struggling to compile the newsletter...my heart goes out to you. **"Thank you Barbara".**

Maybe, if folk would like to be inspired, the International Conference June 6 2020. Part 1 and 2, was wonderful with Wirral, Liverpool a Scottish bishop and others giving talks.

Or join in Mon Armitage, ex rector at Walsingham, retreat that he led last May. It was so powerful it is on the Walsingham website.. well worth watching. I can't tell you how much I loved that retreat...it seemed to get better with each day. Both spoke about being uplifted in times of lockdown..etc.

Joe T - May I suggest we follow Pope Francis' declaration of this year as dedicated to St Joseph and has included the prayer to him.

Dear St Joseph

You have shown love and care to the Son of God,

You looked after his mother Mary,

You worked hard for your family,

You led your family to safety,

You never questioned the will of God,

You dedicated your life to the service of God.

May we also show our dedication to the God's Son. May we honour Mary, our

Holy Mother, may we work hard for our families and communities and may we

strive for justice and peace as Kingdom builders in this world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



#NeverMoreNeeded

News wise – Neston Community Youth Centre on Burton Road is advertising a need for volunteers to organise the administration of the vaccine; anyone interested can contact them by phone or following the link below. The contact number – 0151 336 7805

<https://www.nestoncyc.org.uk/post/help-with-vaccine>



New members of our daily Zoom rosary group would be especially welcome; the consistency of our daily meeting and contact with our Mother Mary has brought joy and a stronger faith for everyone in the group as well as a real fellowship at a time when distance and separation are key words.

For those among us who are unsure as to whether or not the Rosary is for them, I would say that a free trial would clarify this and may well surprise you!!! Ring Deacon Jim if unable to use the internet or tap in 252387114 and password AveMaria to join, once or more often, no hard and fast rules!

"Thanks Joe for all the above contribution, well I may have jazzed it up a little!"

Deacon Jim has said he would love to see or hear some new faces or voices!! He suggests you make a cuppa and bring it along and join in. "Prayer in a relaxed atmosphere". Check out the first page of the newsletter for more information on all the weekly activities from the comfort of your armchair!!

Deacon Jim – Jim has been forwarded this message from a neighbourhood watch leader. I think it is important to take note and pass on to anyone you think could be at risk. There are so many of these scams around, please be careful.

Covid-19 Vaccine Text Scam Alert

We have been informed by the Neighbourhood Watch Network about a highly believable scam which starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine and to click on the link in the text message. The user is then led to a webpage, which looks very convincing and asks them to complete some details, in order for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Proof of address
- Card payment details

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the rollout to some many people.

For more information please see the article on the Ourwatch website: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/fake-text-identifying-you-eligible-covid-19-vaccine>



Sheila T – Who watches “The Voice”. Well make sure you do tomorrow evening. Sheila’s stepson Joe Topping, nephew of Anthony & cousin of Michael, is on the Voice tomorrow, Sat 9th Jan. Sheila says “As a family we are all excited for him”! *“Thank you Sheila – we will be cheering him on”.*



We had some good news just before Christmas in the Shakespeare household. My son Thomas passed his driving test. Definitely to do with all the hours I had spent in the car with him teaching him with a little help from the driving instructor!!!

Luckily for me Thomas **didn’t do** what Fr Paul’s nephew did first time he filled the car with fuel and that was to reverse at high speed into the car behind!! I will let Fr Paul tell you about that one...

Mary C - I would like to share the following, At this time of lockdown we need to remind ourselves of the fact that God is with us in all things. One of the famous blessings in the Bible is to be found in the book of Numbers. In chapter 6 verses 24-26 we read that "He is for you". It is a blessing about many things but specifically about protecting your family. At the time of the arrival of COVID-19 19 in the USA, musicians from Elevation Church were inspired to write "The Blessing".

It has impact and is powerful. It comforts consoles and encourages. The lyrics and performance can be found on YouTube. In the U.K. worship leaders from most Christian denominations collaborated to record the song under the title "The UK Blessing" during the first lockdown. It is a message that reminds us that Our God shares in all that happens to us and is always here and now! *“Thank you Mary, for reminding us of this blessing”*

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

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Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

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As we receive, we agree, amen

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen (amen, amen)
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
Your family and your children
And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you.

In these difficult times may we remember this blessing as we face the challenges of daily life.



“Online giving to the Parish”

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

Standing order – If you would like to start making your weekly or monthly donation to the parish via standing order, then please contact Jayne in the office. She can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete.

Gift aid – Again, if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your contribution, then please let me know and we can arrange to do this by completion of a form.

A big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who continue to pay by standing order or those who have managed to hand in their offertory envelopes before church closed or post through the door.

*Also a thank you also to those parishioners who have been giving via the Giving Page. I have just had confirmation that in December we received **£320 via the Giving page.***

THANK YOU

HELLO MOUTHPEACE READERS

Keith Taylor has asked me to share this invitation with you - anyone from anywhere can join - no travel needed!! Please get in touch with Keith if you are interested and pass the information to anyone else you think might be interested too.

Thank you

Marian

Paths of Peace: the work of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative

A briefing by Joan Sharples

The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative “CNI” is a project of Pax Christi International initiated in 2016 with the support and continuing encouragement of Pope Francis, who has called for “thoughts on revitalizing the tools of nonviolence, and of active nonviolence in particular.”

Thought and dialogue at all levels in many countries have been stimulated, with. Pax Christi England and Wales playing an important role. Already days of action have been held to help parishes celebrate nonviolence through liturgy, discussion and action.

Joan Sharples is a member of the Executive of Pax Christi England and Wales and former Shrewsbury Diocesan J&P Coordinator. Among other things she has led reflections in parishes on the Pax Christi Icon of Peace.

We invite you to a Zoom Meeting to hear more about CNI from Joan on Tuesday 12th January ■ 7.30 to 8.15 pm ■ Doors open at 7.15 ■

To register for the meeting please tell me at SKeithTayl2@outlook.com

With kind regards

Keith

S Keith Taylor, St Alban's Macclesfield Justice & Peace Group

4 Shadewood Rd, Macclesfield SK11 8PD (01625-429915)

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION is next weekend, 17th January. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund> and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund>



BALE OF HAY!!!

With church being closed over Christmas and Fr Paul not well, unfortunately the outside nativity scene, which is normally enjoyed by all, but especially the children didn't happen. However, we do still have a big bale of hay!!

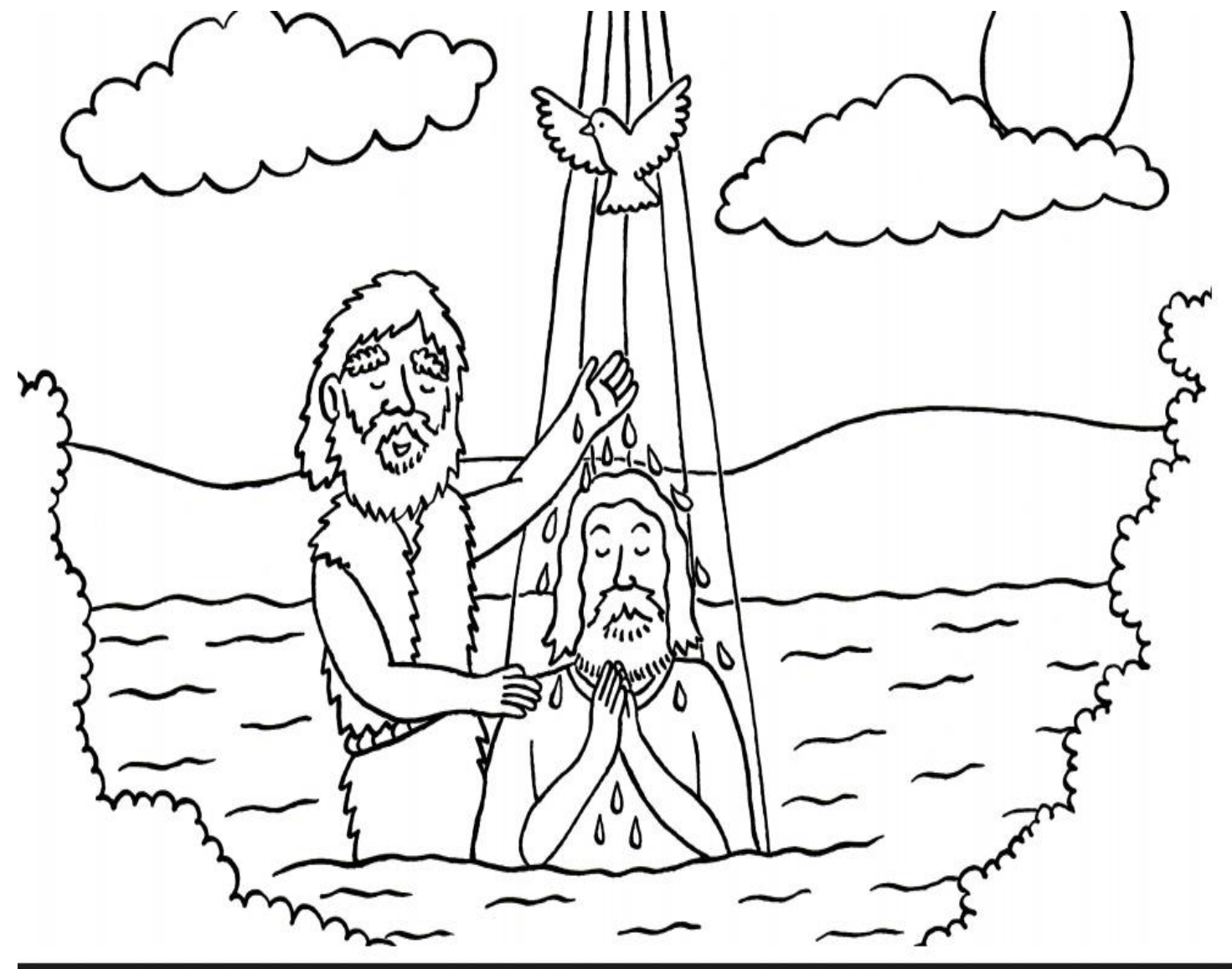
If anyone needs one, wants one, then please contact the parish office via e-mail. A donation towards church would be very welcome. The cost of the bale was around £18.00.



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



Today we hear about Jesus's baptism in the river Jordan. Baptism is the way that we are welcomed into the Church. Let's think a bit more about all this today.





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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th January 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **			
	Saturday 6pm		
J	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 17 TH JANUARY DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE	CHURCH
	Sunday 11 am		
A	Monday 10.00 am		CLOSED
N	Tuesday		UNTIL
U	Wednesday		FURTHER
A	Thursday		NOTICE
R	Friday 10.00 am		DUE
Y	Saturday 6pm		TO
2021	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 24 TH JANUARY SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	ILLNESS
	Sunday 11 am		

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

Daily Rosary

at 9.00 am
apart from
Sunday

To join in please download **Zoom.us** either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the **Zoom.us** website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below;

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

password: **AveMaria**



Come Sing and Pray

Thursday
8pm

'Come Sing and Pray' evening.

This will be available at the same Zoom address and will be an opportunity on these darker nights to sing along a few hymns, join in prayer and reflection and enjoy the company of fellow Christians.

Please note new day from this Thursday 14th January

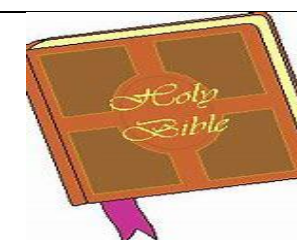


Bible study

Wednesday
4.30 pm

This **Wednesday 20th January at 4.30pm**. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following **Sunday 24th January**, **Mark 1: 14-20. It will be the 3rd Sunday in ordinary time and it is Sunday of the Word of God.**

Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.



Divine Mercy

Friday
3 pm

If you would like to join in with reciting the **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm** each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.



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Fr Paul tells me he is making steady progress, but his return to church will take some time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Jayne - Parish Secretary

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June will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

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As part of us promoting scripture and **The Word of God** please see below details of a live stream event taking place on **Saturday 23rd January**. It starts at 11.00am. Full details are below. If you need any further information, please contact Deacon Jim.

**The Catholic Biblical Association
of Great Britain**



**The Adventures of a
Biblical Translator**

Dom Henry Wansbrough
Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and most
recently the Revised New Jerusalem Bible,
Dom Henry has spent a life-time in Bible
translation.

Saturday 23rd January 2021
11:00 to 12:30 GMT

To access this live stream event go to
www.ssppilford.org.uk and click on live
stream remote services.

Event available subsequently on
www.whatgoodnews.org

Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will
introduce the event. Questions for
Fr Henry on Bible translation
may be emailed beforehand to
catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com



Prayer Resource for January: month of the Holy Name

'At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' Philippians 2:10-11

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Alphonsus:

O my Jesus, thou art the Saviour who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have fallen into so many sins, because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defence, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips. Amen

A Short Litany:

Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the living God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Splendour of the Father,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of Glory, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Sun of Justice, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most patient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most obedient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, God of Peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Author of Life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Model of Virtues, have mercy on us.
Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Refuge, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the Poor, have mercy on us.
Jesus, good Shepherd, have mercy on us.
Jesus, true Light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, eternal Wisdom, have mercy on us.
Jesus, infinite Goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Way, our Truth and our Life,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
have mercy on us.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus!
Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.



More prayer resources are
available here:
www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org



Year of St Joseph

Prayer Resource



Prayer: from the Roman Missal

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph:

Oh Saint Joseph whose protection is so strong, so great, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain from your Divine Son for me all spiritual blessings through Christ Our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name, and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Short Litany of Saint Joseph:

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Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Noble scion of David, have mercy on us.
Light of the Patriarchs, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us. Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us. Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us. Sedulous Defender of Christ, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most valiant, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Lover of poverty, pray for us.
Model of all who labour, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
Protector of virgins, pray for us.
Pillar of family life, pray for us.
Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Terror of demons, pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.

"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of Saint Joseph which he has failed to grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all..." Saint Theresa of Avila



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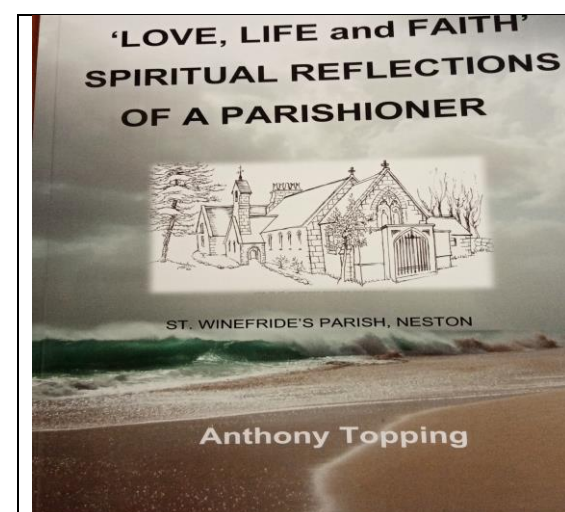
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ONCE CHURCH REOPENS, I WILL UPDATE YOU ON WHEN THE FOODBANK TEAM WILL START THEIR COLLECTIONS. IN THE MEANTIME YOU ARE CAN DONATE ITEMS IN SAINSBURYS NESTON WHEN YOU ARE SHOPPING, DON'T MAKE A SPECIAL JOURNEY.

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HOWEVER, AS THE GOVERNMENT ARE WANTING US TO STAY AT HOME, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS YOU CAN DONATE.

ONLINE, VIA TEXT, BANK TRANSFER AND ALSO BY CHEQUE.

THE LINK BELOW GIVES YOU MUCH MORE INFORMATION, SHOULD YOU WISH TO HELP.

Thank you Rona for looking into this.

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



FOODBANK - Food items they are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash or tinned potatoes and UHT Milk

Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham

Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots

Pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, instant custard

Cup-a-soup, Small bottles of cordial / UHT juice

They have plenty of pasta, tea bags, rice

Foodbank try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on their website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood>

The contact number for the Food Bank in Dutton Green, Chester is 0151 355 7730.

The office and warehouse are open Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 2.00pm

MESSAGES FROM YOU PARISHIONERS!!

Joe T - May I suggest we follow Pope Francis' declaration of this year as dedicated to St Joseph and has included the prayer to him.

Dear St Joseph

You have shown love and care to the Son of God,

You looked after his mother Mary,

You worked hard for your family,

You led your family to safety,

You never questioned the will of God,

You dedicated your life to the service of God.

May we also show our dedication to the God's Son. May we honour Mary, our Holy Mother, may we work hard for our families and communities and may we strive for justice and peace as Kingdom builders in this world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



#NeverMoreNeeded

News wise – Neston Community Youth Centre on Burton Road is advertising a need for volunteers to organise the administration of the vaccine; anyone interested can contact them by phone or following the link below. The contact number – 0151 336 7805.

VACCINATIONS – It is really pleasing to hear that our over 80's in the area have had the vaccination in Neston. I know many of our parishioners who fall into the first category have had their jab along with one of my 75 year old customers. Well done NHS and the NHS partners. If you have not as yet been contacted by the NHS, just be patient, they will be in contact with you. **Please avoid calling your doctor, local hospital or council.**

<https://www.nestoncyc.org.uk/post/help-with-vaccine>



New members of our daily Zoom rosary group would be especially welcome; the consistency of our daily meeting and contact with our Mother Mary has brought joy and a stronger faith for everyone in the group as well as a real fellowship at a time when distance and separation are key words.

For those among us who are unsure as to whether or not the Rosary is for them, I would say that a free trial would clarify this and may well surprise you!!! Ring Deacon Jim if unable to use the internet or tap in 252387114 and password AveMaria to join, once or more often, no hard and fast rules!

Covid-19 Vaccine Text Scam Alert

We have been informed by the Neighbourhood Watch Network about a highly believable scam which starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine and to click on the link in the text message. The user is then led to a webpage, which looks very convincing and asks them to complete some details, in order for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for:

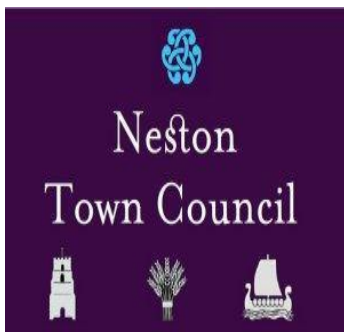
Name / Address / Date of birth / Proof of address / Card payment details

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the rollout to some many people.

For more information please see the article on the Ourwatch website: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/fake-text-identifying-you-eligible-covid-19-vaccine>



For those of you who may not watch The Voice, just to let you know that Sheila's stepson Joe Topping, who performed last Saturday got through to the next round. Well done Joe and what a fantastic performance.



Neston & District Churches Together was formed to help the many Christian communities in Neston area to work more closely together. It might otherwise go unnoticed that there are so many active Churches in the district committed to Christian worship.

The purpose of the Group is to promote awareness of all the local Churches and help organise ecumenical events each year. These include a service as part of **Christian Unity Week in January**.

The **NDCT Unity service** this year was due to be from Christ Church, Willaston but will be held online via Zoom on **Sunday 24th Jan at 6:30pm**, followed by the AGM. It should work if you just press CTRL and click on the link that says "UNITY SERVICE".

Join Zoom Meeting

[UNITY SERVICE](#)

Meeting ID: 815 5739 9706 and Passcode: 242212

January 18th to 25th is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity where in the past we have been able to meet, worship and pray together, this year we will meet online. Parkgate and Neston URC have already arranged one such meeting and the information is below,

Ann Clowes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Praise & Fellowship Zoom meeting

Time: Jan 21, 2021 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81580148443>

Meeting ID: 815 8014 8443



“Online giving to the Parish”

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

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Gift aid – Again, if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your contribution, then please let me know and we can arrange to do this by completion of a form.

A big THANK YOU to all those parishioners who continue to pay by standing order or those who have managed to hand in their offertory envelopes before church closed or post through the door.

Also a thank you also to those parishioners who have been giving via the Giving Page. I have just had confirmation that in December we received £320 via the Giving page.

THANK YOU

Covid-19 Protection - Keeping the Message Simple

When church is reopened, it is important that we fall in line with and act to the spirit of current government guidelines. Our primary objective as upholders of safety procedures is to minimise the potential of infection as far as is reasonably practicable. To this end we will be enforcing procedures (outlined below), these are copied directly from the government website, to which we receive daily updates.

Where possible, there will be a number of masses per week. Midweek masses are quieter and may be an acceptable alternative for you to attend.

All masses will go ahead only if there are sufficient stewards available to carry out all of the duties required of them. There may be occasions that Mass (or other service) may have to be cancelled at short notice due to lack of availability of stewards. Although disappointing we have to face the possibility of this happening.

It is expected that, should you feel unwell for any reason, that you stay away from church until you are fully recovered.

Please remember that if you are unable to come to Mass, there are a number of online Masses which you can follow, please see the church website for some examples.

Regarding face coverings;

Please make sure your face covering covers all of your nose and mouth at all times

If you are exempt from wearing one, you will still be expected to wear a face visor. In this case you will be placed in the transept and a socially distance of 2m will be maintained at all times, including when you go for communion or queue for any reason. There are floor markers spaced at 1m so please allow 2 markers when queuing.

Definitions from the Government website

Time updated: 2:20pm, 11 January 2021

Where possible, when visiting a place of worship you should stay local and avoid travelling outside your local area, meaning your village or town, or part of a city.

Face Coverings

In England, face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship.

There are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups to not wear a face covering in these settings. In particular, those who are leading permitted services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them.

Face visors or shields

A face visor or shield may be worn in addition to a face covering but not instead of one. This is because face visors or shields do not adequately cover the nose and mouth.

When you do not need to wear a face covering

In settings where face coverings are required in England there are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering.

Please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances. Some people are less able to wear face coverings, and the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- children under the age of 11 (Public Health England does not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)
- people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
- where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress
- if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate
- to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others – including if it would negatively impact on your ability to exercise or participate in a strenuous activity
- police officers and other emergency workers, given that this may interfere with their ability to serve the public

Social distancing

Social distancing measures are actions to reduce social interaction between people in order to minimise the opportunity for transmission of COVID-19.

All venue managers and all visitors to a place of worship must follow the law and should follow the guidance on social distancing including:

- adhering to social distancing, meaning people should be 2 metres apart or more than 1 metre apart as well as taking extra steps to stay safe (such as wearing face coverings) to reduce the risk of transmission
- for frequently used places, mark areas using floor tape or paint to help people maintain social distance
- visitors must not mingle with anyone outside of their household or support bubble when attending a place of worship

SONG OF SONGS *God is love*

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION is this weekend, 17th January. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund> and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods. Unfortunately, as church is currently closed we are unable to have a collection in church.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund>



BALE OF HAY!!!

With church being closed over Christmas and Fr Paul not well, unfortunately the outside nativity scene, which is normally enjoyed by all, but especially the children didn't happen. However, we do still have a big bale of hay!!

If anyone needs one, wants one, then please contact the parish office via e-mail. A donation towards church would be very welcome. The cost of the bale was around £18.00. It is ideal for bedding or food for animals such as guinea pigs or rabbits.



A few years ago, when Fr Dennis was still with us, a few days before Christmas, it was my turn to read. The reading was taken from the Song of Songs. It is a beautiful reading but, in my ignorance, I thought it was one which should be read by a woman, I did not understand it and felt uncomfortable reading it myself so I read the alternative. Later that day, I met Fr Dennis in the local shop and he started to tell me off. He asked me why I had not read the correct reading for it was one of the most beautiful passages in the old testament. A few days before this Christmas, 21st December, the Winter Solstice, I tuned in for a livestream mass from St Dunstan's Woking and the reading was the same. The priest, in his homily, shed new light on it for me. He explained that in the psalm, "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you", Emmanuel means God is with you and in the Song of Songs, the one waiting for his Beloved is God and the beloved is me and you; each one of us. Although I have now read all of the text, I still cannot claim to understand it but I believe that it is a song of love. Although it is expressed in terms of a physical love between a man and a woman, I think it is much more than that; a very pure love; a perfect love. The perfect love of God for his children. I suspect that I am not the only one who finds it hard to understand and imagine that, for centuries, theologians have been putting forward their own interpretations.

God is continually calling us even when we go astray; constantly yearning for us; calling us to him; he wants us with him but, in the past, that was not possible until he became one with us. The birth of Jesus made that possible. After baptising him, John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and told two of his disciples "There is the lamb of God". The two followed him and Jesus turned to them and asked, "what do you want?" Andrew and his companion then asked "Rabbi, where do you live?". Jesus answered, "Come and see." After spending some time with him, they stayed with him. I think that they were captured by his personality but most of all by his love. So began Jesus' public ministry. When he began talking about the Father, the apostles asked him what is the Father like and Jesus told them, "If you know me you know my Father".

A year ago, we first began to hear about Covid 19. Since then, we have lived through various degrees of lockdown. During that time, I have observed the effect that it has had on people. Some have become generous to a heroic degree while others have become more selfish. So, what effect has it had on me? I hope that I have become more considerate towards others and that my attempts to stay safe have been for the sake of others rather than to protect myself. Whenever I have attended mass, I have deliberately tried to get away without socialising with others in order to follow the guidelines but that made me feel antisocial. I apologise to anyone who may feel that I was in any way discourteous. When Jesus asked Andrew and his companion, "What do you want?" I think the question is asked of all of us. The answer is, surely, to know God. John the Evangelist, in his first letter, tells us, "*Let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God*". As we set forward into a new year, I will try to spend more time with Jesus in the hope that I will get to know him better and so come to know the Father.

*No one has ever seen God
But as long as we love one another
God will live in us
And his love will be complete in us*

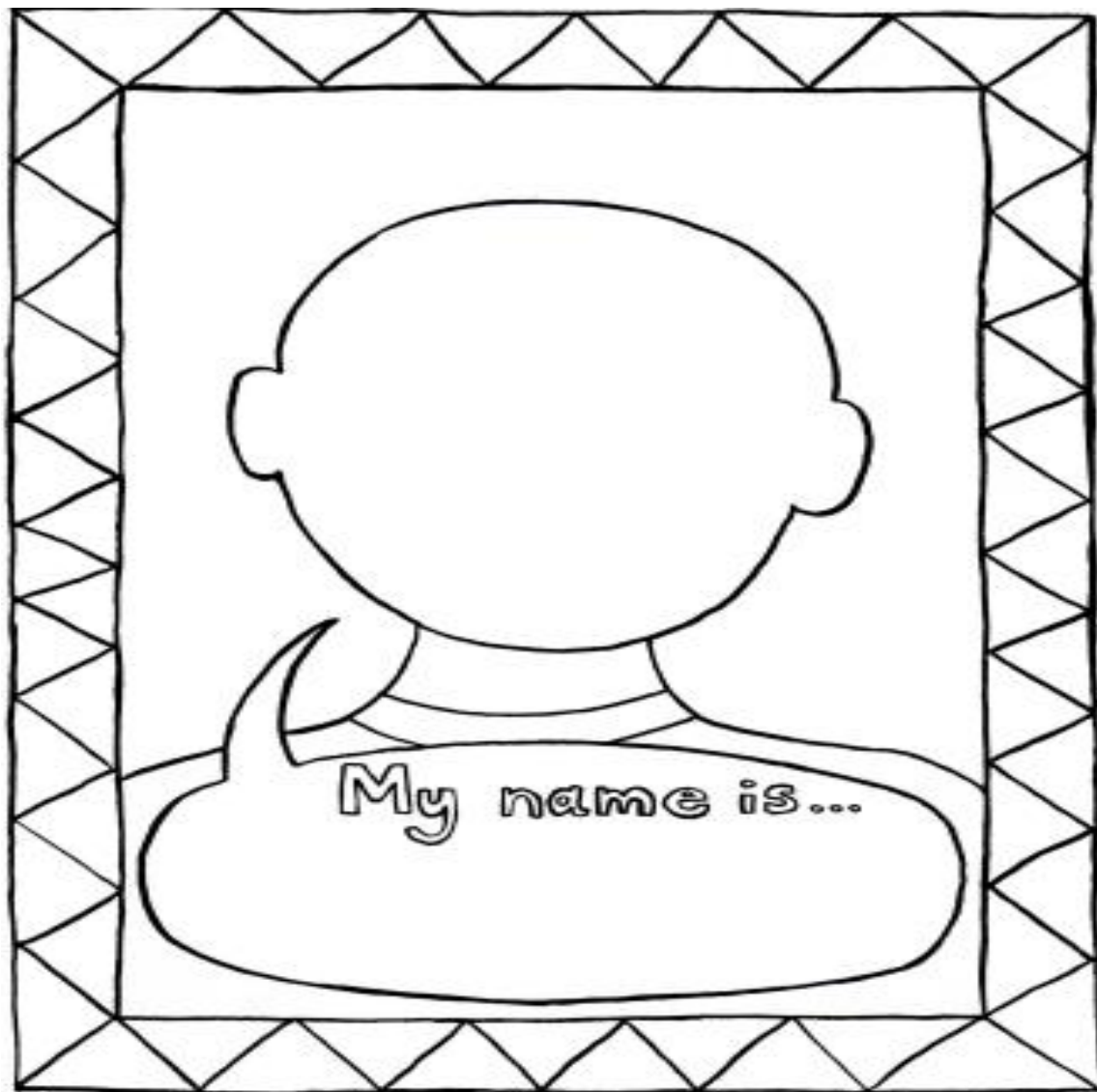
Reflection by Tony Topping

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



Today we hear how Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "rock". Names are very important – we all have one and God knows all of us by our name.

God of all, you know us all by our name, and love and care for us, because we are all your children. Help us also to love and care for our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.





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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st January 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **			
	Saturday 6pm		
J	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 31 ST JANUARY DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE	CHURCH
	Sunday 11 am		
A	Monday 10.00 am		CLOSED
N	Tuesday		UNTIL
U	Wednesday		FURTHER
A	Thursday		NOTICE
R	Friday 10.00 am		DUE
Y	Saturday 6pm		TO
2021	Sunday 9.30 am	SUNDAY 7 th FEBRUARY 2020	ILLNESS
	Sunday 11 am		

Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Dorothy Barber	Patricia Davies
Frances Wright	Rosemary Southwell
Pat Cummins	Sarah Alouane
Pat Matthews	Brian Byrne
Tony McDevitt	Ted Henesy
Dorothy Robinson	Sheila Burrell
Judy Howard	John Swann
Maureen Grace	Joyce & Maurice McAsey
Maureen Adams	Bill Williams aka Mon Uncle
Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Richard Furlong	Betty Davis
Alan Jones	



Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing from the prayer list or you have a Mass intention.

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

Daily Rosary at 9.00 am apart from Sunday	To join in please download Zoom.us either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the Zoom.us website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below; https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: AveMaria	
Come Sing and Pray Thursday 8pm	'Come Sing and Pray' evening. This will be available at the same Zoom address and will be an opportunity on these darker nights to sing along a few hymns, join in prayer and reflection and enjoy the company of fellow Christians.	
Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 3rd February at 4.30pm . We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 7th February 2021. First reading Job 7: 1-4 6-7; Psalm 146 and gospel Mark 1: 29-39 It will be the 5th Sunday in ordinary time. Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.	
Divine Mercy Friday 3 pm	If you would like to join in with reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.	
Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am	Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.	



Fr Paul writes We shall be celebrating the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February and this marks the last day of Christmas. It's also called Candlemas and I shall celebrate Mass for all our Parish family. Let's look forward to brighter days ahead and thank God for the skill of those who are working on vaccines to combat COVID 19. God bless them.

Some of you already know that I have had COVID 19. My doctor tells me that I have developed 'long COVID' which means that I continue to have symptoms without the actual virus. Bishop Mark has encouraged me to take some time away from the Parish in order to recover. I hope and pray that I shall return to full health as soon as possible. Bishop Mark has closed the Parish until then. While I am unavailable you can contact our Deacons or Jayne our parish secretary. You will find their numbers on first page of our Newsletter.

I assure you that I shall be keeping you in my prayers daily and hope that you will remember me in your prayers. God bless you and your families.

Fr Paul

LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:

St Winefride's Parish Church - www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonywythenshawe
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: dioceseofshrewsbury.org

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

All times and details of other services available search Church Services TV on Google
ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

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

RACIAL JUSTICE – SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

The following information has been taken from the following website at:
[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

Sunday, 31 January 2021

This year's Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in [Fratelli Tutti](#) speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

Theme

The theme is '**A Time to Act**'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice but what can we do? Read a [reflection on the theme](#). Parishes might consider using elements of this reflection for homilies and further discussion.

Resources

As well as a thought-provoking [reflection on the theme](#), we have a [message from Bishop Paul McAleenan](#), the Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, and a series of poignant videos. We also have a prayer to bring this important work to the Lord.

Zimbabwean Catholic Youth

We have a video reflection produced by a diverse group of young adults from across England and Wales who belong to the Zimbabwean Catholic Community. They are either in full-time education or work in leading professions. [Watch the short film](#).

More information available at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>



Prayer Resource for January: month of the Holy Name

'At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' Philippians 2:10-11

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Alphonsus:

O my Jesus, thou art the Saviour who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have fallen into so many sins, because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defence, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips. Amen

A Short Litany:

Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the living God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Splendour of the Father,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of Glory, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Sun of Justice, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most patient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most obedient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, God of Peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Author of Life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Model of Virtues, have mercy on us.
Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Refuge, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the Poor, have mercy on us.
Jesus, good Shepherd, have mercy on us.
Jesus, true Light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, eternal Wisdom, have mercy on us.
Jesus, infinite Goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Way, our Truth and our Life,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
have mercy on us.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus!
Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.



More prayer resources are available here:
www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org



Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping in at some point to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

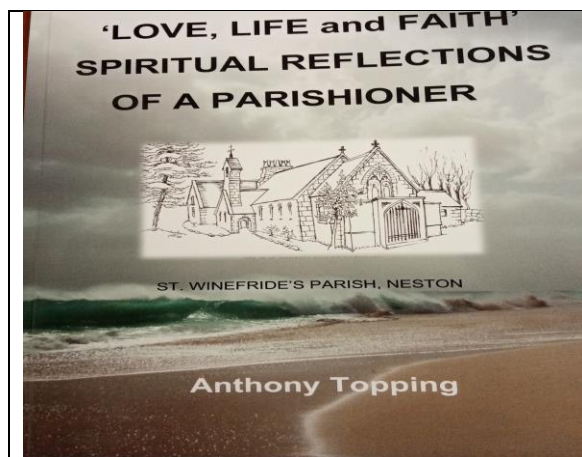
Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk

parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Mass intentions, which have had to be moved as church is closed are listed below. Once church is open again, I will make sure they are put back in the diary.

**** Thomas Smith, Larry Duggan, Pat Hemington, Patricia Brown, Monica and Frank McVey, Barbara Evans, Doris Gillies, Sheila Trimmer Dot and Jess Jones, Fr Chris, Diana Phillips, Ruth Doyle Bridget, Ernan, Michael, Bill, Geoff and Grandad Bertie Moira Griffiths-Parr, The Radburn family in Tasmania Late Grandfather Thomas Welham, Carol Saunders**



"Love, Life and Faith"

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

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Message from Lucy Walsh from Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality **Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** will be live streamed on;

church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford> from St Vincent de Paul, Knutsford at 9.30am on 11th February 2021
A recording will be available to watch on the church services TV website

We will then be hosting a zoom social gathering that evening at 8pm, if you would like details to join in please email secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

A letter received from Daniel Turner to St Winefride's RC Church

I am writing today to inform you of a new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) which is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

In response to this, we are asking members of the public to contact their MPs, asking them to sign this motion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP.

I wanted to know whether you would be able to help us get the word out by putting this notice in your church newsletter.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Turner
Right to Life UK

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www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion



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Reflection by – Tony Topping

SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

*O God, be gracious and bless us
And let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn your saving help. (psalm 66)*

My latest pet hate is when people imply that the universe is a force which controls everything that happens. So often, lately, on television and now in real life, I have heard people say "I think the universe is trying to tell me something". Ancient civilisations believed that the sun, moon and stars had divine powers and worshiped them. To imply that the universe is in control is a denial of God. I am no scientist, but as far as I understand, the universe is made of matter and non-matter. The key word in that sentence is made. It is a created thing that obeys the laws of nature which God created. If I add two and two together, I will always get four, a simple law of mathematics. If I throw a stone up into the air, it will come down again obeying the law of gravity. Night follows day because the earth is a spinning globe and the seasons occur because the earth orbits the Sun. I have been watching and enjoying David Attenborough's series entitled "A perfect world", and have marvelled how God created this planet so that all the creatures on it could survive, but our world is changing due to the mistakes man has made.

When God created man, He gave him intelligence to learn and understand his surroundings. Since he breathed life into the first man, God has been teaching us to discern between right and wrong; between good and bad. God gave man the power to rationalise but, also, he gave man the freedom to choose. A couple of Sundays ago, at mass, in the first reading we heard how Samuel, three times, heard a voice calling him. Each time he reported to Eli who told Samuel to go back and lie down as he had not called him. However, the third time Eli told Samuel if he heard someone calling to say "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". In the gospel, John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God". Andrew then tells his brother, Peter, "We have found the messiah!" Many times, during his ministry, Jesus tells us to listen, to read the signs of the times. I think God is calling us and talking to us all the time. We must learn to listen and to read and understand the signs of our times. We are living through a crucial time. Not only are we fighting a virus which has already killed millions and seems to be getting more deadly but the world as we know it is changing. Our planet is on the brink of disaster. Our climate is changing so fast our wild life is struggling; species are in danger of becoming extinct. People are losing their homes and their ways of life and dying due to extreme weather, floods, fire and drought; The ice at the poles are melting and the seas are rising.

When Jonah warned the people of Nineveh that their city was on the brink of disaster, they listened and changed their ways. They turned to God, repented and begged forgiveness and God relented. Their city was not destroyed. We too, must change our ways and turn back to God, begging his forgiveness for the mistakes we have made. God is in control, he loves us, he can save us. He doesn't want us to suffer, but we must play our part. We must learn to put God first in all we do, thank him for all his gifts, to listen and to pray to him more earnestly. We must spread his good news of salvation in whatever way we are able.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you. (psalm 66)*

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord God, rule over our hearts and bodies this day. Sanctify us, and guide our every thought word and deed according to the commandments of your law, so that now and for ever your grace may free and save us. (Morning prayer)

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Today we hear about how Jesus was a great teacher. Let's think about how important it is for everyone to get a chance to go to school and learn.

Christ Jesus, teach us how to be kind and generous, sharing what we have with our friends, family and people all over the world. May we always listen to your word. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel: Mark 1:21-28





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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 7th February 2021

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As Christians and in the name of Jesus, we too can show compassion for our loved ones and our neighbours. Often at times, a name or a face can come into mind, sometimes unexpectedly, and this can be the work of the Holy Spirit, gently prompting us to think about that person. If that happens to you this week then perhaps take that next step and ring them up. You may be surprised at what the Lord achieves, by working through you!

Great news from Canon Phil Moor that our church will reopen for Mass from the first weekend in Lent. Our prayers have been answered and we can look forward to preparing ourselves through the season of Lent in readiness for the great celebration of Easter! Please keep Fr Paul in prayer as he continues his convalescence as I am sure he is praying and saying Mass for us. May God bless and keep you all safe in the week ahead. **Deacon Jim**

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Remember – HANDS / FACE / SPACE.

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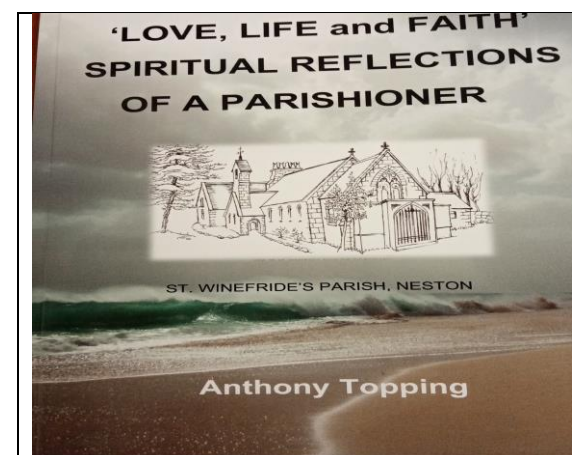
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"Love, Life and Faith"

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

Tony's son has organised for all of Tony's reflections over the years to be put together in a book. The book has now been published and are now available to buy.

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Message from Lucy Walsh from Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be live streamed on;

**church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford>
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"From one who is isolating to two who are not"!!

This lovely picture is from Albert who is having to self-isolate for two weeks following his visit to hospital for some tests earlier in the week.

Thank you Albert. I don't have any photo's but we did have 8 different species of birds in our garden during the bird watch last weekend.



"Online giving to the Parish"

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

Standing order – If you would like to start making your weekly or monthly donation to the parish via standing order, then please contact Jayne in the office. She can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete. Alternatively, you can contact Mike Russell at the curial office 0151652 9855 or via e-mail at Mike.Russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT)

We have received a letter from SYMT and below is information that could be of interest to you all, especially young Catholics.



Over the last few months the **Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team** have had some great success with online ministry. We thought it might be good just to draw your attention to some of the great work that has been done.

YouTube – Last May we started our YouTube channel – Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team SYMT. This has grown from strength to strength with regular live broadcasts and constant content renewal. This would be a great resource for some of your parishioners, particularly the young. There will be even more exciting and new content coming up in the coming weeks.

Social Media – We have always had a presence on social media we have Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts but this has grown since last March with a considerable increase in content and traffic across the platforms.

Way to access information regarding SYMT

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – Online Ministry

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for @Shrewsbury_ymt

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Some future events we want to draw your attention to:

The Collective – This is a group of **young adults (18+)** who are meeting together for faith and friendship. The meetings run via Zoom by the team the aim is to reach out to young adults who want to grow in their faith.

The dates for the collective are: 4th February, 4th March and the 1st April.

Anyone interested should email: youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Altar Servers Day – After the success of the servers day last year we decided to go online with our day this year. This year it will be running on the **27th of March via zoom**. More information will be coming out via email in the coming weeks. For now if you would be interested the please do let us know but emailing: youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Lent and Easter: there is an exciting programme in place for Lent and Easter – more information to follow.

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Today we hear about how Jesus healed people who were sick. Many people who were ill came to Jesus and he made them better. Who makes you feel better when you are sick? Let's think some more about healing today.

Opening prayer: Merciful God, look after all those who are sick. Help us to bring them comfort and make them feel better in any way that we can. Watch over all doctors, nurses and carers and give them strength in their difficult job. Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



Find prayers and activities at cafod.org.uk/families



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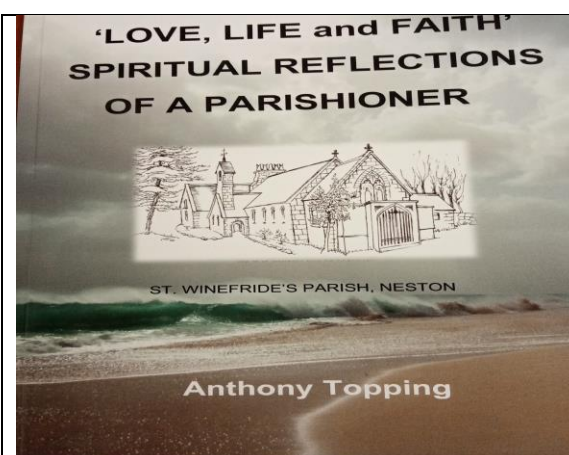
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Masses will be livestreamed for Ash Wednesday, so parishioners can follow it on their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzzNjNscAoxuWubVYv04Lw/featured>



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Prayer Resource for February: month of the Holy Family

Prayer: *taken from the Roman Missal*

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Family:

Dear Lord, Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he need to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more

like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

A Short Daily Prayer:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we entrust to you our parents, siblings and grandparents, so that after our earthly life, we may all find eternal joy in heaven. Amen.

Pope Francis – Prayer to the Holy Family (Angelus 28 December 2013):

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

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more prayer resources are available here:
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“Online giving to the Parish”

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

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

Offertory envelopes - They can be posted through the Presbytery door to church if you are coming up to visit the graveyard. Alternatively, just keep at home and bring into church once it re-opens.

Standing order – If you would like to start making your weekly or monthly donation to the parish via standing order, then please contact the parish office. We can then either provide you with the relevant bank details or a form to complete. Alternatively, you can contact Mike Russell at the curial office 0151 652 9855 or via e-mail at Mike.Russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Gift aid – Again, if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your contribution, then please let myself or Mike Russell know and we can arrange to do this by completion of a form.

Update – 12th February – the Online Giving page transferred to our parish bank account £135 in January. We have also had some new parishioners starting to pay by standing order and others changing from envelopes to standing order.

The end of the tax year is drawing ever closer. If you Gift Aid your offertory donation it is important that you check you are paying sufficient tax to cover the amount we will reclaim under Gift Aid. If you are no longer paying tax or not enough tax to cover the claim you should contact us urgently.

THANK YOU – Jayne Shakespeare, Parish Secretary

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT)

We have received a letter from SYMT and below is information that could be of interest to you all, especially young Catholics.



Over the last few months the **Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team** have had some great success with online ministry. We thought it might be good just to draw your attention to some of the great work that has been done.



YouTube – Last May we started our YouTube channel – Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team SYMT. This has grown from strength to strength with regular live broadcasts and constant content renewal. This would be a great resource for some of your parishioners, particularly the young. There will be even more exciting and new content coming up in the coming weeks.



Social Media – We have always had a presence on social media we have Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts but this has grown since last March with a considerable increase in content and traffic across the platforms.

Way to access information regarding SYMT

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – Online Ministry

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for @Shrewsbury_ymt

Find us on YouTube by searching for Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – SYMT, don't forget to subscribe so you know when we go live or release new content.

Some future events we want to draw your attention to:

The Collective – This is a group of **young adults (18+)** who are meeting together for faith and friendship. The meetings run via Zoom by the team the aim is to reach out to young adults who want to grow in their faith.

The dates for the collective are: 4th February, 4th March and the 1st April.

Anyone interested should email: youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Altar Servers Day – After the success of the servers day last year we decided to go online with our day this year. This year it will be running on the **27th of March via zoom**. More information will be coming out via email in the coming weeks. For now if you would be interested the please do let us know but emailing: youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Lent and Easter - There is an exciting programme in place for Lent and Easter – more information to follow.

UPSIDE DOWN

It is a year since the general public first began to hear about the corona virus Covid 19. Next month we will experience the anniversary of “Lockdown 1”. During the last twelve months, our lives have been turned upside down. We have been confined to our homes and forced to distance ourselves from those we love, family and friends alike. Our children have been denied the right to attend school and to be with their friends. The further education of our older students has been interrupted. Shops have been closed; social gatherings banned. The government has been at a loss to know how to cope with the situation and our health service has been brought to near breaking point. For months our places of worship were locked so that priests were forced to say Mass in empty churches and we had to find new ways to worship. Many were able to but many were without the means to access the internet. Throughout this period, we witnessed great heroism from medical staff, emergency services, care-workers and many ordinary people who proved to be good neighbours. We have seen the very best of people but, unfortunately, we have also seen the worst of people; people who have shown love for others and people who have shown little care or consideration for the wellbeing of others.

I have felt very blessed for I have been able to be in connect online to a number of different churches who have livestreamed Masses and other services. I have heard many wonderful and inspiring homilies from different priests and found them to be very comforting and uplifting but I have also remembered in my prayers those who have not been so privileged. I have tried to keep in touch with a few people I know who have had no contact with church or clergy. When the churches opened again, I tried to attend Mass as often as I could and it was wonderful to physically receive the Blessed Sacrament. What I have missed perhaps most of all is not being able to attend the sacrament of reconciliation, not that I have any grave sin to confess to, but I miss the opportunity to sit before a priest and receive advice on my spiritual life. I, therefore, try to do it spiritually by recalling the little things I have done wrong.

At my age now, there is little energy or opportunity to do anything very serious but I remember an old saying” If you look after the pennies, the pounds will look after themselves”. I think this can work in our spiritual life. If I can overcome the little temptations, when big temptations come along, I will be better able to resist them. Most of my sins are sins of omission; the things I failed to do; the things I could have done, should have done and would have done if I had put my mind to it and not put my own comfort first. I was taught that if I cannot go to confession, I can make a perfect act of contrition but that is not as easy as it seems. For it to be perfect it must be sorrow for offending the infinite goodness of God and be resolved never to offend again purely because of my love for Him; not because I am afraid of being punished and not because I want something from it. The priest the other day said something I thought was very comforting. He said that Jesus not only loves me he also likes me. He likes being with me. I know I’m not as saintly as my patron saint was but I can keep trying to follow his example. During the coming season of Lent I will try to spend more time with Jesus. I’m sure he will understand.

*Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
Whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
Imputes no guilt,
In whose spirit is no guile.*

Reflection by Tony Topping

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



Today we hear about another person that Jesus healed. Let’s think some more about healing and how to stay healthy together.

Opening prayer: Healing God, watch over all your children when they are sick. May we share generously with others so that all people around the world may have the chance to live happy and healthy lives. Amen.

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45*



Find more activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families

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1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21st February 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **			
20 Feb	Saturday 6 pm	Thomas Smith	<p>Church is open again from this weekend, 20th / 21st February.</p> <p>Initially there will only be two Masses celebrated. Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am</p> <p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass.</p> <p>Mass will also be available to live stream.</p>
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Ted Henesy

Sheila Burrell

Pat Hemmington

Joyce & Maurice McAsey

Judy Howard

Maureen Grace

Maureen Adams

Betty Davies

Barbara Evans



Please can I also ask you to remember Fr Paul in your prayers. We hope he will be back at St Winefride's very soon.

Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing from the prayer list or you have a Mass intention.

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Daily Rosary at 9.00 am apart from Sunday

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

password: [AveMaria](#)



Stations of the Cross Thursday 8pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY THURSDAY AT 8PM THROUGH LENT AND HOLY WEEK,
This will be available at the same Zoom address**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A PRAYERFUL
REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.**



Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm

This **Wednesday 24th February at 4.30pm**. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following **Sunday 28th February 2021. First reading Genesis 22: 1-2,9-13, 15-18 Psalm 115 and Gospel Mark 9: 2-10 It will be the 2nd Sunday of Lent.**

Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.



Divine Mercy Friday 3 pm

If you would like to join in with reciting the **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm** each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.



Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am

Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.



Reflection on the Sunday Gospel By Deacon Jim

On the first Sunday of Lent, at the beginning of our Lenten journey we always read in the Gospel about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Mark's version is particularly brief and to the point but all the vital ingredients are there, 'The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan!' Why was Jesus driven out into the desert and why did God made man, the sinless one, go head to head with the evil one?

There is a progressive theme of growing personal responsibility in salvation history, reflected in the three readings and a link between them is baptism.

In the story of Noah in Genesis, the water of the flood washes away the sin of the world but also the sinful people with it whilst at the same time saving the only good 8 people left, Noah and his family. A drastic solution to punish sin in the world but God relents and promises never to sweep away mankind again and a sign of that covenant, the rainbow in the sky. In Peter's letter, he describes the flood water as a 'type of baptism', saving Noah and his family and Peter reminds us that the water of our Christian baptism saves us now, not in a material way of removing physical dirt but by pledging our lives to God by living in a good conscience.

Just before Jesus was driven into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus was baptised by John with water and the Holy Spirit descended on him and God said 'this is my son, the beloved!' Jesus was the first human to be filled with the holy Spirit at his baptism, and so he was equipped to face down the devil and prove that good always wins out over evil. We too are baptised in the Spirit and we too are equipped to do battle with evil and Lent is a time for contemplating where evil lies in our lives and in our world and setting out to do battle with it, confident that our loving Saviour Jesus is always by our side.

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<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

All times and details of other services available search Church Services TV on Google
ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to

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

LIVE STREAMING - Please note that camera images and sound of services are now transmitted on the internet but not recorded. This is to help us share our faith with others who are unable to attend in person. If you have any concerns about the use of live streaming during a service or mass, then please contact the office.



CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February this year during lent.

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. He spends nearly all his time collecting water just to keep his family alive. He has no time to lead the life he wants.

This year Cafod are appealing for support of the many poor people who suffer simply because of their need for drinking water, something we all take for granted. Cafod tells us how individuals need to walk many miles everyday simply to supply their family with water.

Can you walk alongside Abdella this Lent by taking part in the Big Walk for Water virtual event on **Saturday 20th February at 2pm.**

**Meet Abdella and explore his journey at :
Cafod.org.uk/len**

Walk for Water

Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent?
Well 3 of our parishioners are!!

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER

10,000 steps, approx 7 km a day, every day, in every weather for 40 days....

Parishioners Helen Jones, Katharine Powell and Barbara Rivers are rising to the CAFOD challenge and will be walking each day of Lent to support the Walk for Water Campaign. If you would like to support their efforts they would be very grateful for your sponsorship. Visit their fundraising page at;

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/winnies-wander-women>



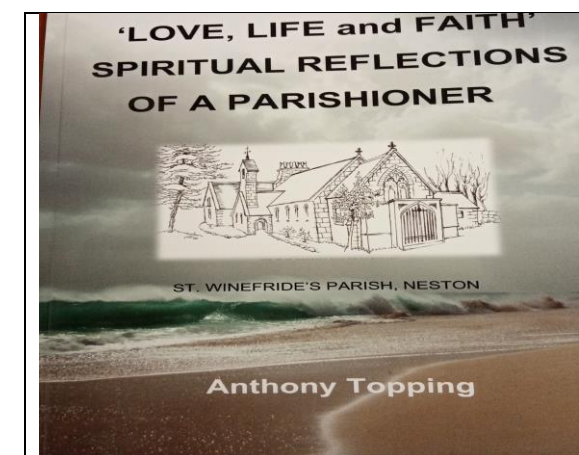
Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping into the office each Friday to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News – Visit the parish website for information and live stream.

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Prayerful Song



A few members of St Win's Choir have come together 'virtually' to record some of your favourite hymns. Please join them as part of your prayerful meditation. Listen, enjoy and sing along. Imagine yourself back in St Win's singing with the choir. We may be apart but this is a way we can be together to lift our voices to praise the Lord. Just click on the link below.

singalongs.podbean.com



St Winefride's Prayer - I have had a request from Barbara B to print the prayer below which was being discussed at last weekend's coffee morning.

A prayer for our Parish— Feast of St Winefride's 3 November
Lord our God, we the people of St Winefride's Parish offer ourselves to you. To be your people in this place, to be your Church in our community. To be instruments of peace, forgiveness and love. Help us grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for, all our blessings. Instil in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our resources. Help us face whatever the future holds, and to make new beginnings in your name. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Please can I ask you to remember in your prayers the family of Alan Jones, especially his wife Connie. Alan sadly passed away on Wednesday. His funeral will be held on the 17th March, here at St Winefride's Church.



Prayer Resource for February: month of the Holy Family

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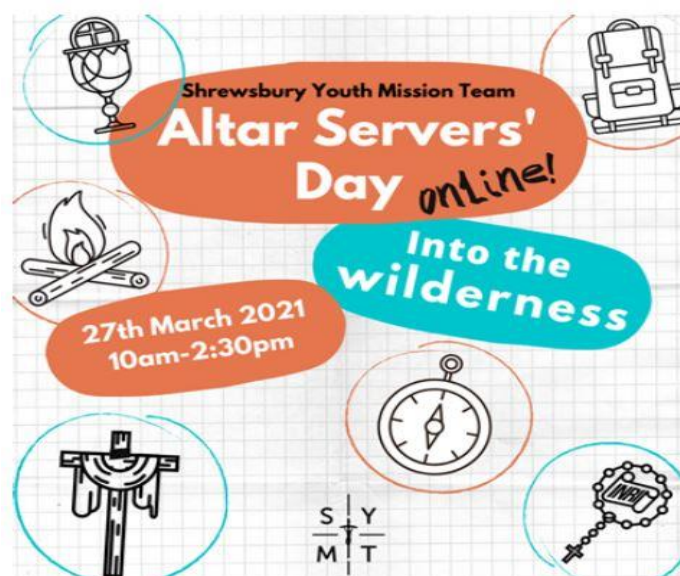
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SECOND ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS DAY:

"The Wilderness – A survival guide" Prayer and reflection alongside activities, games and lots of fun run by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team.

Where: Zoom

When: Saturday 27th March 2021 10am - 2.30pm

Who: Any young person 10 to 18 who serves in the parish (or at least did before last March)

How: interested – please send an email to youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org and they will send you all the information you need.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, the service has been compiled by the Christian women from Vanuatu. Beautiful Vanuatu is an archipelago 2,000 miles east of Australia in the South Pacific. To us, and the tourists who visit, it looks like paradise, but their islands are threatened by climate change; they have at least 4 episodes of severe flooding each year, as well as more extreme weather events year on year.

In 2020 and now in 2021, there have been no tourists - and although Vanuatu has no Covid cases, their economy, based on the tourist industry has dried up completely.

Our local Committee will be recording the service as we are not able to hold a 'live' event this year. It will be just as interesting and colourful as the usual service, and will be streamed on YouTube from St. Mary & St. Helen, Neston on Friday, 5th March from 9am onwards.

Go to Google www.nestonparishchurch.org and follow the links.

The Committee will be distributing the Service Booklets to our supporters during the next couple of weeks so you can be part of the World Day of Prayer at home or online. If you don't receive one by 1st March, but would like one, please contact your church rep. or Lynne on 336-8920, or Viv on 327-6053.

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



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus goes into the wilderness for forty days where he is tempted by the devil. There are wild animals in the wilderness, but angels help Jesus. After this, Jesus goes into Galilee and tells people that this is the right time –the kingdom of God is near! 'Turn away from your sins' he says 'and believe the Good News'.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Jesus, help me to be more like you. I want to make the right choices and ask you to help me to be strong. Amen.

First Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



Find Lent Fast day activities and resources for children at cafod.org.uk/families



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2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 28th February 2021

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27 Feb	Saturday 6 pm	Pat Hemmington	<p>Currently there are only two Masses being celebrated. Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am</p> <p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass.</p> <p>Mass will also be available to live stream.</p> <p>A big warm welcome once again to Fr Kevin</p>
28 Feb	Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Patricia Brown	
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2 Mar	Tuesday		
3 Mar	Wednesday		
4 Mar	Thursday		
5 Mar	Friday	Womens world Day of Prayer	
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Stations of the Cross Thursday 8pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY THURSDAY AT 8PM THROUGH LENT AND HOLY WEEK, This will be available at the same Zoom address PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.	
Bible study Wednesday 4.30 pm	This Wednesday 3rd March at 4.30pm. We will discuss the gospel reading for the following Sunday 7th March 2021. First reading Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 18 and Gospel John 2: 13-25. It will be the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Access as usual on Zoom or 07746743921 for audio only.	
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Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Jim Kay



Our first reading from Genesis this weekend is the call by God for Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Although this scene is almost 2000 years before Christ was born, as hard as we might try, it is difficult to imagine the sheer faith and trust in God's will that Abraham possessed in order for him to lead his only, beloved son to a lonely mountain in order to sacrifice him. In the end, having seen how faithful Abraham was, God saves Isaac and rewards Abraham with a promise that his descendants will be more numerous than the grains of sand on the seashore. Thus, Abraham is the father of the Jewish nation and through them is our father too and he is also held as father to Moslems. That mountain in Moriah is the same mountain that centuries later Jerusalem would be built on. The near sacrifice of a beloved son on that mountain by Abraham would be repeated when Jesus, the beloved Son of God would be sacrificed for real by being nailed to the wood of the Cross at the very same place.

Jesus knew he was going to suffer, be put to death and after three days, rise again. He had told his disciples this in the week before his Transfiguration as Jesus began preparing them for what was to come. The first prophecy of his passion would still be sinking in but now Jesus leads Peter, James and John to a lonely mountain and in front of them he is transfigured and they are given just a glimpse of his heavenly glory. They see Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. Elijah representing the prophets that all pointed towards Jesus and Moses representing the Law that Jesus was to fulfil and replace with a new covenant, sealed with his blood.

These are wonderful, powerful readings for this second Sunday of Lent and just as Peter, James and John had to spend time reflecting and discussing amongst themselves what they had seen and what this 'rising from the dead' could mean, let us too make time to pray, reflect and discuss scripture as we continue our own journey towards Calvary.

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WALK FOR WATER

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/winnies-wander-women>

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February this year during lent

I have already received in the office a couple of cheques for Cafod. If you raised any money for the CAFOD Family Fast Day and would like to send a donation to Cafod, you can forward any cheques to the parish office. Please make them payable to Cafod. I will then forward the cheques to Cafod in a couple of weeks time.

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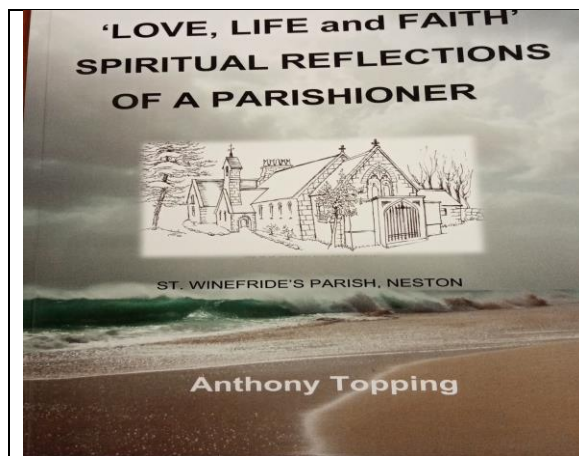
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We make our prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen**



Prayer Resource for February: month of the Holy Family

Prayer: taken from the Roman Missal
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Family:
Dear Lord, Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he need to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more

like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

A Short Daily Prayer:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we entrust to you our parents, siblings and grandparents, so that after our earthly life, we may all find eternal joy in heaven. Amen.

Pope Francis – Prayer to the Holy Family (Angelus 29 December 2013):

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic

Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

'And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.' Luke 2:7



more prayer resources are available here:
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SECOND ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS DAY:

"The Wilderness – A survival guide" Prayer and reflection alongside activities, games and lots of fun run by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team.



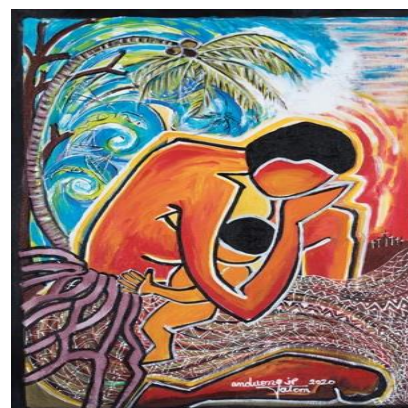
Where: Zoom

When: Saturday 27th March 2021 10am - 2.30pm

Who: Any young person 10 to 18 who serves in the parish (or at least did before last March)

How: interested – please send an email to youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org and they will send you all the information you need.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



This year, the service has been compiled by the Christian women from Vanuatu. Beautiful Vanuatu is an archipelago 2,000 miles east of Australia in the South Pacific. To us, and the tourists who visit, it looks like paradise, but their islands are threatened by climate change; they have at least 4 episodes of severe flooding each year, as well as more extreme weather events year on year.

In 2020 and now in 2021, there have been no tourists - and although Vanuatu has no Covid cases, their economy, based on the tourist industry has dried up completely.

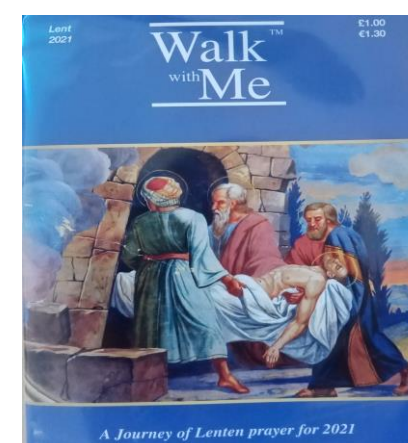
Our local Committee will be recording the service as we are not able to hold a 'live' event this year. It will be just as interesting and colourful as the usual service, and will be streamed on YouTube from **St. Mary & St. Helen, Neston**

on Friday, 5th March from 9am onwards.

Go to Google www.nestonparishchurch.org and follow the links.

The Committee will be distributing the Service Booklets to our supporters during the next couple of weeks so you can be part of the World Day of Prayer at home or online. If you don't receive one by 1st March, but would like one, please contact your church rep. or Lynne on 336-8920, or Viv on 327-6053.

The representative for our church is Peggy Challis. Her contact details are 336 1504 or mobile 07884381936.



A Journey of Lenten prayer for 2021

The Walk with Me booklets have arrived at last. Copies of the booklets are in the porch and are priced at £1.00 each. If you would like to take one, please do and then just put the money in the red brick box. If you try and bring the correct change. Thank you.



The children of **St Winefride's** have been accessing their learning via a platform called Google Classroom. They attend daily live lessons where they have opportunity to see their class teacher and friends whilst continuing their learning, albeit in a different way. The children (and parents) have quickly adapted to learning online and Mrs Ormes and the teachers are incredibly proud of the children and their families and all that they are achieving. It has been a difficult time for everyone, but it is of paramount importance to remain connected, which the children and staff at school have successfully achieved. The school has remained open for children eligible to have a place in school. Teaching assistant staff have worked hard to support the children in school and have been supported by sports' coaches Mr Mills and staff from Premier Sports.

Every week, the children have engaged in 'whole school' activities such as celebrating in collective worship led by Mrs Ormes; taking part in a weekly well-being singing workshop; visiting Chester Zoo virtually and engaging in creative activities for 'Screen Free Fun Friday.' The children have had fun getting creative in the kitchen; celebrating Chinese New Year; entering a spirited arts competition and creating a vision of their own world for Fairtrade Fortnight. The children celebrated the life of Sir Captain Tom by writing letters to his family and producing poems and artwork about this courageous and compassionate hero. This influenced 'The Power of the Heart' where each child created their own rainbow heart to place in their window at home to show gratitude for all of the 'big hearts' who look after them and keep them safe. A beautiful display of hearts has been scattered outside the school to remind us of all of the people in our lives who have 'hearts of gold.'

During this season of Lent, the children are gathering for daily worship where they share the daily Gospel and pray and sing together.

There certainly have been lots of challenges throughout the pandemic but many of these challenges have become positives that we can benefit from as we move towards the light.

Mrs Ormes and all the staff at school are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 8th March.



DELIVER US FROM EVIL

If you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either. (Matt 6:15)

Among the literature I have chosen to accompany me through Lent is a CTS booklet by Carl E. Olsen about praying the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer. It led me to think about the end times. I remember in my youth seeing a man who used to walk up and down Grange Road, Birkenhead carrying a sign saying "THE END IS NIGH". We are living in the end times which began when the Son of God became man and will only end when he comes again; the second coming. Only God knows when that will be so I do not worry and confidently leave it in his hands, He is in control. However, I do think about my own end. I am at an age when the time I have left on this earth is only a fraction of the time I have already lived. For my age, I think I am reasonably fit and healthy and I may have another ten or twenty years, but only God knows. I have no reason to expect it but I am also aware that my time here on Earth, could be much shorter than that, so what do I do? What does God want me to do? I'm sure he does not want me to just sit and wait for him. "May thy will be done". There is a reason for me to be here.

I do not take for granted the fact that throughout my life God has always provided for my every need. and will continue to give me the courage and the strength to face whatever he puts before me and he will forgive me my failings if I am truly sorry. The booklet I am reading, explains the difference between a contract and a covenant. A contract is a legally binding agreement or a bargain which has been negotiated, sometimes even between total strangers. I'll do this for you if you do this for me. A covenant on the other hand, is "a sacred and intimate union in which those involved give themselves completely to one another; body, soul, heart and mind".

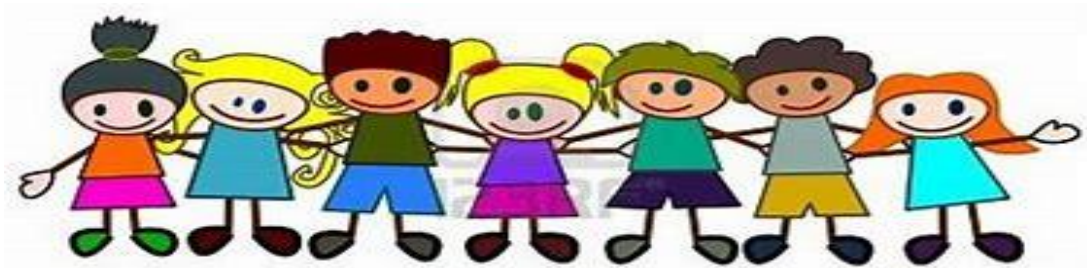
With this in mind, I have to ask myself, why do I do the things I do? Why do I say my prayers and go to mass on Sunday? Why do I try to treat others as I would want them to treat me? Is it out of obligation or do I want to impress others? Am I afraid that if I don't, I might be punished and I may end up in purgatory or, God forbid, in Hell? Or is it because I love God and want to do his will? I pray that it is the latter but I am Human and a sinner and, of course. the devil often causes me to doubt. In my previous reflection, I spoke about perfect contrition and admitted how difficult it is to attain. "To err is human, to forgive, divine". (Mgr Ronald Knox) Perhaps that is what God wants of me, to continue to strive to achieve that perfect condition through prayer and meditation. To do so, I must constantly keep in mind all he has given to me and all that his son, Jesus, freely, willingly and lovingly, did for me. I pray that God will not put me to the test but deliver me from all evil.

*My God, I love thee-though there were
No heaven for me to win,
No hell to punish those who dare,
Against thy love to sin.*

*Upon the cross, Thy wide embrace
Made me, dear Lord, thy own;
The nails, the spear, the long disgrace
For me should all atone.*

Reflection by Tony Topping

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



Today we hear a voice from the clouds saying “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.” How do we listen to Jesus in our lives? And how do we respond to what we hear about Jesus? Let’s think a bit more about that today.

Opening prayer: God of mercy, you ask us to listen to your Son, Jesus. Open our ears to hear your Word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and so change the lives of others. Amen.

*Second Sunday of Lent
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10*



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Find Lent activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families



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3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 7th March 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **

6 Mar	Saturday 6 pm	Monica and Frank McVey	<p>Currently there are only two Masses being celebrated. Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am</p> <p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass.</p> <p>Mass will also be available to live stream.</p> <p>A big warm welcome once again to Fr Kevin</p>
7 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Barbara Evans	
8 Mar	Monday		
9 Mar	Tuesday		
10 Mar	Wednesday		
11 Mar	Thursday		
12 Mar	Friday		
13 Mar	Saturday 6 pm	Doris Gillies	
14 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Sheila Trimmer	
Mothers Day			

The offertory collection will be taken at the end of Mass and not during Mass. Please place any donations, envelopes or loose change in the basket held by the Steward. If you wish to make a donation, please have your money/envelope ready as you leave. Thank you.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Dorothy Barber	Ted Henesy	Judy Howard
Patricia Davies	Dorothy Robinson	Maureen Grace
Frances Wright	Sheila Burrell	Maureen Adams
Rosemary Southwell	John Swann	Betty Davies
Pat Cummins	Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Sarah Alouane	Bill Williams	Eva Bennion
Pat Matthews	Joyce McAsey &	Andy Ablitt
Tony McDevitt	Maurice McAsey	Brian Byrne



Please also remember Fr Paul in your prayers. We hope he will be back at St Winefride's very soon.

Please do get in touch with the parish office via e-mail or phone if you want to add or remove someone from the Prayer list or have a Mass intention. Thank you.

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

<p>Daily Rosary</p> <p>at 9.00 am apart from Sunday</p>	<p>To join in please download Zoom.us either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the Zoom.us website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below;</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: AveMaria</p>	
<p>Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Thursday 8pm</p>	<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p> <p>EVERY THURSDAY AT 8PM THROUGH LENT AND HOLY WEEK,</p> <p>This will be available at the same Zoom address</p> <p>PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.</p>	
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<p>Coffee Morning Saturday 10 am</p>	<p>Come and join in St Winefride's coffee morning. 10.00am Saturdays at the usual Zoom address or by phone.</p>	

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr Stephen



The gospel today seems to be a prophetic attack by Jesus, cleansing the temple from misuse by money changers and livestock traders: "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Yet the issue quickly becomes not what Jesus has done but who he is. The Jews ask, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answers, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Following St John's usual technique of misunderstanding, the narrator notes that Jesus was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, which the disciples understood only after the resurrection.

Today's readings have been chosen with a view to the Lenten preparation of catechumens for Baptism: the fundamental demands embodied in the Ten Commandments, the "preaching of a Christ crucified," and the hope of resurrection. But they have enduring value for all of us on our pilgrim journey. In our culture of personal freedom and fulfilment, it is crucial that the deepest social values we share be translated into law. At times this can involve a form of "crucifixion" as people struggle against racism, sexism and the various assaults on life.

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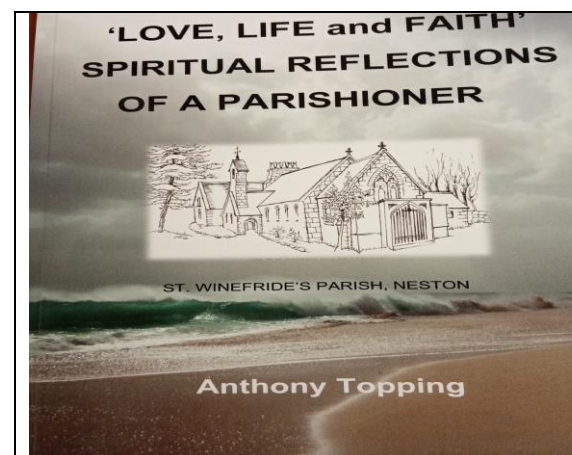
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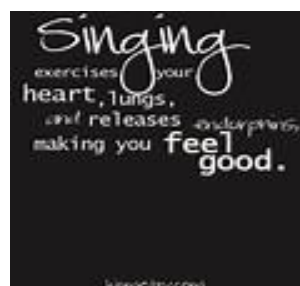
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Prayer Resource for March: month of Saint Joseph

Diocesan Prayer:

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At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

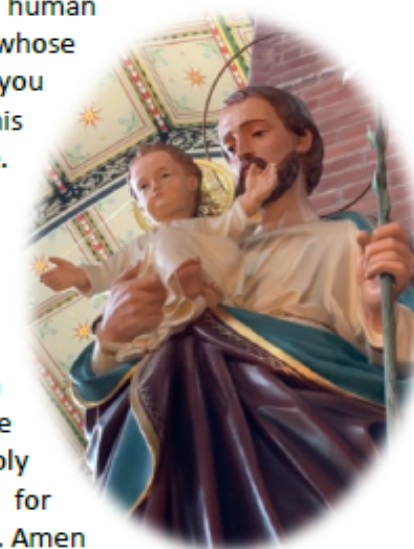
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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Prayer: from the Roman Missal

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



A Short Litany of Saint Joseph:

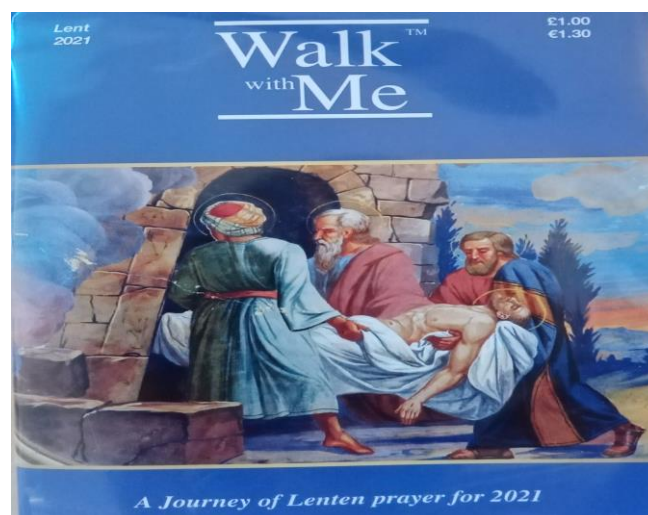
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most valiant, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
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Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Model of all who labour, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
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Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

The family of Alan Jones. Alan's funeral takes place **on Wednesday 17th March** at 11.00am. Please remember the Mass will be attended by invited family and friends only but is also available via live stream.

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Today we hear about how Jesus gets angry when he sees something that he does not think is right or fair. When we look at the world, we can see lots of things that are not fair. Let's think a bit today about how we can change this.

Opening prayer: God of justice, help us to stand up for what we believe in as we try to make the world a fairer place for everyone. Amen.

Third Sunday of Lent
Gospel: John 2:13-25



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4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 14th March 2021

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14 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday 9.30 am	Sheila Trimmer
15 Mar	Monday	
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Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Deacon Jim Kay

This is the 4th Sunday in Lent known as 'Laetare Sunday'. Laetare means Rejoice! It is taken from Isaiah 66 and used in the Entrance Antiphon; 'Rejoice Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast'. This is indeed a fanfare call to be happy, the season of Lent is half over, Spring flowers and birdsong lift our spirits and we can afford ourselves a glimpse of the Joy that is Our Lord's Resurrection at Easter.



Our first reading though, taken from the end of Chronicles, is a reminder of the weakness and frailty of our human nature. Despite all that God has done for them, the Israelites are again turning their backs on God and adopting all the bad practices and habits of their pagan neighbours. They did not listen to the prophet Jeremiah and in 605BC were invaded, captured and taken in exile to Babylon for 70 years. Psalm 136 recalls how the Jewish nation were asked to sing their songs 'By the Rivers of Babylon' but could not. This psalm at least, was made popular and sung many times by Boney-M in 1978!

But our loving God is a merciful God and St Paul reminds us that 'when we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life with Christ'. This is the joyful message that Jesus is teaching Nicodemus in our Gospel reading from John. Nicodemus is a leading Pharisee and comes to Jesus at night, so as not to be seen. We know Jesus spared no criticism of the Pharisees and openly declared them hypocrites, but here Nicodemus is irresistibly drawn to Jesus, maybe against his better judgement and certainly without his peer-group knowing. Nicodemus comes to Jesus and hears that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life!' As we continue our Lenten journey, perhaps think about Nicodemus in the week ahead and ask ourselves; Can I feel God calling? Is it a call I would rather answer at night or can I come out into the light and rejoice in my faith openly and without fear? Let's pray for that grace.

On this 'Rejoice Sunday' we can celebrate all our Mothers too and God's gift of families. Happy Mothering Sunday!

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



Please do let me know any news you may have, with most of us working from home and not meeting up, any news is lovely to hear. A birthday, anniversary, new member to the family, baby or pet!!

If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the newsletter, then please contact me on the parish office e-mail. I am working from home, but will be popping into the office each Friday to print items etc. Posted newsletters, will arrive a little later.

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Masses at St Winefride's during holy week.

Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday is at 7pm

Good Friday at 3pm

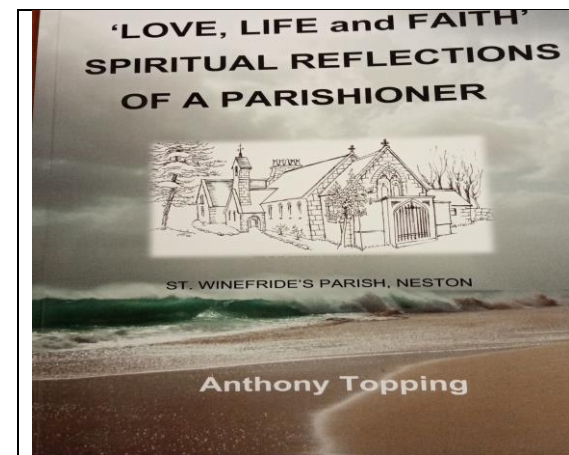
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8pm.

Plus for the Easter weekend there will be Mass at 11am.



MASS INTENTIONS STILL TO BE SAID FOR;

Diana Phillips, Ruth Doyle
“Bridget, Ernan, Michael, Bill, Geoff and Grandad Bertie”
Moira Griffiths-Parr, The Radburn family in Tasmania
Late Grandfather Thomas Welham
Carol Saunders, Fr Gerry Courell,
Dr Mike Azurdia and his wife Gill Azurdia,
Frank Power, Alan Jones, Terry Saunders



“Love, Life and Faith”

Spiritual Reflections of a Parishioner

Tony's son has organised for all of Tony's reflections over the years to be put together in a book. The book has now been published and are now available to buy.

If you would like a copy then please contact the office. **The books are £7.50 each.** Cheques to be made payable to Winefride's Parish Church or you can pay by cash.



READERS

The new readers list up to the end of May is now on the website. If you are not on the list but are free to read at either Sat 6pm or Sun 9.30am then please just e-mail me back on the parish office e-mail. The next few weeks are detailed below. Thank you. Jayne – Parish Secretary

	Saturday 6pm (vigil)	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday 11.00 am
	13 March	14 March	
READERS	P or A Flanagan	J Tunstall	
	20 March	21 March	NO MASS
READERS	C Haimes	R Pisarek	
	27 March	28 March	NO MASS
READERS	F Byrne	T McGlynn	
	EASTER WEEKEND		
	Saturday 3rd April and Sunday 4th April		
	Saturday 8pm (vigil) (Note time change)	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am
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Winnies Wander Women, parishioners Helen Jones, Katherine Powell and Barbara Rivers have each pledged to walk for 10,000 steps / 7km, every day for the 40 days during Lent, whatever the weather, to raise money for CAFOD Water for Life project. So far, the trio have walked a total of **807,583** steps/565 km/353 miles, averaging 188

km/117 miles each, with **£727** raised so far. They would like to thank all their supportive sponsors. If you would like to support their fundraising and raise money for CAFOD then please click on this link. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/winnies-wander-women>

ST JOSEPH - Below is another prayer to St Joseph found by a parishioner in the Shrewsbury Diocesan Year Book.

**The Heavenly Father chose you St Joseph,
to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God,
and to watch over His only begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**In times of trial and in times of joy pray for us
so that we too can recognise the loving plan of our eternal Father,
who always works for the good of those who love Him.**

**Teach us Guardian of the Holy Family to be attentive to the
promptings of the Holy Spirit,
and to draw close to our dear Lord in all the circumstances of our
life.
and especially in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.**

**When we die pray for us that we may happily join you,
the just and faithful servant, to praise God in the company of
Our Lady and all the faithful departed.
We make our prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen**



Prayer Resource for March: month of Saint Joseph

Diocesan Prayer:

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Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and, above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

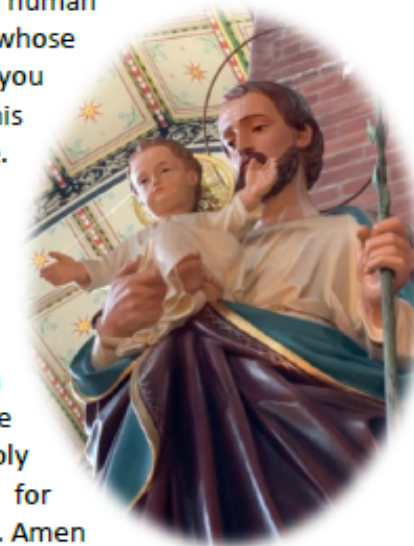
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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Prayer: from the Roman Missal

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



A Short Litany of Saint Joseph:

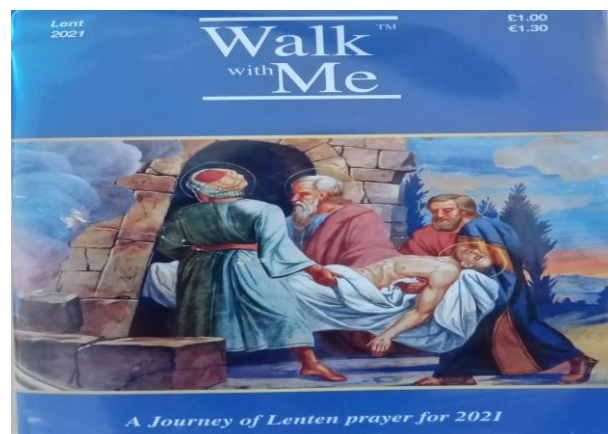
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most valiant, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Model of all who labour, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
Pillar of family life, pray for us.
Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Sue and Malcom Jones have asked for prayers from the parish. Malcolm's mum **Agnes Jones** who was 95, sadly passed away on Monday evening. Please remember the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

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MOTHERING SUNDAY QUIZ

Thank you Angela Klabou for letting us have your Mother's Union Quiz.

1. What food is most associated with Mothering Sunday?
a) Sunday Roast b) Eggs c) Simnel Cake
2. In Ancient Greece, which goddess was celebrated on Mothering Sunday?
a) Goddess Artemis b) Goddess Hestia c) Goddess Rhea
3. 'Mother's ruin' is a common British name for which alcoholic drink?
a) Gin b) Vodka c) Brandy
4. In which Indian city, did Mother Theresa found her missionary?
a) Mumbai b) Varanasi c) Calcutta
5. How many cards are sent for Mothering Sunday in the UK?
a) 10 million b) 45 million c) 30 million
6. In which year did Marie Curie become the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize?
a) 1925 b) 1903 c) 1910
7. Mother of Pearl is a common name for?
a) Nacre b) Jewel c) Stone
8. Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth 1?
a) Anne Boleyn b) Mary Queen of Scots c) Mary II
9. Which popular Mothering Sunday flower do Christians believe were made from tears of Mary when she wept for Jesus on the cross?
a) Carnations b) Daffodils c) Sunflowers
10. When did women get the parliamentary vote in the UK?
a) 1918 b) 1917 c) 1916

Answers next week.....!



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*Fourth Sunday of Lent
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Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr Stephen Coonan



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Church will be open for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this **Tuesday 23rd March between 7.00-8.00pm on the anniversary of the first Covid lockdown**. It will be an opportunity for private prayer to remember all those who have died of the virus during the pandemic and also a time to remember all who have been affected and still are affected by Covid 19.

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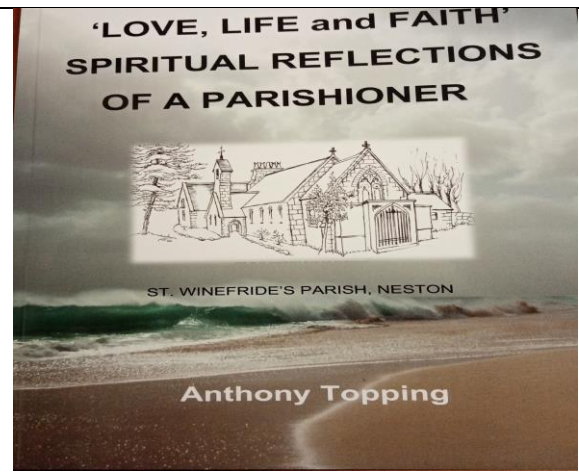
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A BIG THANK YOU FROM JAYNE, Parish Secretary.

I continue to receive such lovely e-mails from you all each week and yesterday I was given a beautiful flower arrangement. Thank you Angela and Pam, so very kind. Tell Pat from the flower society she is very clever. Thank you.



Prayer Resource for March: month of Saint Joseph

Diocesan Prayer:

The Heavenly Father chose you, Saint Joseph, to be the husband of the Holy Mother of God, and to watch over His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In times of joy and trial, pray for us so that we too can recognise the loving plan of the Eternal Father, who always works for the good of those who love Him.

Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; and to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives and, above all, in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

At the last, pray for us that we may happily join you, the just and faithful servant, to praise God forever in the company of Our Lady and all the saints.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

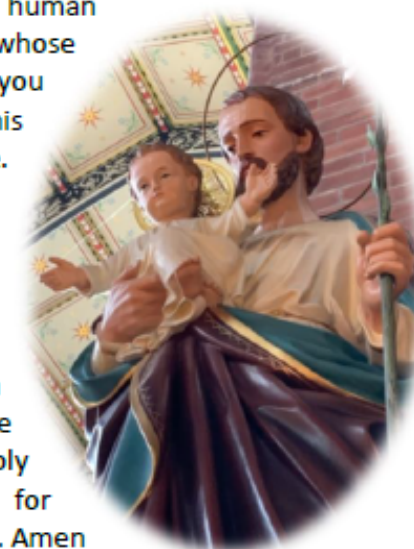
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Prayer: from the Roman Missal

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



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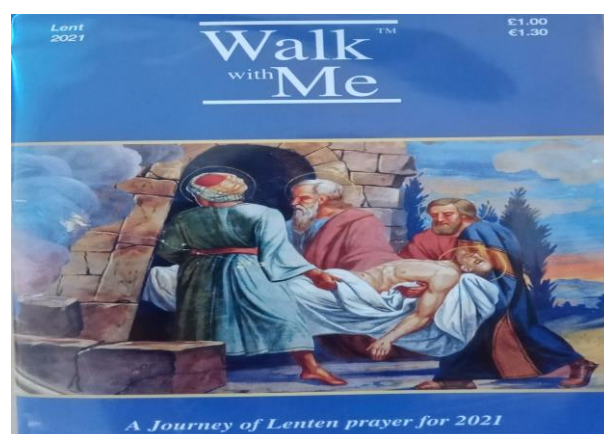
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most valiant, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Model of all who labour, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
Pillar of family life, pray for us.
Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Please remember in your prayers the family of Rodger Hemington. Especially his wife Pat. Rodger died last Friday, he had been battling with cancer for many months. Rodger was the uncle of Deacon Mike and brother-in-law to Tony Topping.

Tony has asked if you could pray for Rodger and of course the family that they will have the strength to come to terms with their loss.



A Journey of Lenten prayer for 2021

The Walk with Me booklets are here.

Copies of the booklets are in the church porch and are priced at £1.00 each. If you would like to take one, please do and then just put the money in the red brick box.

Thank you.

As church is open again, I have organised with the Foodbank team in Chester to resume their collection from St Winefride's from **this week, 25th March**. If you would like to make a donation to the foodbank, please leave any items in the boxes under the table as you come into church. Thank you.



As the foodbank items collected were quite low this week, I cancelled the collection, but all will resume from next weekend.

Most needed items as of 26th February 2021 are as follows; Instant noodles, instant pasta, sweets, chocolate, cup of soup, instant mash, jams and spreads, (i.e peanut butter and chocolate spread).

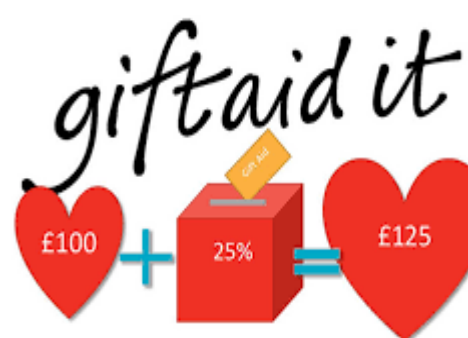
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“Online giving to the Parish”

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

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



Gift Aid Scheme 2021/22

The **offertory envelopes** for this tax year are available to collect this weekend. If when you come to Mass if you just let a Steward know that you want to collect your envelopes, they will then arrange to get them to you. If you have your number ready, that may speed up matters. Thank You.

Alternatively, I am in the office on a Thursday and Friday, so if you are calling up to the graveyard or passing church and want to collect from the presbytery, then the best time to call would be between 10am and 1pm or ring before to check.

The new yellow envelopes start on **Sunday 11th April 2021** for the new tax year. Please **do not use** before this date. If you are no longer paying Income Tax please let Jayne, Parish Secretary, know as soon as possible. Either by telephone on 0151 721 3035 or via the parish e-mail. We must adhere to the Inland Revenue rules for operating our Gift Aid Scheme. Also, if you have changed address since the last tax year, could you also please let Jayne know so that we can keep the Diocesan central records up to date?

Do you pay Income Tax and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate? If you do, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as the Diocese can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you! There is at least **£2,000 from the Loose Plate that we could potentially claim back each year**. All you need to do is to sign one form declaring that you are a taxpayer and then decide whether to donate by a bank standing order (second form) or by weekly envelopes. The required forms are available by contacting Jayne in the office or download from the website. If you need any further information to help you to decide whether or not to join the Gift Aid Scheme please do not hesitate to contact the office.

A number of parishioners have changed from offertory envelopes to now paying by standing order. If you have done this, thank you. You will **not need to** collect any envelopes. If you want a standing order mandate, then just let me know.

MOTHERING SUNDAY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. What food is most associated with Mothering Sunday? c) Simnel Cake
2. In Ancient Greece, which goddess was celebrated on Mothering Sunday? c) Goddess Rhea
3. 'Mother's ruin' is a common British name for which alcoholic drink? a) Gin
4. In which Indian city, did Mother Theresa found her missionary? c) Calcutta
5. How many cards are sent for Mothering Sunday in the UK? c) 30 million
6. In which year did Marie Curie become the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize? b) 1903
7. Mother of Pearl is a common name for? a) Nacre
8. Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth 1? a) Anne Boleyn
9. Which popular Mothering Sunday flower do Christians believe were made from tears of Mary when she wept for Jesus on the cross? a) Carnations
10. When did women get the parliamentary vote in the UK? a) 1918

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



Welcome: Jesus today uses the image of a grain of wheat to talk about what is in store for him – death and resurrection. He says that one single grain of wheat can produce a rich harvest. Let's think some more about this today.

Opening prayer: God of life, we pray that all the seeds that we plant may bear much fruit, so that none of your people go hungry. Amen.

*Fifth Sunday of Lent
Gospel: John 12:20-33*



Find Lent activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families

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Reflection by Tony Topping

THE GREATEST MYSTERY

*It shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the house of the Lord
Shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
And shall be raised above the hills
And all nations shall flow to it.*

I have been meditating this week on a mystery. Not one that was created by Agatha Christie or Colin Dexter or solved by great sleuths like Miss Marple or Morse, but an unfathomable mystery. The mystery of God. My Cousin, Frank (Topping) wrote about an impossible God. A God that cannot be explained or comprehended. A God that cannot be but is. If we could understand and explain God, he would not be God. Nor can we know and understand what heaven and hell are like. Few of us can really grasp the idea of eternity and infinity, at least I cannot. I can only try to imagine what we will encounter after death.

Throughout the Old Testament, God has gradually revealed himself to us through the prophets who told us he was a loving and compassionate, slow to anger, forgiving and merciful, faithful and true. Jesus, the son of God, was the ultimate teacher. He said "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the law of the prophets, I have not come to abolish but to complete them". (Matt 5:17) When he was born of Mary, he became one with us and taught us how we should live. When he suffered and died for us, he showed us the immensity of his love for us. When he rose again, he proved to us that we too can share in his divinity. To do so, there is a transition we have to experience, from mortal to immortal, from the physical to the spiritual.

I imagine death is a portal we have to pass through where we leave our mortal bodies behind. What happens to us on the other side of that portal will depend on what level of holiness we have attained in our life here on earth. In the bible, mountains are very important. Abraham was led up a mountain to prove his faithfulness to God. Moses received the ten commandments on a mountain. Jesus taught us to pray on a mountainside and the Transfiguration occurred on a mountain. So, I think that we will have a mountain to climb. For many of us who have little or no climbing experience it will be like reaching the base of Everest knowing we *must* reach the summit. Great saints such as Teresa, Anthony and Francis who have reached such a high level of holiness here on earth will be able to fly straight to the summit but for others such as me, Mount Purgatory will be daunting but not hopeless for I believe that purgatory is not a bad place. We will have the certain knowledge and assurance from the Holy Spirit that we will be able to reach the summit and there be able to enter into his kingdom and see the face of God. Having that knowledge and assurance will make that ascent a labour of love.

*On this mountain, the Lord of Hosts
Will make for all people a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain He will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples
And the shroud enwrapping all nations, He will destroy death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Sunday 28th March 2021

Mass Intentions for this coming week **			
27 Mar	Saturday 6 pm	Diana Phillips	<p>Currently there are only two Masses being celebrated.</p> <p>Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9.30am.</p> <p>During Holy Week, please note the time change on Holy Saturday and extra Mass on Easter Sunday.</p>
28 Mar	Palm Sunday Sunday 9.30 am	Ruth Doyle	
29 Mar	Monday		
30 Mar	Tuesday		
31 Mar	Wednesday		
1 April	Holy Thursday	Mass of the last Supper 7.00 pm	
2 April	Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm	<p>Retired priest Fr Kevin Prince will celebrate Mass.</p>
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The offertory collection will be taken at the end of Mass and not during Mass. Please place any donations, envelopes or loose change in the basket held by the Steward. If you wish to make a donation, please have your money/envelope ready as you leave. Thank you.

Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Dorothy Barber	Ted Henesy	Judy Howard
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Rosemary Southwell	John Swann	Betty Davies
Pat Cummins	Pat Hemmington	Barbara Evans
Sarah Alouane	Bill Williams	Eva Bennion
Pat Matthews	Joyce McAsey &	Andy Ablitt
Tony McDevitt	Maurice McAsey	Mary Schofield



Please also remember Fr Paul in your prayers.

Please do get in touch with the parish office via e-mail or phone if you want to add or remove someone from the Prayer list or have a Mass intention. Thank you.

During Fr Paul's convalescence, pastoral oversight of St Winefride's is given by Canon Stephen Coonan of Our Lady and St John's Heswall – 0151 342 6581

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WITH DEACON JIM AND FRIENDS

<p>Daily Rosary</p> <p>at 9.00 am apart from Sunday</p>	<p>To join in please download Zoom.us either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the Zoom.us website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below;</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/252387114 password: AveMaria</p>	
<p>Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Thursday 8.15pm</p>	<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p> <p>THIS THURSDAY AT 8.15PM, PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.</p> <p>This will be available at the same Zoom address</p> <p>PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.</p>	
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Reflection on the Sunday Gospel by Fr Stephen Coonan



Mark's Passion narrates vividly Jesus' anguish in the garden and does not flinch from the most brutal aspects of the execution ritual (scourging, mocking, crowning with thorns). Yet he writes from the viewpoint of Easter faith, which is rooted in the mystery of the Cross. The Cross is salvation; the humiliation of Jesus is his exaltation; the way of discipleship is the way of suffering, and while the called disciples flee, women who had followed him in Galilee stand at the cross. The proper confession of Jesus as Son of God is uttered by the pagan centurion. Jesus dies with a cry, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" This is a line from Psalm 22 which leaves us to wonder whether this is truly despair or an unfinished lament that ends in triumphant hope. John's Passion on Good Friday softens the harsh aspects of Jesus' sufferings by reducing the scourging and the mocking to two verses. It is less a story of degradation than of the triumphant return of the Word to the Father and the hour of his glorification. Authority and majesty characterise Jesus as his captors fall before him. His death is the willing acceptance of the cup his Father has given him and a triumphal victory over worldly power, as he lays down his life for others.



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- Walsingham: walsingham.org.uk
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy
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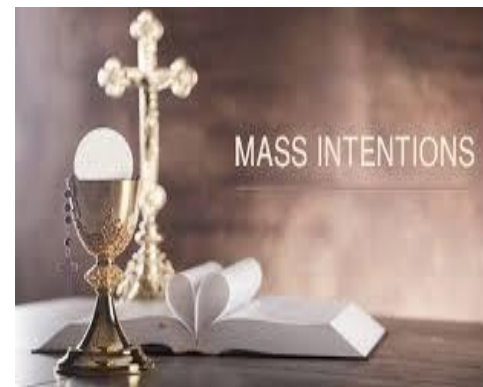
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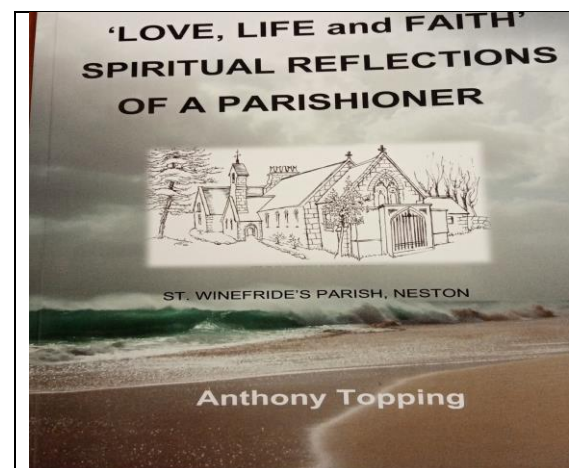
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Dave and Ruth Stacey celebrate their 50th
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Ruth has been an active parishioner at St
Winefride's for many years and also within the
local community. Keeping an "eye" on many
elderly neighbours and their animals with
Dave's help.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!



Another 80th birthday celebration next week.
This time Ronnie Phelan. Ronnie celebrates her 80th
on Wednesday. Ronnie was married to the late
Bernard Phelan, whom many of you will remember was
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Teach us, Guardian of the Holy Family, to be
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Amen.

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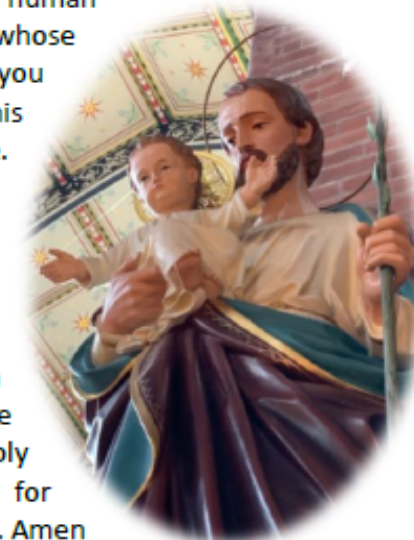
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Joseph's intercession your Church may
constantly watch over the unfolding of the
mysteries of human
salvation, whose
beginnings you
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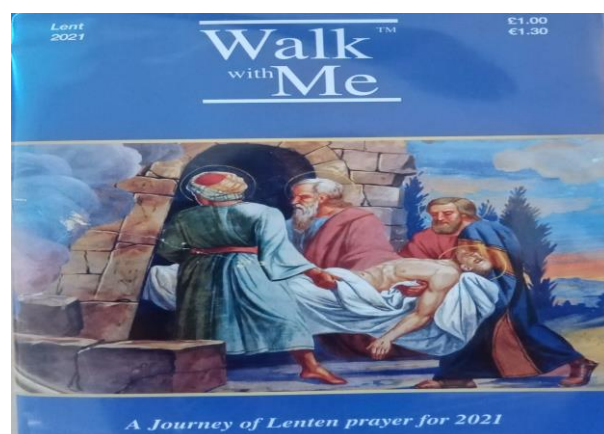
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God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
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God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph most just, pray for us.
Joseph most chaste, pray for us.
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.
Joseph most valiant, pray for us.
Joseph most obedient, pray for us.
Joseph most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of patience, pray for us.
Model of all who labour, pray for us.
Glory of family life, pray for us.
Pillar of family life, pray for us.
Consolation of the afflicted, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Rodger Haird Hemington. Roger's funeral takes place on Thursday 1st April at 10am at Our Lady and St John Heswall with interment here at St Winefrides at 11.15am.

On Friday 16th April at 10.30am, the ashes of the late Michael Law will be interred. Michael (Mike) passed away in November 2019 and many of you will remember him from 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass.



A Journey of Lenten prayer for 2021

Walk with Me booklets

Copies of the booklets are in the church porch. If you would like to take one, please do. Any donation can be placed in the brick box. Thank you.



The volunteers from the foodbank team came on Thursday and took our donations. Thank you for the items that were left. They will continue to come every Thursday.

If you would like to make a donation to the foodbank, please leave any items in the boxes under the table as you come into church. Thank you.

Most needed items as of 26th February 2021 are as follows; Instant noodles, instant pasta, sweets, chocolate, cup of soup, instant mash, jams and spreads, (i.e peanut butter and chocolate spread).

LIVE STREAMING - Please note that camera images and sound of services are now transmitted on the internet but not recorded. This is to help us share our faith with others who are unable to attend in person. If you have any concerns about the use of live streaming during a service or mass, then please contact the office.

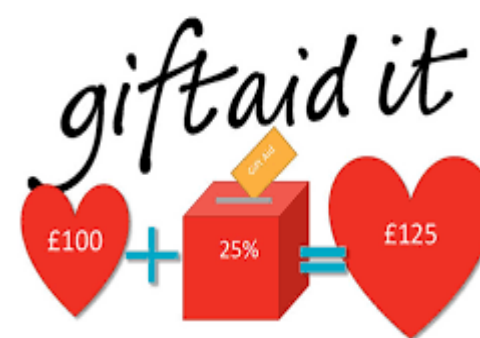


"Online giving to the Parish"

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.

Currently the average weekly standing payments orders received are £228.41 and loose plate/offertory envelopes average is £175.60.

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



Gift Aid Scheme 2021/22

The **offertory envelopes** for this tax year are available to collect this weekend. If when you come to Mass if you just let a Steward know that you want to collect your envelopes, they will then arrange to get them to you. If you have your number ready, that may speed up matters. Thank You.

Alternatively, I am in the office on a Thursday and Friday, so if you are calling up to the graveyard or passing church and want to collect from the presbytery, then the best time to call would be between 10am and 1pm or ring before to check.

The new yellow envelopes start on **Sunday 11th April 2021** for the new tax year. Please **do not use** before this date. If you are no longer paying Income Tax please let Jayne, Parish Secretary, know as soon as possible. Either by telephone on 0151 721 3035 or via the parish e-mail. We must adhere to the Inland Revenue rules for operating our Gift Aid Scheme. Also, if you have changed address since the last tax year, could you also please let Jayne know so that we can keep the Diocesan central records up to date?

Do you pay Income Tax and donate cash each Sunday into the loose plate? If you do, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as the Diocese can claim 25p back from the Government for every £1 you donate at no cost to you! There is at least **£2,000 from the Loose Plate that we could potentially claim back each year**. All you need to do is to sign one form declaring that you are a taxpayer and then decide whether to donate by a bank standing order (second form) or by weekly envelopes. The required forms are available by contacting Jayne in the office or download from the website. If you need any further information to help you to decide whether or not to join the Gift Aid Scheme please do not hesitate to contact the office.

A number of parishioners have changed from offertory envelopes to now paying by standing order. If you have done this, thank you. You will not need to collect any envelopes. If you want a standing order mandate, then just let me know.

SLOW WAYS

Slow Ways is a project to create a network of walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages.

Using existing footpaths, people will be able to use the Slow Ways routes to walk between neighbouring settlements or combine routes for long distance journeys.

During the spring lockdown 700 volunteers from across the country collaborated to produce a first draft of the Slow Ways network, creating a stunning Slow Ways map in the process. This incredible effort has led to the creation of 7,500 routes that collectively stretch for over 110,000km.



Active travel....



Visit slowways.uk to register for updates and to find out how you can support this project by walking and reporting back on local routes.

Telephone 0151 336 3840 or email council@nestontowncouncil.org.uk to have a chat with a local Slow Ways volunteer.



....the slow way



Neston Town Council supports the Slow Ways initiative by promoting it within Neston and encouraging local people to get involved.

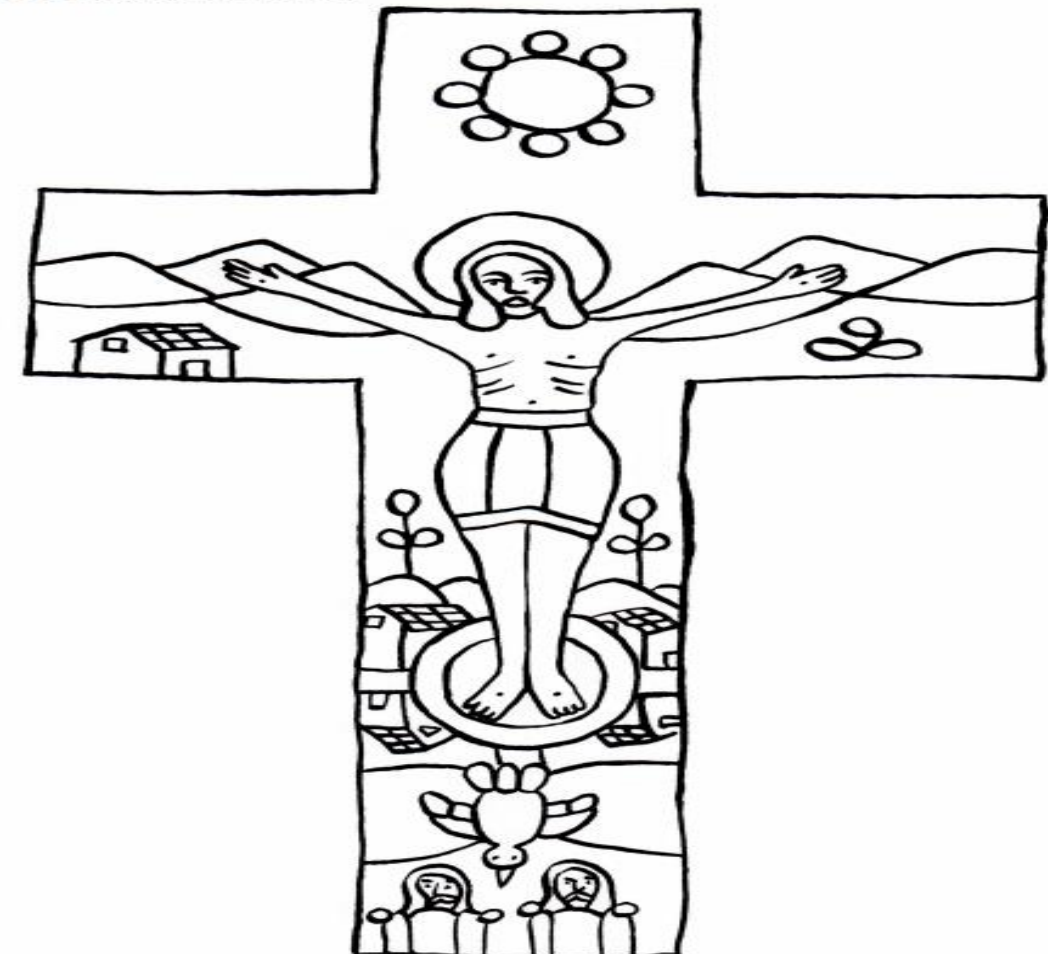
Children's Sunday Liturgy Page. Parents, please feel free to print off the page for your children to colour and complete!



Welcome: Today is Palm Sunday when we remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people who waved palms and shouted "hosanna". We also hear how Jesus was arrested and crucified. Let's think a bit more about all this today.

Opening prayer: Christ Jesus, show us how to welcome you into our lives as you were welcomed into Jerusalem. May we never turn away from those who need our help. Amen.

*Palm Sunday
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47*



Find Lent activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families

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