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Ordinary Time I

13 January 2019

12 Jan	SATURDAY		6.30pm	Kevin O'Brien
13 Jan	SUNDAY	Baptism of the Lord	8.45 am 10.45 am	Joseph & Marian Jenkins Harold William Thelwell
14 Jan	MONDAY		10.00 am	Priests intention
15 Jan	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
16 Jan	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
17 Jan	THURSDAY	St Anthony	9.10 am 11.00 am	Mass at school Funeral for Maurice McDonnell
18 Jan	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Marie Pugh
19 Jan	SATURDAY	St Wulstan	10.00 am	Fr John Wilkinson
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News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:

Staff and children returned to school last week and will be celebrating their first mass of the New Year this **Thursday 17th January in school at 9.10am.** All welcome to attend.

A date for your diary – **PTFA** are holding a meeting at the **Royal Oak at 7pm this Tuesday 15th January.** If you have children or grandchildren at the school and would like to be involved, then please come along. Further details can be found under the community section on the school website.

Speaking during his homily at Mass on Thursday morning, **Pope Francis** said that in order to love God concretely, one must also love one's brothers and sisters – all of them: both those we like and those we don't like.
The Pope also said good Christians must not neglect to pray even for "the enemy", nor give way to feelings of jealousy or engage in harmful gossip. At the heart of his message was an encouragement to overcome a deceitful and divisive "worldly" spirit with the strength of faith.
The spirit of the world is deceitful.
Taking his cue from the First Reading of the Day, the Pope noted that St. John the Apostle speaks of "worldliness" when he says that "whoever is begotten by God conquers the world".
He explained that this refers to our everyday struggle against a worldly spirit that is deceitful and lacks in consistency while "God's spirit is truthful".
"The spirit of the world is a spirit of vanity, of things that have no strength, no foundation and that are destined to fall" he said.
The spirit of the world divides families, communities, society
The Pope said the Apostle shows us the way reminding us that if we go by God's spirit, we will do good things.
Concretely, he says that "If anyone says, 'I love God' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen".
"If you are unable to love something you see" the Pope explained, "why would you love something you do not see?" Describing this as fantasy, he urged us to love "what you see, what you can touch, what is real. Not the fantasies that you do not see".
Francis also said that if one does not show his love for God in a concrete manner, it is not true love.
He then spoke of the spirit of the world which he said can be divisive and create splits in families, communities and society.
"When divisions multiply, they bring hatred and war" he said.
Pope Francis went on to dwell on three signs that indicate that one does not love one's brother.
The first, he said, is actually a question we must all ask ourselves: "Do I pray for others? For those whom I like and for those whom I dislike?".
The second pertains to feelings of envy and jealousy and wishing someone ill: "Don't let these feelings grow" he said, "They are dangerous".
The third, he said, has to do with engaging in chatter - or gossip – that is harmful to others: "If I do this" he said, "I do not love God because with my words I am destroying another person".
Faith is victorious in the fight against the spirit of the world
Pope Francis concluded saying that the spirit of the world is conquered with the spirit of faith: believing that God is really in the brother and sister who are close to me.
Only faith, he said, gives us the strength to tread the path of true love.

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Little Church Rota: A new rota for January - February is now available online. If you would like to help with Little Church, please do let us know by contacting Jayne in the parish office either by phone or e-mail.

Piety Stall: Open after each Sunday Mass in the church hall. Cards are also available in the back porch.

CWL: NEW YEAR PARTY in the church hall this Thursday 17th January at 2pm. A shared buffet table, quiz and raffle. **NO GIFTS.**

Soup & sandwiches: We will start again Monday 4th February 2019.

Prayer list: A list for the sick is by the prayer book in Our Lady's Chapel. If you would like to be added or indeed add someone to it, then please do and I will update it monthly. There are a number of parishioners who are in hospital at the moment and we ask that you remember them in your prayers. Thank you.

Choir: Rehearsal will resume this Wednesday 16th January in the church at 7pm.

CCRS: The next module – a choice of: Religious Education in the classroom or Introduction to Liturgy, for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies begins on Saturday 19th January 2019 at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY; 10:00 – 3:30pm with the second on Saturday 19th February 2019. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs. An option (non-certificate) is also available (no essays!) particularly aimed at Teachers, Catechists and those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. More information from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Clergy Education & Training Fund – Special Collection

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Special Envelopes are available for you to use. Please take an envelope after mass and return next week. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by standing order; or how you can make your donation either online or by cheque. I ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible for the provision of the best formation for a new generation of priest. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese. **Regards +Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury.**

Peace Sunday – Next Sunday 20th January

The theme for 2019 is "Good politics serves peace"
Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction.



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23 Jan	WEDNESDAY		10.45 am	Funeral service Michael Ince
24 Jan	THURSDAY	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop	10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
25 Jan	FRIDAY	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle	10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
26 Jan	SATURDAY	SS Timothy and Titus, Bishops	10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
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News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:

The children and staff of St Winefride's have returned to school after the Christmas break and are looking forward to the Spring term. The teachers are excited about a zoo project that the whole school, from reception to Year 6, will be involved in. This project is organised by IGNITE and Chester Zoo and will allow the children to focus on how they can care for our environment and the plants and animals that we share it with. The whole school will be visiting Chester Zoo in June. The teachers are currently planning a bird based study for the children to carry out in the Summer, possibly at the RSPB reserve in Burton.

If any parishioner is a bird watcher and would like to share their knowledge with the children, please contact the school office. Tel: 0151 338 2468.

Fr. Paul writes...

So much is going on in our world that it is sometimes difficult to find some time and space in our everyday world.

I always find the month of January quite a grey time. The Christmas decorations have come down and the weather takes a dive for the cold and icy days. BUT the days are letting in a little extra light with the promise of the coming Spring to lighten the way ahead.

Several of our parish family have spoken about our new crib. Many of our locals have brought their children or grandchildren to see the various events of the Christmas Season. I would like to thank our parish group of men who put up and take down our Christmas decorations every year. Long may they keep the good work going.

In the parish we will be having many celebrations throughout the coming year. On **Sunday 10th February at our 10.45 am Mass** we will welcome our young people and their families as they enrol for the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Eucharist. Towards the summer Bishop Mark will be celebrating Sacrament of Confirmation here along with our neighbouring parishes. Along with the many baptisms' and weddings. In June we will have the Ordination of Jim Kay to the Permanent Diaconate.

Our parish is full of many gifted people, in many ways I would call it a "missionary parish". Many people who come to visit say of your good selves how welcoming you are. They seek to find us a place to sit, give a copy of the newsletter and a hymn book if necessary. St Paul tells us one of the greatest makings of an active community is the way we welcome the visitor. It is here we publicly demonstrate our inner Christian Community. We remember the Lords words 'Anyone who welcomes the stranger welcomes me'. And he always reminds us that "wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I will be with them to the end of time."

I am going to have some days off to catch-up with my family. I am very grateful to Canon Hoban who will be celebrating mass next Saturday at 6.30pm, one of our Franciscan from Chester will celebrate 8.45am and Father Moss who will be celebrating the 10.45am Mass on Sunday.

As we enter the week ahead let us do it with confidence accompanied by the Spirit of the Lord of life. With my prayers and remembrance at Holy Mass. Please keep in your prayers the family of Michael Ince, especially his wife Stephanie and parents Margaret and David. His funeral is on Wednesday next week.

FR PAUL

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Joan Knight: Sadly Joan passed away on 9th January after a long illness. She was the mother of parishioner Helen Hurley. Please remember her and Helen's family in your prayers.

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Special Envelopes were given out last week for you to return this week. Spare envelopes are also in both porches and at the back of the church. If I could ask you to place donating envelopes in the offertory collection bags. Thank you.

A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by standing order, or how you can make your donation either online or by cheque. I ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible for the provision of the best formation for a new generation of priest. It is in every sense an investment in the future of the life and mission of the Diocese.

Regards +Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Christian Unity Service: We welcome all parishioners joining The Neston District Churches Together for the annual Christian Unity Service on Sunday 20th January @ 18:30 in St Mary and St Helen Neston Parish Church. The theme for 2019 is Justice and originates from the churches of Indonesia, where there is an emphasis on the need for unity alongside the nation's ethnic and religious diversity. It highlights economic injustice and how religious pluralism can face challenges in the face of radicalisation.

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30 Jan	WEDNESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
31 Jan	THURSDAY	St John Bosco, Priest	10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
01 Feb	FRIDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Margaret & Ken Unsworth 50th Wedding Anniversary!!
02 Feb	SATURDAY	The Presentation of the Lord	10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist
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Fr. Paul writes... Fr Chris as you know is a retired priest living in the village of Neston and we are very grateful to him for the masses he says for us. However, he isn't under any obligation to say mass but enjoys doing so.

Please remember in your prayers the family of Dr John Patrick O'Shea, especially his wife Maureen. His funeral will be on Thursday 14th February.

We have many people in the parish who are very poorly at present. Can I please ask you to remember the sick in your prayers in particular Margaret and Geoff Davies?

Next Friday two people in our parish will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary which is wonderful. I am sure you will pass on your congratulations to Margaret and Ken Unsworth as they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Please also welcome to St Winefride's the three priests who are covering masses for me this weekend.

Fr Paul



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CWL: The CWL would like to happily thank everyone who supported their Christmas hampers raffle. Almost £600 was raised to be given to the following charities: Claire House, "Maggies" at Clatterbridge, Autism together, Stick "n" Step and The Ark.

Clergy Education & Training Fund – Special Collection: There was a fantastic response to this important collection last weekend. Well over £600 was raised by our church and has now been passed to the diocese. Thank you once again for your generosity.

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Caritas Shrewsbury: There are currently two vacancies for Family Support Workers (Wythenshawe and Shropshire). Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk



Shrewsbury Cathedral – Darwin and the Invisible Gardener: Perspectives on Science and Faith

On Monday 18th February. Father Andrew Pinsent will be giving a lecture on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today. Fr Andrew is the Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre at Oxford University and well-known to us through his talks to educationalists. We are very grateful to him for being willing to make this contribution to the Darwin Festival which has recently been established in Shrewsbury as the place of Darwin's birth. It will be significant contribution to this festival on the relationship between Christian faith and science which the council and organisers have been very happy to promote.

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07 Feb	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Peter Peck			
08 Feb	FRIDAY	Day of special prayer for victims of trafficking	10.00 am	Bryan and Margaret Hughes			
09 Feb	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Diana Dobrzensky			
09 Feb	Next Weekend SATURDAY	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Eileen Davies			
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This week **Year 3** have researched how Ancient Britons made bread in the Bronze Age. The children wrote their own recipes for the bread including ingredients like flour, salt, honey and different herbs. The class then followed their recipes to make their own dough and bake their own bread which they were then able to enjoy!

Parish office news – Getting of out of the church after mass, especially turning right can be quite difficult. When it is dark in the winter, this can make it worse and quite dangerous. I know from just trying to cross on foot. Please do take extra care when leaving church.

Health and Safety – This week I have had a visit from Julie Tinsley who was appointed Health and Safety officer for the diocese last November. She made some general observations on her visit, but we should be having a full assessment in due course. Her main concern with churches are candles. Please do ensure that when lighting candles they are only lit when in the correct holder and none are placed on the window ledge behind the candle holder, which may lead to a fire. Please be careful if you have long sleeves which could catch light when leaning over other lit candles. Thank you.

Jayne - Parish Secretary

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Keep up with the prayers please. Mass will be offered for you all.

SPUC: This years Youth and Student Pro Life Conference will take place on **Friday 15th March - Sunday 17th March**. The theme of the Conference is "Be a Voice for the Voiceless". Age range for the conference is 16 to 35. Two young people from our parish are going, but if anyone else is interested (or your children or grandchildren are) more information is available at www.spuc.org.uk or phone Margaret on 336 2050. All fees and expenses will be paid by our group.

SPUC Winter Warmer Coffee morning on Tuesday 12th February 10 30am till 12 30pm. Raffle Bring and Buy etc. All very welcome.

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CWL At the next CWL meeting, **Thursday 21st February**, there will be a speaker to tell us about the work CAMEO do.

Sunday 10th February: On this Sunday we will welcome our young people and their families as they enrol for the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Eucharist.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

ACTS: A prayerful reflection on "The Humanity of Christ" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on **Saturday 16 February 2019**. Fr Michael Coughlan will lead the day which starts at 9.30am and finishes around 4.30pm. The venue is Sacred Heart and St Peter church, Southmoor Rd, Baguley, South Manchester M23 1HP. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947). The venue is near Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester airport, both accessible by public transport.

Caritas Shrewsbury: There are currently two vacancies for Family Support Workers (Wythenshawe and Shropshire). Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk



Shrewsbury Cathedral – Darwin and the Invisible Gardener: Perspectives on Science and Faith

On Monday 18th February. Father Andrew Pinsent will be giving a lecture on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today. Fr Andrew is the Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre at Oxford University and well-known to us through his talks to educationalists. We are very grateful to him for being willing to make this contribution to the Darwin Festival which has recently been established in Shrewsbury as the place of Darwin's birth. It will be significant contribution to this festival on the relationship between Christian faith and science which the council and organisers have been very happy to promote.

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Ordinary Time V

10 February 2019

9 Feb	SATURDAY	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Eileen Davies	
10 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Jack Henesy R J	
11 Feb	MONDAY	Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the sick	10.00 am	Marie Anderson	
12 Feb	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist	
13 Feb	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist	
14 Feb	THURSDAY	Ss Cyril & Methodius	12.00 pm	Funeral Mass Dr John O'Shea	
15 Feb	FRIDAY		10.00 am	John & Barbara Healy	
16 Feb	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Helen Cox	
16 Feb	Next Weekend SATURDAY	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Anna Haimes	
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News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School: Last Friday Mrs O'Gorman welcomed back pupils from last year's Year 6 class. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to meet up and see how they were all doing in their new schools. On Monday four current Year 6 pupils took part in the maths challenge held at Neston High School. Mrs O'Gorman was very proud of the students who had to work as both a team and individually to complete tasks and win points. The team achieved second place in the competition which they can be very proud of. Well done and congratulations to them. On Wednesday Year 1 led the school in collective worship. They told the story of Jesus being presented at the Temple with a short play. The children also shared their learning about the world and their senses with some fantastic songs thanking God for the wonderful world we live in. It was a truly joyful occasion with parents, grandparents and governors leaving with smiles on their faces. Thank you to all the children, and to Mrs Ross and Mrs Dee for their hard work in preparing the children.

Fr Paul writes: Over the past 35 years as a priest I have had 9 different placements. In each one I have been welcomed. Change can be hard especially when the new priest has come to town. One lesson I have learnt is that the continued formation as a priest carries on after Ordination and predominately comes from the parish community. The priest I am today has been formed by the everyday acceptance of parish life. I am very blessed here in St Winefride's to walk with the many saints we live with and our common prayer life we share building up the Missionary People of God. Together we are called to be His witnesses in our time and place.

I learn daily of the pastoral care you have for one another. The cups of tea or fancy coffee you have in your homes. The meeting up in the many coffee shops of Neston and Parkgate. It is through these meetings you are always looking out for one another. When visitors come to the parish, they often comment to me on how welcoming the parish is. Giving the newsletter and/or the Hymn books and telling them about the refreshments after the 10.45am Mass. It is here that we give our best.

Over the many years that this parish has been open, every generation has given their talents to the service to develop our parish Mission. It would be true to say that many of the parish workers do so much unseen work which we are very grateful for. As you would have read in the newsletter the Church Cleaners are requesting a few more helpers which are required to make their rotas work well. So, I ask if you can help please give your name to Louise on 336 1096 or have a word with myself or Deacon Mike. As a certain saying goes, "every little helps"!

I would like to thank Margaret Davies for her many years organising our Mass cards and piety gifts. Over her many years she has raised an enormous amount of money that has been given to our Children's Society which is part of the diocesan organisation of Caritas. Thank you Margaret, supported by Geoff for all your background gift of time to our parish community. Please keep both of them in your daily prayers.

This **Thursday at 12.00 noon** we have the **funeral Mass for Dr John O'Shea**. Here again we give thanks for the many patients and colleagues he has served through his vocation into the world of Medicine. We offer our support to Maureen his wife and family.

There will be a meeting of the **Pastoral and Finance group** on **Thursday 28th February at 7.00pm in the Presbytery**. Let us continue our prayer for one another over this coming week. **Fr Paul**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Little Church Rota: If you would like to help with **Little Church**, please do let us know by contacting Jayne in the parish office either by phone or e-mail. Or speaking to Fr Paul.

SPUC: Winter Warmer Coffee Morning: **Got the Winter Blues!** Come and be cheered up at our Winter Warmer Coffee Morning **NEXT TUESDAY 12th February 10.30am till 12.30pm**. We will have crumpets and tea cakes, a Raffle, Bring and Buy and a Quiz. All contributions gratefully received. All money raised will go towards sending our young people to this year's Youth and Student Conference.

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Foodbank – We have received a big thank you from the West Cheshire foodbank. We donated 1507kg of food and supported 117 people.

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Ordinary Time VI

17 February 2019

16 Feb	SATURDAY	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of prayer for Racial Justice	6.30pm	Anna Haimes				
17 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Fr G Courell Joan Higgins Margaret Davies – birthday wishes				
18 Feb	MONDAY		10.00 am	The Davis family				
19 Feb	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Sister Anthony Wilson (SND)				
20 Feb	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist				
21 Feb	THURSDAY	St Peter Damian	10.00 pm	Gerald Topping				
22 Feb	FRIDAY	The Chair of St Peter	10.00 am	The Parish (Thank You)				
23 Feb	SATURDAY	St Polycarp	10.00 am	Priests intention				
23 Feb	Next Weekend SATURDAY	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Thanksgiving Tiegan and Clare				
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Next week the children and staff of St Winefride's will be enjoying a well earned half-term break.

Fr Paul writes:

Where do the days go! When I get to Wednesday in the blink of an eye it is the weekend again.

On Thursday I got out of bed around 5am. Believe me it was a very long day. I eventually stopped at 10pm after opening most of my Valentine cards. [I wish!]

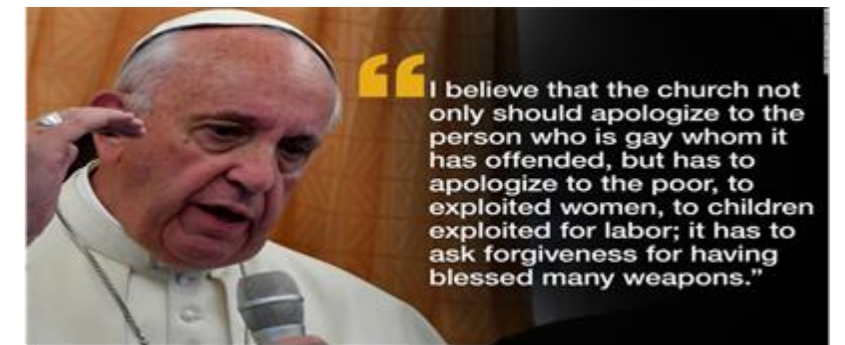
On Thursday we celebrated the funeral Mass for Dr John Patrick O'Shea. It was wonderful to see Maureen surrounded by her family. We will all miss Dr John as a faithful friend and parishioner. He has used his vocation to the full. He has been a great support to his fellow doctors and his many patients. May he rest in Peace. Please keep the families of Cynthia Wainwright, Marion Morris and John Paton in your prayers at their time of loss.

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As you will know our Parish School is on their half term break. May all the members of our school staff and children have a good rest and all keep safe. When they return, they are returning to what they call the "Easter Term". The world seems to be going faster and faster. Be assured of my prayers and remembrances at Holy Mass. Congratulations to Margaret Davies who has a special birthday over the weekend. **Fr Paul**

STOP PRESS ... STOP PRESS The canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Cardinal Newman, was approved by the Pope this week. He led the revival of the English Roman Catholic church in the Victoria era, and is to be declared a saint at a ceremony in St Peter's square in Rome after Easter.

A thought from Pope Frances



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Ordinary Time VII

24 February 2019

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24 Feb	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Margaret & Geoff Davies Kenneth & Elizabeth Rodrigues Parish family		
25 Feb	MONDAY		10.00 am	Pat Dobby		
26 Feb	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Sister Anthony		
27 Feb	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist		
28 Feb	THURSDAY		11.00 am	Funeral service for John Allan Paton		
1 Mar	FRIDAY	St David	11.00 am	Funeral mass for Marian Morris		
2 Mar	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Christina Bickerstaff		
2 Mar	Next Weekend SATURDAY	8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Odillia Beardsworth		
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Fr Paul writes: As you well know Pope Francis has called together all the episcopal conferences of the catholic world, first to listen to those survivors of abuse, reflect upon them and offer concrete guidelines for the bishops of the world. Today we have a letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols and is below for you to read. Please keep him in your prayers.

19th February 2019

Tomorrow, Wednesday, I travel to Rome to take part in the meeting called by Pope Francis to address the protection of minors within the Catholic Church worldwide in the light of the abuse suffered by them within the communities of the Church. I write to ask for your prayers and those of your people, for the positive outcome of this meeting and for all survivors of such abuse who will find these days particularly difficult as so much public attention is given to this reality.

The broad themes of the meeting are those of responsibility - knowing what is to be done; accountability - the ways in which we are responsible to each other; and transparency – the determination that there are no hiding places in these matters. These are the virtues, the qualities of our life together, that need to be renewed and strengthened.

An excellent website provides detailed information about this event: www.pbc2019.org. On Saturday evening there will be a Penitential Liturgy. I ask that at Mass on Saturday evening, you add a prayer or a comment uniting your parish to Pope Francis and all taking part in that liturgy so that together we ask the Lord's pardon for our failings. On Sunday morning, at 8.30 UK time, we will gather in Rome for the celebration of Holy Mass, seeking the Lord's blessings on the work accomplished and for the challenges ahead. Please do unite your parish celebration of Mass with this intention. I am sure you will know the best ways in which to respond to these requests.

Finally, at a very personal level, please do keep me in your own prayers. These will be difficult and painful days and I need your prayers.

With my best wishes and prayers,

Yours devotedly,

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

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World Day of Prayer – There will be two services on Friday 1st March. 2pm at URC, Parkgate and 7.30pm St Michael's Church, Marshlands Rd, Lt Neston.

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Soup and sandwiches – The next lunch get together will be **Monday 4th March from 12.00 noon** in the church hall. All welcome to come, have lunch and a chat. As mentioned opposite, the parish meeting will start around 12.30pm.

Lent lunches – Details of the lunches and how you can help will follow next week. Keep a look out.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Monday 25th February – Sunday 10th March

The Neston Fairtrade Steering Group is holding an information display and stall at Neston Market on Friday 1st March 9am-2pm. The same is also happening at Ness & Little Neston WI on **Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm** and at Neston Methodist Church Welcome Cafe on **Friday 8th March** and also on **Sundays 3rd and 10th March**.

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Ordinary Time VIII

03 March 2019

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03 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Beryl Messenger SVP members and families			
04 Mar	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist			
05 Mar	TUESDAY	FUNERAL	10.30 am	Funeral mass – Cynthia Anne Wainwright			
06 Mar	WEDNESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00 am 7.00pm	Parish family Patricia Cheetham			
07 Mar	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Marian Morris			
08 Mar	FRIDAY	Way of the cross	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Cynthia Wainwright SPUC			
09 Mar	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of word and Eucharist			
09 Mar	Next Weekend SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Lent	6.30 pm	Grishelda Horswill			
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CAFOD – This is the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world. People who are facing drought, conflict, disease and injustice to name a few. On Friday 15th March it is Family Fast Day. During lent it is an opportunity to eat a simple meal and then give what you can to help people facing these every day struggles. CAFOD envelopes will be given out next weekend.

Fr Paul writes: On Wednesday this week we journey into the season of Lent. There will be two opportunities for Mass on that day at 10am and 7pm. During these celebrations we shall receive a cross of ashes made from the palms of last year.

As we begin this season of Lent, we are called to look hard within Ourselves and to be open to the heart and mind of the God of Love and Compassion. May our prayer enable us to walk with the Lord Jesus who invites us to walk with Him from the darkness of death to the bright promise of the resurrection. Please keep our young people and their families in your prayers. As they prepare for the celebration of reconciliation for the first time on Palm Sunday afternoon. On Monday this week, 4th March, we will be having parish meetings to share Proposals for the redecoration of our church. The first meeting will take place between 12 and 1.30 in the hall, while we have soup and sandwiches. The second will be at 7pm in the church. I ask you keep the Joseph family in your prayers. They have been turned down for permanent residency in the UK. They have one more chance of appeal. Please pray that the outcome will be successful. Be assured of my prayers.

Fr. Paul.

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SPUC: This year's Youth and Student Pro Life Conference will take place on Friday 15th March - Sunday 17th March. The theme of the Conference is "Be a Voice for the Voiceless". Age range for the conference is 16 to 35. Two young people from our parish are going, but if anyone else is interested (or your children or grandchildren are) more information is available at www.spuc.org.uk or phone Margaret on 336 2050. All fees and expenses will be paid by our group.

Piety Stall: The Piety Stall has now closed. Cards will still be available in the card display unit in the back porch.

Soup and sandwiches – The next lunch get together will be Monday 4th March from 12.00 noon in the church hall. All welcome to come, have lunch and a chat. **Parish meeting will start around 12.30pm.** Meeting generally for senior members.

Parish meeting: Please remember parish meeting this Monday 4th March at 7pm in the church. All welcome.

CWL: Thursday 7th March - Knit and Natter from 1.30-4.00pm with light refreshments provided. All welcome.

Retired Priests' fund - There was a fantastic response to this collection last weekend. £620 was raised by our church and has now been passed to the diocese. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Lenten Way of the cross on Fridays and Lenten lunches every Monday from 11th March

Message of thanks: Our sincere thanks to Fr Paul, Monsignor Chris and Fr. Ravi Bosco for conducting John's Funeral mass. Our sincere thanks also to the many Parishioners who attended the mass and who have comforted me and my family with cards and messages of sympathy and support during this very sad time. May God grant you all his richest blessings. Maureen O'Shea and family.

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First Holy Communion meeting – Tuesday 5th at 6.30pm in the church hall and next Sunday 10th March is the family Mass.



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Wed 20 th Mar	St Nicholas Church, Vicarage Lane, Burton	12:30
Wed 27 th Mar	Parkgate & Neston URC, Moorside Lane, Parkgate	12:30
Wed 3 rd Apr	Little Neston Methodist Church, Mellock Lane, Little Neston	12:30
Fri 12 th April	St Mary & St Helen Parish Church, High St, Neston (Stations of the Cross @ 12:00)	12:30
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Lent I

10 March 2019

9 Mar	SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Grishelda Horswill		
10 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Clare Pentall Louis O'Sullivan Parish family		
11 Mar	MONDAY		10.00 am	Terry Saunders		
12 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Margaret Davies (belated birthday wishes)		
13 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist		
14 Mar	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Parishioners (Thank you)		
15 Mar	FRIDAY	Way of the Cross	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Rose Hackett Eucharistic Ministers and Readers		
16 Mar	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Patrick Salmon		
16 Mar	Next Weekend SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Lent	6.30 pm	Vic Rhodes		
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Readers – Readings	C Haimes	T Nolan	T Topping	K Ankers	AM Millar	J Braidwood
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News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:

Year 3 celebrated winning the Attendance Cup on Monday. This was the very first time that the Cup has been awarded and was presented to Year 3 for having the best year group attendance in school in the previous week. Congratulations to them!

On Tuesday St Winefrides Primary School held a Fairtrade breakfast to which all the children were invited. There was lots of delicious food to sample including hot chocolate, chocolate spread and banana cake made by Mrs Ormes and Mrs Dee. Louise, from Sainsbury's, also attended the event and brought lots of Fairtrade food with her! The event raised almost £100 which will be given to CAFOD. Many thanks to all involved.

The children received ashes on Wednesday to mark the start of Lent. They also reflected upon what holiness means. One of the definitions shared with the children was "Holiness is made up of little things done with great love for God and for others."

Fr Paul writes: As you know we started the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. It was good to see many of you at Mass and receiving the Ashes as a public sign in support of the Lord's invitation to pray, fast and support the poor. Let us pray for one another during this Holy Season. As is now our tradition the Eucharist will be placed on the altar before our weekend Mass for reflection and prayer. During this time, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Recollection. Unfortunately, I am no longer allowed to use the confessional box as this is a small confined area. It does not fit the criteria of safe guarding. I will be sitting in the hall of the house. In time the Diocese will look at a new area for the Sacrament to place, a new confessional in the church.

Last Tuesday we celebrated the funeral Mass of Cynthia Wainwright. It was good to see many parishioners coming along to this Mass. Please keep Cynthia's family in your prayers.

At our 10.45am Mass on Sunday we welcome our young people who are preparing the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Palm Sunday.

The Church Development: Last week an electrician wired in our new 'heat curtain' over the entrance doors. Hopefully this will help to keep the church warmer. Over the next week the two recesses in the sanctuary will tastefully light to bring a little life to our Patron's statue along with St Joseph. In the well of the altar and the readers desk some lighting is to be fitted where from time to time we can use to highlight our celebration of Word and Eucharist.

This week the main work will begin. The church will be painted and carpeted. The raised area behind the readers desk will be taken out. The sanctuary floor will be extended across to the bench where the Lenten banner is placed. This will take away the sharp corners which have caused many people to fall. I can assure you that when you fall you land on a very hard service! The entrance to the sacristy will be through the old confessional doors. A stonemason is drawing up some suggestions to reuse our Readers desk and shorten it to a common size. So that both tall and small people will be able to use it without vanishing behind it. As you know we won a Neston award for the lights on the church building and its garden. We are going to have fitted internal lights to illuminate the stained glass from dusk to dawn. Once again this will enhance the outside of the Church. At the rear of the Church, where the Sacred Heart statue is, we have removed two benches. Firstly, the bench by the support pole for the organ loft this is seen as a health safety issue. The second bench is covering up one of the blow heaters. Hopefully the church in that area will feel a little warmer. The statue of the Sacred heart will be returned to its place. In this area it will enable us to spend some time in prayer, without felling crushed. I'm very grateful for those who normally use these benches. The statues in the church are to be sent away to be repaired and painted. A new sign will replace the existing one which is on the church wall. The new sign will be placed by the tree so that the church details are easily seen. Just a little point about the church sign on the wall. If you stand by the road at entrance of the church, you cannot see the sign because it is hidden by the tree! Hopefully this work will be completed within three weeks. During this period the Church will remain closed. We will have daily Mass or service of Word and Sacrament in the Parish Hall. I bet you are wondering, where is the money for this work coming from. Simply after meetings with the advisers the Trustees have giving us a budget of £42,000. Now it is looking to be around £50,000. I know when things get changed it can create some anxiety. Hopefully the outcome will put these fears to rest. I am very grateful for those, of our Parish Pastoral and Finance group who are the group who represent our three weekend Masses. Thanks too, to all who came to the meetings last week. Also, to the many parishioners for their suggestions and advice. Let our prayer be, during this first week of Lent to help us all to respect one another so that we are known as a community of faithful love in Christ Jesus. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. **Fr Paul.**

PARISH AND DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you:

Louise Wilkinson and family would like to say, "Thank you for all your kind words and prayers following the death of our mother, Marion Morris".

Margaret Davies wishes to thank everyone who made her Big Birthday so special with all their lovely cards and gifts. God bless!

Kathy Lightfoot & family would like to thank Fr Paul, Fr Ravi and the Choir for Cynthia Wainwright's funeral service. "It was a beautiful service and we are overwhelmed with the amount of family, friends and parishioners who attended. All the cards, flowers and messages have been a great comfort to us". xx

SPUC: We now have five young people going to SPUC's youth and student conference. Christine and Josephin Joseph from our parish and three French girls who are at Liverpool university. Thank you for all your support which has enabled us to sponsor these young people who will learn about pro-life issues and be able to pass on their knowledge and defend the unborn child.

Meeting next **Thursday 14th March 10:45am** after morning mass and pro-life prayers. All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea and to attend the meeting.

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CAFOD: It is **Family Fast Day** this **Friday 15th March** and envelopes are available to take home with you this weekend. They will be collected in next weekend, 16th/17th March.



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Lent II

17 March 2019

16 Mar	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Vic Rhodes	
17 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Dr John O'Shea John Cummins Parish Family	
18 Mar	MONDAY	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop	10.00 am	Marian Morris	
19 Mar	TUESDAY	St. Joseph	10.00 am	Dr John O'Shea	
20 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
21 Mar	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Ida Harford	
22 Mar	FRIDAY	Way of the Cross	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Joan Edith Kay SVP	
23 Mar	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Anna Carmel Shepherd	
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24 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Maureen Bainbridge Marian Morris	
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Last week the children of Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a visit to see the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra perform. The music that the children listened to was based around the theme of British Values.

On Monday the children of Year 5 took part in the "Amazing" concert at the Story House in Chester. The children worked with lots of other children from different schools and organisations, as well as adult choirs, to prepare for the concert. Mrs Davies and Mrs Ormes were very proud of the children who sang and performed brilliantly and with great enthusiasm. The concert raised money for several charities including Chester Zoo and Dementia UK.

Fr Paul writes: This first week of Lent has flown by. The earlier part of the week gave me an opportunity to visit some of our parishioners in hospitals. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. The highlight of this week for me has been the celebration of voluntary Mass in our primary school towards the end of lunch time play. Some people say, "that life is wasted on the young", that I don't believe! To be in their prayerful presence the Lord is very transparent. For, it is the Lord who teaches us, "to let the children come to him for the kingdom is theirs". With children life, for most, is uncomplicated. They say how they feel. They pray for their families and friends. They too see and hear many things that pass the adult world by. A number of the children, prayed for the children who are hungry and have no food or clean water. Our children, can and do see the world in many different ways to our adult world. Maybe this 2nd week of Lent we could focus on our children, that they continue to challenge us and to grow in the Love of the Lord.

Please keep in your prayers Jim Kay whose mother, Joan died last week.

Fr Paul

EMHC/Readers' Rota: A new rota for April - July is currently being prepared. If there any dates that you are unavailable, please email: readers@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or emhc@stwinefridesneston.org.uk. Also if you wish to be added or removed from the rota, please let us know via email.

CWL: Section meeting this **Thursday 21st March** in the church hall at 7.30pm.

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CAFOD: Envelopes to be collected this weekend **16th/17th March**. Many thanks. This Catholic charity helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world. People who are facing drought, conflict, disease and injustice to name but a few.

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CALLED TO HOLINESS - GIFTED FOR MISSION

The second of four diocesan talks will be led by Fr Jonathan Brandon on **Wednesday March 20** in St Columba's, Chester (7pm-9pm). It will be repeated in Shrewsbury the following Saturday. Details are on the diocesan website.

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Lent III

24 March 2019

23 Mar	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Parish Family	
24 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Maureen Bainbridge Marian Morris	
25 Mar	MONDAY	The Annuciation of the Lord	10.00 am	Dr John O'Shea	
26 Mar	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Marian Morris	
27 Mar	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
28 Mar	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Cynthia Wainwright	
29 Mar	FRIDAY	Way of the Cross	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Pat, Joe and Tom Ellis SV P	
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The children of St Winefrides celebrated St Patrick's Day last Friday by coming into school dressed in the colours of the Irish flag: orange, white and green. Every class in the school enjoyed an Irish dancing session with some of the staff joining in too! Donations made by the children to wear their own clothes were given to Comic Relief as Friday was also Red Nose Day.

During Lent each class will host a "Stay and Pray" morning to which the children's family and friends are invited. Year 3 hosted the first morning on Wednesday. They chose the theme of The Last Supper and reflected upon the presence of Jesus in their daily lives. It was a wonderful prayerful way for the children and their families to start the day.

SVP – As there is an urgent appeal from CAFOD due to the crisis, the monthly collection for the SVP will now be during the weekend of the 13/14th April.

Fr Paul writes, I received this e-mail from CAFOD on Thursday. Given we are moving into the third week of Lent you may feel that you can give CAFOD your Financial Support in this Appeal.

It is with great sadness that in my first correspondence with you as the new director of CAFOD, I find it necessary to write to you about the emergency in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi caused by Cyclone Idai. The more we see and hear of the destruction caused, the more shocking the impact on the lives of children, women and men.

We know that the Catholic community will want to respond. The Church and our local experts in the Southern Africa region are already responding but desperately need your support. If you are able to hold a second collection, your gifts will help families who have lost everything. Knowing they are not alone, will give people hope.

Vital humanitarian aid is needed for the millions of people made homeless and our priority is to reach the most vulnerable with food and clean water, basic shelter and hygiene kits. The scale of the crisis is such that the Disaster Emergency Committee, of which CAFOD is a member, has launched a full-scale humanitarian appeal. You can read more about our Cyclone Idai Appeal on our website.

We are so thankful for your support of our recent Family Fast Day, which we rely on for our planned projects over the next year around the world. We don't make this request lightly, but the situation is so urgent, we are suggesting a second collection on the weekend of the 30/31st March after Masses.

Pray for the people affected by the Cyclone. Most of all, I ask you please to keep the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Christine Allen

Director of CAFOD

Let us pray too for our parish family as we continue our Lenten Journey and be assured of my daily prayer for you and your family. **Fr Paul**

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Lent IV

31 March 2019

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31 Mar	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish Family Anne McGonigle	
01 Apr	MONDAY		10.00 am	Jack Henesy	
02 Apr	TUESDAY	St Francis of Paola	10.00 am	Pat Cummins	
03 Apr	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
04 Apr	THURSDAY	St Isidore	10.00 am	Ruth and Dwyan Pisarek	
05 Apr	FRIDAY	Way of the cross	12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Funeral mass Eugenia Sheila Ellis Music Group	
06 Apr	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Ruth Brookes	
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Weekdays: Adoration morning prayer from 9.00am; then Mass at 10.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm					
	30 Mar / 31 Mar			06 Apr / 07 Apr	
	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6.30pm (Vigil)	8:45am 10:45am
Readers – Readings	K Powell	M Corcoran	M Slater	C Haimes	T McGlynn M Unsworth
Readers - Intercessions	A Flanagan	T Nolan	V Casey	F Byrne	AM Millar T Topping
EMHC	D Davies F Byrne	T McGlynn R Pisarek	D Pover K Holden D Barber T Topping	J Gordon C Haimes	K Garrod K Hughes M Slater J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber
Counters	Phil Challis and Tony Wright			Brian and Fran Byrne	
Cleaners	Louise Wilkinson and Celia Kirshen			W Morgan and A-M McLean	
REGULAR ACTIVITIES					
Mon: SVP 7pm in presbytery; Wed: Choir 7-8pm; Thur: Communion Visits; Sun: YSVP 10am in hall 2nd Thurs of month: SPUC 10.45 am in hall; 3rd Thur of month: CWL 7.30pm in hall Last Sunday's Offering: Thanks for your support!					

News from St Winefride's Catholic Primary School:

Last week the children of St Winefrides celebrated World Down Syndrome Awareness Day in school. Everybody wore odd socks to school and money was raised by selling biscuits, guessing the number of socks in a jar and via kind donations. An amazing £165 was raised. Many thanks to Miss Riley and Miss Holland for organising and running the event.

On Wednesday reception class had a very busy morning exploring the local environment. They compared the many different buildings they saw and looked for street signs. The children also enjoyed posting some special items for the Post Office to deliver!

Fr Paul writes, Happy Mothers' Day! If you are reading this for the first time...and have forgotten. It's time to do something now. To all mothers in our Parish, I hope you have a wonderful day.

This time in our Lenten preparation we turn our gaze to Mary, Mother of the Lord. She who bore the Christ child at the start of life will hold him again with tenderness and compassion after his body is taken from the Cross.

Our country finds itself in uncharted waters. It is a time when we can ask our Blessed Lady of Walsingham to intercede for us so that there will be a just and peaceful outcome to the negotiations.

Jim, our Deacon to be, has retired from his full-time job and will soon be taking up his new ministry in our Parish. We are truly blessed to have two Deacons, together with our Parish Sister. Please keep them all in your prayers as we begin this new chapter in St. Winefride's Parish.

As some of you will already know, Jim is to be ordained Deacon on the 6th of July by Bishop Mark in the Cathedral in Shrewsbury. We shall be organising a coach for any parishioners who would like to participate. Further details to follow.

Next Sunday, April 7th, at 10.45 am our parish children will be leading our Liturgy.

Service of Reconciliation: will be on Sunday, 14th of April at 2.30 pm. During this service our young people preparing for First Reconciliation will be accompanied by their parents. You are very welcome to join in.

Be assured of my prayer and remembrance at Mass in the coming week.

Fr Paul

EMHC/Readers' Rota: A new copy of the rota (April to July) is now online and on the noticeboard.

Easter: Readers will be required for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and extra at the vigil on Easter Saturday. If you would like to read, then please e-mail Jayne in the office, on the parish e-mail.

Way of The Cross: Keeping with our tradition at St Winefride's, different groups will lead us on Fridays at 7pm during Lent. On **Friday 5th April** it will be led by the **Music Group** and the **Clergy** on **Friday 12th**. All are Welcome. Contact Deacon Mike for more details.

Lent lunches at St Winefride's, will be held every Monday from 12 noon during lent, **except Monday 8th April**. Helpers are needed with the lunches. If you are free on a Monday and would like to volunteer, then please let Fran or Brian Bryne know or Jayne Shakespeare in the office. Tel - 721 3035. Thank you.

CAKE SALE: Next **Sunday, 7th April after 10.45am** mass there will be a cake sale to help raise funds for Jade Hardy-Perry who in July is going on a Mission trip to Uganda. She will be there for 3 weeks with the Rock of Joy charity. Please come and support her. Jade is also having a fund raising disco/hot buffet at the Wheatsheaf pub in Ness at 8pm on **Saturday 27th April**. Tickets are £5.00 and can be obtained from Judith Povey on 07722628505. Thank you for your support.

CAFOD: Today there will be a collection for emergency aid to help those affected by Cyclone Idai. Please contribute if you can. The Government have promised to double any money donated to this cause.

St. Winefride's PTFA 200 Club

The PTFA runs a 200 Club as a way of raising additional funds for the school. Over the years, it has raised a significant amount of money which has been put back into school for the benefit of all the students. It is a monthly draw, 18 numbers are drawn per year. Out of the money collected each month, around half is paid out in prizes and the rest goes into the school to directly benefit our children.

Full details of how to join are on the PTFA website. Simply complete the bank form and return it to the school office.

Congratulations to our February & March Winners K. Roberts, M. Slater, I. Green and M. Reedoye who each won £50.

SVP: The monthly collection for the SVP will now take place on the weekend of the 13/14th April.

GIFT AID SCHEME 2019/2020:

Could all Parishioners who use weekly envelopes, please collect their new boxes for **2019/2020** from the bookcase at the side of the double doors as you leave church. Car Park side.

These are presented in surname alphabetical order to enable you to quickly select your box after mass. Please note that we no longer show home address details.

The new purple envelopes start on **Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th April 2019** for the new tax year.

Please do **not** use them before this date.

If you are no longer paying Income Tax, or have changed address in the last year, then please let Mike Jevons (0151 336 5026) know as soon as possible.

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 £3,000 from the Loose Plate that we could potentially claim back each year.

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 Mike or Jayne.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019: This year it will be held on Wednesday, 19 June at Holy Family church, Pensby. Details of the preparation classes will follow soon.

If you are **Year 8** or above and would be interested in exploring your faith and finding out about the Sacrament of Confirmation, then please give your details to Fr Paul.

GDPR: The parish of St Winefrides sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice