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Ordinary Time Week XXVI

28th September 2014

27 Sep	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Cath & Bill Owen
28 Sep	SUNDAY	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Day of Prayer for the Family Synod – 'Harvest Sunday'	8.45 am	The Parish
29 Sep	MONDAY	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10.45 am	50 th Wed: Sylvia & Ted Ludlow
30 Sep	TUESDAY	St Jerome	9.00 am	Ken Bayley
1 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
2 Oct	THURSDAY	Guardian Angels	9.00 am	Int: Cubbins Family
3 Oct	FRIDAY	Special Prayer for the Needy & Hungry	9.00 am	Michael Walsh
4 Oct	SATURDAY	St Francis of Assisi	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
4 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
5 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	TG Karen Kirby
			10.45 am	Vic Clyro

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RIP: Terrence Frank Kenneth Lambert

From Fr Ravi: Cricket Reaches Vatican!

Many of you must have heard already about the Vatican's first cricket team, who notched up two impressive wins in five matches on their first foreign tour, but ended their campaign by losing to the formidable Church of England side. The team, was comprised of seven Indians, two Sri Lankans, one Pakistani and an Englishman (who obviously captained the side!) Pope Francis, an avid football fan, even signed a cricket bat for them. They began their five-match series in England on September 13th by thrashing the Army Chaplains in a 20-over match at Aldershot. The following day they were beaten in Brighton by a club team and then they recorded their second win in a 30-over match against the Authors XI in Bucks. They were then defeated by the Royal Household in the grounds of Windsor Castle. The concluding Twenty20 showdown was at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury, a city to which, 1,400 years ago, St Augustine was sent by an earlier pontiff to establish the English church. Maybe St Winefride's could send a few players next time!

I am sure you will join me in congratulating all our young people who have had their GCSE and A level results and wish them and our children who have begun a new academic year, the very best in their studies.

Please do say a pray for me and for my family as I visit them in the next few weeks. I am also grateful to Fr Chris for his loving presence and generous ministry in our Parish. In the best tradition of St Winefride's, I know, he will be well looked after. Please do contact Fr Chris (328 1868) or Deacon Mike for any pastoral need during my absence.

May God bless us all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

Day of Prayer for the Family Synod: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that the Church sets aside this Sunday, 28th September, as a Day of Prayer to pray for this important international meeting. We are encouraged to pray that our families might become true "domestic churches" in our home countries and "bear witness to God's love".

October Special: Between 29th Sep – 25th Oct our Eucharistic Ministers will lead the Service of Word and Communion on Friday mornings and Deacon Mike will lead the service on Saturday mornings.

First Communion: The first meeting for the Parents wishing their children to be prepared for First Communion for their children is on **Tues 18th Nov at 7pm** at St Winefride's Primary School. The enrolment mass will be on **Sun 30th Nov at 10.45am** and the celebration of First Communion will be on **Sat 13th June 2015 at 10am**.

Rosary: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Along with Our Lady of Fatima we pray it every day at 9:30am on weekdays. If you can spare 15 minutes to pray for peace in the world, please join us as and when you can.

Centenary of World War I: To mark the centenary celebrations we will have an Inter-Faith Prayer Meeting for Peace on Wed 26th Nov at 1.30pm. Representatives from different religions and Christian denominations have been invited. Together with children from St Winefride's Primary School we shall all be praying together for Peace in the world.

Music: Singing practice for all this Sunday 4 – 5pm in church.

Parish Christmas Meal: on Thursday 4th December at the Inn at Ness. John Carlo has kindly agreed to give us an exclusive offer of a starter, main meal and a glass of red or white wine for £11.00 per head. To be sure of reserving a place, leave an envelope with your name, contact details (tel, email), number of people and payment in the box at the back of the church. As last year, it's "first come first served" so please do not delay! Contacts: Tony Wright 0788 906 3579 or Kieron Grace 07966 764 848/ 336 7492.

SPUC: Merseyside pro-life Walk of Witness through Liverpool is on Saturday 4th October. If anyone would like to join us even for a short part of the walk, please contact Margaret on 336 2050 for more details. Please will you help our pro-life work by sponsoring our walkers. Sponsor forms are in both porches.

Shoe Boxes: Thanks to all who helped with the wrapping of the boxes this week. We will be filling the boxes on 11th and 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th October.

Piety Stall: After a break for summer we are now fully operational in the Church Hall again after each Sunday Mass. There is a good selection of stock, mostly on view in the display cabinet. Please take time to browse for all your needs and let stall holders know if you cannot find what you want. Margaret is happy to take special orders if possible (336 4046). All proceeds go to The Diocesan Children's Society.

SVP: Birkenhead District SVP's Theatre Night on 19th November at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight tickets £8.00. Bebington Dramatic Society's "The Wilmslow Boy".

Foodbank: All are invited to a talk being organised by the Foodbank at the request of the SVP on Mon 13th Oct at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The amount of Food donated in August was 160kg, and to date the Parish has donated just under two tonnes of food! Thank you for your continued support.

Car Parking Notices: We now have two notices directing people to our car park behind the church. These will be used only on special occasions when we have visitors (weddings, funerals etc). The notices will be kept in the sacristy and are available at all times as needed. They are to be displayed on the front gateposts and are simply hung on hooks permanently fitted to the posts. Please use this facility if you have an event involving visitors to the Parish.

Thank You: We thank Deacon Jeffrey Telford of Pensby for giving us a 'Book of the Gospels', which can be used in our Liturgies and to Deacon Mike Topping for getting some office equipment to be used in the Parish Centre. We also now have stoles/collars in 4 liturgical colours for Eucharistic Ministers which can be used when needed.

Poor Clares, Hawarden: Due to our parish's generosity we have been able to supply monthly fruit and veg to the Poor Clares for at least the last 15 years. Please consider supporting the Poor Clare Community in our Parish by donating to our annual collection on 4th and 5th of October.

Reminders: *Carmel's Annual Benediction in honour of St Therese*: 3pm, Sun 28th Sep Carmelite Monastery, Birkenhead; *Shrewsbury Diocesan History Day*: St Mary of the Angels, Hooton CH66 1QJ. Sat 4th Oct at 10.30am; *West Kirby Justice and Peace*: Pope Francis' Vision for the Church at St Agnes' West Kirby, Sat 4th Oct 11am - 2.30pm.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): a basic course in theology, designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly open to everyone. You can complete the Certificate or just attend the sessions at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, starting on Sat 11th Oct 10 am - 3.30 pm. Contact Rowena Nield - rowena.nield@sky.com 0161 440 8619. Please see the posters in porch.

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21st September 2014

20 Sep	SATURDAY	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Sunday: 2 nd Collection	6.30 pm	TG: M Henesy
21 Sep	SUNDAY	CWL 50 th Anniversary Celebrations	8.45 am 10.45 am	Health: Sadie Douglas Terrence Saunders
22 Sep	MONDAY		9.00 am	The Parish
23 Sep	TUESDAY	St Pio of Pietrelcina	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
24 Sep	WEDNESDAY	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.00 am	Doreen Bennett
25 Sep	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Don Miller
26 Sep	FRIDAY	Ss Cosmas & Damian	9.00 am	Brian Haggart
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Home Mission Sunday - Notes from the Bishops of England and Wales

Today is Home Mission Sunday – the day annually when we are invited to pray for and support the Church's work of Evangelisation in England and Wales.

The theme this year is *Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'*. We are reminded that the work of evangelisation begins within our own families - in our own homes - and also within the spiritual family of our parish. As we listen to today's Scripture readings during Mass, we reflect very especially on how the Lord might be calling us to reach out to those that we know, in our home and parish family, who are non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics.

There are four ways of responding to today's Gospel – in our lives, in our families, in our parishes and by reaching out to non churchgoing Catholics. We have to be like the workers in the parable in today's Gospel. We have to allow ourselves to be called by God to whatever acts of witness he wants from us. Pope Francis: evangelisation "is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything we can see and understand... In every activity of evangelisation, the primacy always belongs to God, who has called us to co-operate with him and who leads us on by the power of his Spirit" (EG 12).

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Thank you: We thank all our parishioners, especially the volunteers who helped generously in celebrating Fr Denis' memory at his Month's Mind mass. Fr Chris' by now 'Number 1 Best Seller' has had tremendous response in our parish. We appreciate your support for the formation of future priests for our diocese. If you have signed up for a copy of 'Floreat Salopia', please find them in the 'new' porch.

October Special: After the meeting last Thursday 18th September, it was decided that our fully trained Eucharistic Ministers would help in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Weekdays and also lead in the Service of Word and Communion on Friday mornings at 9am. Deacon Mike will lead the service on Saturday mornings. This arrangement will be from Sep 29th to Oct 25th and for any other pastoral need, please contact Mgr Chris Lightbound (3281868).

CWL: We congratulate our CWL members as they celebrate their golden jubilee this weekend and thank them for their enriching presence and their active mission in our parish community and in the wider society. They will be involved in different ministries at the 10.45am mass this Sunday and have also selected some beautiful hymns for the celebration.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 26th September 9.30am - 12 noon in the Church hall. Please support this worthwhile cause.

Catholic Voice: Autumn edition available in both porches.

Music Rehearsal: Singers and musicians welcome to join in on Sunday 21st September in church 4-5pm.

Congratulations: Mrs Jenny Bean for 25 years dedicated service to our Primary school.

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Foodbank: As autumn approaches, we find ourselves in urgent need of a number of items at the foodbank. We require the following: UHT fruit juice, porridge oats, custard, sponge puddings and instant mashed potato. We have very low stocks of the following: instant noodles, instant pasta, jams/spreads, sugar and biscuits. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

NDCT: Harvest Festival celebration at the Royal British Legion on the evening of the 26th September. Festivities will include music by the U3A singers, a display of Scottish

dancing with a chance to join in, a hotpot supper and dessert and entertainment from Sid and Lorraine, friends of Radio Merseyside. Tickets are selling fast for this event, so do let the NDCT reps (Deacon Mike, Helen Jones, Kate Hughes ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk / 07856908297) know by Sunday if you require tickets priced £7.

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14th September 2014

13 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	6.30 pm	Month's Mind: Fr Denis Marmion
14 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Int: Mark Jones & Family
15 Sep	MONDAY	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.00 am	Margaret Murphy
16 Sep	TUESDAY	<i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9.00 am	Teresa Healy
17 Sep	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	9.00 am	Int: Lyonette family
18 Sep	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
19 Sep	FRIDAY	<i>St Theodore of Tarsus/St Januarius Holy Spirit Mass</i>	9.00 am	90 th Birthday: Frances Lyonette
			9.10 am	School
20 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>Ss A Kim Taegon, P. Chong Hasang & Co Baptism</i>	9.00 am 12 noon	Ken Bayley Mollie Aliesha Cooke
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Home Mission Sunday, 21 September 2014: Supporting Outreach to Non-Church going (Lapsed) Catholics

The theme for this year's Home Mission Sunday is: *Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'.*

Urgency of the Task

Many children and young people today will never see their parents receive the sacraments," we are reminded in the preparatory document for the forthcoming Synod on the Family. I'm sure, like me, you have repeatedly observed this to be the case, with research suggesting that an estimated 80% of Catholics in England and Wales rarely or never attend Mass.

A Call to Mission

On 21st September 2014 the Bishops of England and Wales invite parishes to celebrate Home Mission Sunday to encourage every mass going Catholic to respond urgently to the call to evangelise. With most mass going Catholics feeling the pain and sorrow caused by a large number of family members and friends not practising their faith, there is an urgency for us all to consider afresh how we might respectfully and joyfully reach out to our absent brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for all that you are already doing in this regard.

There will be a second collection next week to support Home Mission Sunday. The proceeds make possible the Bishops' work of evangelisation nationally. For more information, resources and to donate online: www.catholicnews.org/hms14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Wood, F Byrne.

Fr Denis Marmion: It is a tradition in many Catholic communities around the world that deceased family members are remembered at mass in a special way after a month of their passing. Popularly known as 'Month's Mind Mass,' it helps the grieving family to bring to a peaceful close, in God's presence, the period of mourning and to move on in life, confident that the departed ones are in God's safe embrace. In Ireland, in the event of a priest's death, the new Parish Priest used to be announced at the Month's mind mass (in those good old days!) This weekend (13th September), we welcome all the friends and visitors coming to our church to thank God for the gift of Fr Denis and to pray for the repose of his soul. There will be some refreshments after the Saturday evening mass in the Parish centre.

Weekday Masses: There will be a meeting on Thursday 18th September at 9.30am for those who have volunteered to help in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and in leading the Service of Word and Communion on some weekdays in October. For more information please contact Tony Topping.

Little Church: Recommences Sunday 14th September for 3-7 year olds during 10.45 Mass.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 18th September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Cookery demonstration by Marie – Lou.

Webteam: Meeting on Thursday 18th September at 8pm in the Presbytery. We will be looking at the possibility of developing an "App": all interested are welcome! webmanager@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Music: Following a very dynamic and inspiring music congress last weekend, organised by the Wrexham Diocese, it would be heartening to see some more parishioners at our informal practices on Sunday afternoons (starting on 14th Sept) from 4-5pm. All ages and abilities welcome: just a love of singing and enthusiasm is needed! We will be learning some new hymns and mass settings in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Come and join us on our musical journey at St Winefride's - we would love to see you!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Can you help to cover and pack the boxes on Sept 23rd and October 11th after Mass. Bring your own scissors please!

SPUC: The latest edition of the Pro-life times will be available after all masses this week (one per family) including the Christmas catalogue. Christmas cards also on sale in the Parish Hall from October. Merseyside Walk of Witness is on Saturday 4th October, please do join us even for part of the walk. For more details phone Margaret: 336 2050.

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7 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	50 th Wed: Jackie & Tom Hinde
			10.45 am	Int: Ron & Maureen Jones
8 Sep	MONDAY	<i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00 am	Leonie Bruce
9 Sep	TUESDAY	<i>St Peter Claver</i> <i>St John Plessington's Mass</i>	9.00 am	John Mansley
			11.00am	Pilgrims from Wallasey
10 Sep	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	9.00 am	Marjorie Williams
11 Sep	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Int: Ursula Jones
12 Sep	FRIDAY	<i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.00 am	Rose Chedotal
13 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>St John Chrysostom</i> <i>Baptism</i>	9.00am	Monica Fidkin
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From The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Pope Francis has made the fight against Human Trafficking a priority in his papacy. He recently attended a conference in Rome, co-ordinated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CBCEW, where he met with victims and described human trafficking as "an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity". Pope Francis has asked that "our strategies and areas of expertise to be accompanied and reinforced by the mercy of the Gospel, by closeness to the men and women who are victims of this crime". The Church places victims at the heart of the efforts to combat human trafficking. For many years women religious have been the pioneers in supporting victims to recover personal and spiritual dignity. Their witness is an inspiration to the rest of the Church to make available its presence and expertise in human and spiritual healing. The Catholic Bishops' Conference has developed a human trafficking project that aims to raise awareness of the scale of human trafficking and develop ways of countering this crime through the use of its global Catholic networks.

Prevention: Awareness-raising about the realities of human trafficking.

Pastoral Care in-country: Pastoral and practical help to victims when they are apprehended by statutory authorities.

Re-integration: Support to help victims resettle into their host country or return to their home state if that is their desire and a secure possibility.

Developing an International Network of Bishops' Conferences and Law Enforcement agencies: Working with policing and prosecuting agencies to raise awareness of this heinous crime and to place victims at the centre of all combating human trafficking work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian & Veronica Casey

Fr Chris' Book: "Floreat Salopia (May Shropshire flourish...)" Our parishioners stood out again in the overwhelming response to Fr Chris' book and so far, we have raised £805.20 for the education of our Diocesan Seminarians (one of whom may eventually be our Parish Priest?!). Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped. In case you still need a copy/copies of the book, please register your name on the Form in our Noticeboards.

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Piety Stall: We have now reopened after the summer break and will be open after every Sunday mass in the church hall throughout the year. We have restocked with lots of interesting and attractive goods at reasonable prices. All profits from sales go straight to the Diocesan Children's Society, so please support this very worthy cause.

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CWL: Committee Meeting in the parish hall this Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm.

Webteam: Meeting on Thursday 18th September at 8pm in the Presbytery. We will be looking at the possibility of developing an "App": all interested are welcome! webmanager@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

SPUC: Meeting next Tuesday 9th September 7.30pm in our church hall. All welcome! We will be continuing to provide the teas etc after the 10.45 Mass for the next two weeks and also have a bring and buy stall. Thank you all for your support for our pro life work. **Date for your Autumn Diary:** Social evening in the church hall

on Friday 21st November with brilliant local singer Susan Hedges. Details and tickets near the time.

Music Rehearsal: We recommence our singing practice in church from next Sunday 14th September at 4pm. If you are a musician or singer, please do consider joining our group. Rehearsals are informal and there is no obligation to attend every week.

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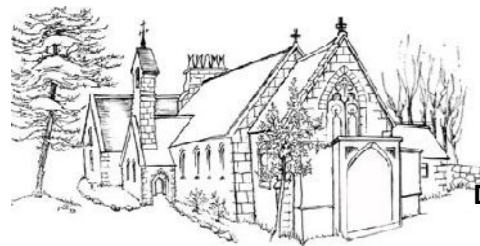
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Friends of Nazareth: To learn about our mission, please join us at Nazareth House Convent, Manor Hill Birkenhead on Sunday 9th or Monday 10th November 11am-4pm.

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Ordinary Time Week XXII

31st August 2014

30 Aug	SATURDAY	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
31 Aug	SUNDAY	Baptism	8.45 am	Bill Davies
			10.45 am	Frank Morgan
			12 noon	Joseph G, Elizabeth Mae Bull
			3.00 pm	40 th Wed: Mary & Michael Corcoran
1 Sep	MONDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Morton
2 Sep	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
3 Sep	WEDNESDAY	St Gregory the Great	9.00 am	Int: J Mulligan
4 Sep	THURSDAY	St Cuthbert	9.00 am	Joan Dean
		Funeral Service	11.00am	William John Oxtan
5 Sep	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Health: Matthew Allen
6 Sep	SATURDAY		9.00am	Fr Gerry Courell
6 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
7 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am	50 th Wed: Jackie & Tom Hinde
			10.45 am	Int: Ron & Maureen Jones

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RIP: William John Oxtan

From the UK based Religious Leaders on Religious Freedom in Iraq:

What we are witnessing in Northern Iraq today is a tragedy of historic proportions in which thousands of innocent people are at immediate risk of death for no other reason than their religious beliefs. Freedom of religion and belief, a right set out in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is being denied in the most gross and systemic way possible through the attempted extermination of religious minorities. There is no religious justification for the violation of this inalienable human right.

Such violations as are currently taking place are crimes against humanity that must be both stopped and punished. The culture of impunity within which these dehumanising atrocities have been committed needs to be challenged most vigorously. Given that Iraq is not a state party to the International Criminal Court, the Government must now work towards a United Nations Security Council Resolution that refers this matter to the International Criminal Court for investigation and where necessary prosecution. The international community must send a clear signal of intent to those who are committing such atrocities that at some point they will be held accountable for their actions.

These violations are, however, sadly part of a wider global pattern of increased societal hostility and government restrictions against freedom of religion or belief. Governments, international institutions and non-governmental organisations need to recognise this wider crisis and commit the necessary time, energy and resources to ensure greater respect for this fundamental freedom in order to attempt to forestall such further tragedies.

(The above letter has been signed by leaders of various religious groups in UK, including Bishop Declan Lang, the Chair of the Bishops' Conference Department of International Relations)

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A note from Dot Davies:

*Be silent, be thoughtful, be reverent,
 For this is the house of the Lord,
 Before the service speak to God,
 During the service let God speak to you,
 After the service speak to one another.*



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Ordinary Time Week XXI

24th August 2014

23 Aug	SATURDAY	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Moira Johnston
24 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Fr Denis Marmion
25 Aug	MONDAY	St Louis / St Joseph Calasanz	10.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
26 Aug	TUESDAY	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God <i>Requiem</i>	9.00 am 12 noon	TG Adrian Duggan Cath Owen
27 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Monica	9.00 am	Katie Elias
28 Aug	THURSDAY	St Augustine	9.00 am	Bens Parker
29 Aug	FRIDAY	The Passion of John the Baptist <i>Wedding</i>	9.00 am 12.30 pm	Eric Kenny Katie Davies & Ian Leighton
30 Aug	SATURDAY	Ss Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow & Anne Line <i>Baptism</i>	9.00 am 12 noon	TG: Mary & Michael Corcoran Lola Jaye Costain
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RIP: Cath Owen, William J Oxton, Fr Denis Marmion

From Fr Ravi...

From the time of hearing of Fr Denis' passing away to his burial on Friday, our Parish family has come together in many ways in supporting each other during this sad time. We have been blessed by our parishioners who have been able to specially remember Fr Denis by participating in our Sunday masses where we prayed for the repose of his soul, by producing prayer cards, preparing the church and grounds, preparing the book of condolence, practicing hymns, arranging flowers, welcoming and serving at the altar for the vigil mass, stewarding in the car park, organising refreshments, and providing hospitality to about 25 concelebrating priests. We especially thank Canon John Marmion, Mgr Chris Lightbound, Canon Ted Harrington, Fr David Long, Canon Brendan Hoban, Canon Phil Moor and Bishop Mark Davies for their support to our parish community during this difficult time. Coming together as one parish family we were able to say our farewells together to a loved and cherished priest.

The final farewell mass in our church on Friday morning was well attended and many found it very moving. The Requiem Mass, with Bishop Brian as the chief celebrant saw the whole diocese, his family and friends coming together to pray for him.

We thank all our friends from other Christian communities who were present at the masses, sent condolence messages and offered prayers and their sympathies.

Fr Denis' **Month's Mind Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday 13th September at 6:30pm.

We thank God for giving us the privilege of knowing such a warm-hearted priest and friend.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

From Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor

As a fellow student and lifelong friend of Fr Denis I should like to pay tribute to him on learning of his sudden death. Denis was a devoted priest, loved in the many parishes in which he served. He was an outstanding example of spiritual simplicity and holiness. He will be greatly missed in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. I regret I cannot be present with you today, but I send a blessing and greeting to his priest brother John, to all his family, and to all present at the funeral mass. I shall celebrate a Mass for the repose of his soul.

From Rev Alan Dawson, Vicar, Ss Mary & Helen

On behalf of the Anglican Parish of Neston I offer our condolences at this time. I enjoyed ministering with Fr Denis at a couple of services over my short time here. He always was charming and a delight to be with. I pray all who grieve will have a sense of Christ's presence with them to help them through this time. Please be assured of our ongoing prayers.

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Bereavement Group: Meeting on Friday 29th August at 7.30pm in the church hall. If anybody is interested in joining this ministry, please come along.

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Foodbank Collection: We recently held a Tesco Store collection in early July, which received a fantastic response from the community, with over 4 tonnes of food being donated in 3 days. However, we now find ourselves short of the following items and would really appreciate any help you could give in increasing our stock: fruit juice (UHT only, please) sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, squash, chocolate or treats of any sort. As always, thank you for your continuing support.

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17th August 2014

16 Aug	SATURDAY	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Parish
17 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Norman John Rigler
			10.45 am	TG: Joan Bartley Baptism Leo Ben Stephen Ambrose
18 Aug	MONDAY		9.00 am	The Parish: Mary & Jack Henesy
19 Aug	TUESDAY	St John Eudes	9.00 am	Health: Yulia Cole
20 Aug	WEDNESDAY	St Bernard	9.00 am	Fr Peter Robertson
21 Aug	THURSDAY	St Pius X Reception of the Body and Vigil Mass	9.00 am	William Egan
			7.00 pm	Fr Denis Marmion
22 Aug	FRIDAY	The Queenship of Mary Our Lady's, Cavendish Street, Birkenhead	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
			11.30 am	Requiem
23 Aug	SATURDAY	St Rose of Lima Baptism	9.00 am	Special Intention
			12 noon	Faye Atherton
23 Aug	Next Weekend SATURDAY	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Moira Johnston
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RIP: Fr Denis Marmion, Moira Johnston, Fr Peter Robertson				

From Fr Ravi...

We are saddened that Fr Denis Marmion, whom we all loved, is no longer with us. We all know Fr Denis has worked in many parishes of the diocese and he chose to retire in Neston. We also know that Fr Denis loved this place, our parish and our people so much, that he would also act as 'parish priest' at times and many of us, including myself, have experienced this!

As you know by now, Fr Denis passed away after a short illness on Wednesday 13th August. He was full of life right up until the end, and that is what he would want each one of us to have - to experience "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). We will all miss him at St Winefride's: for me it is a personal loss and also for Fr Chris Lightbound who has known Fr Denis for 70 yrs. I know that the Prayer Group and Bible Study Group would remember him with love and gratitude.

The green vestment that you see next to Fr Denis' picture was made by his mother. We offer our prayers and condolences to his brothers: Fr John, who is almost 90 and still going strong, and Vincent together with all their family and friends. Please note that there is a **Book of Condolence** next to the Book of Remembrance. Please add your message by Friday.

Well Fr Denis, you have been a great priest, a good friend and a wonderful human being: God bless and rest in God's loving embrace.

RIP: FR DENIS CHARLES MARMION (1930 – 2014)



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Denis Marmion who died peacefully in Arrowe Park Hospital on the evening of Wednesday 13th August 2014.

Father Denis was born on 20th November 1930 in Birkenhead. He was educated at St Gerard's in Bray, Co. Wicklow, and at Ushaw Junior Seminary (1942-49) along with his brothers John and Vincent before he continued his studies for the priesthood at the Venerable English College, Rome (1949-56). He was ordained in the church of the Twelve Apostles (Santi Dodici Apostoli) in Rome on 27th November 1955.

His first appointment was as assistant priest in St Joseph's, Stockport (1956-58), followed by St Mary's, Dukinfield (1958-60), St Alban's, Macclesfield (1960-63), and St Peter's, Hazel Grove (1963-70). In 1970 he was appointed parish priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Donnington (1970-78) followed by St Mary's, Middlewich (1978-87), Our Lady's, Birkenhead (1987-96), and St Winefride's, Sandbach (1996-2001). He retired in 2001.

Fr Denis was appointed Judge on the Diocesan Tribunal in 1979, a post he continued to actively fulfil right to the end. Fr Denis led a very active retirement being fully involved in parish life and recently wrote a pamphlet on the war poet, Wilfred Owen. As well as planning a parish pilgrimage to Rome next year, he was also starting to write a book on Julian of Norwich. He will be greatly missed.

*"All shall be well, and all shall be well
and all manner of thing shall be well"*

Funeral Arrangements: Reception of the Body and Vigil Mass at St Winefride's Neston on Thursday 21st August 2014 at 7:00pm followed by refreshments.
Requiem at Our Lady's, Cavendish Street, Birkenhead CH41 8AQ on Friday 22nd August 2014 at 11:30 am, followed by interment at Landican.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

Fr Denis Marmion: Bishop Mark Davies will preside at the vigil mass in our Church on Thursday and I am sure that many of us will also be able to participate in the requiem the following day. As always I look forward to the cooperation of our altar servers, choir members, ushers, and everyone in celebrating Fr Denis' memory and by praying for him.

FR PETER ROBERTSON (1934 – 2014) RIP: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Fr Peter Robertson who died on Sunday 10th August 2014.

Funeral Arrangements: Tuesday 19th August, 7pm, Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, Vigil Mass. Wednesday 20th August, 12 noon, St Michael & All Angels, Birkenhead, Funeral Mass (followed by interment: Overpool Cemetery, Ellesmere Port).

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10th August 2014

9 Aug	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Int: D Strawson
10 Aug	SUNDAY	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	Leo Cottret
			10.45 am	The Parish
11 Aug	MONDAY	St Clare	9.00 am	Mary Parkinson
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CAFOD's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We have all watched the conflict in Gaza escalate in recent weeks, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without food, water, shelter or medical care. Thousands have been killed and injured.

We are working with our longstanding partners on the ground in Gaza, Caritas Jerusalem, Catholic Relief Services and Islamic Relief Palestine, who are working round the clock to get food, water, medicine, hygiene kits and emergency supplies to thousands of people, often at great personal risk.

The really pressing need is for aid to get through to the most vulnerable families. Our partners' humanitarian aid workers can't reach some of the worst hit areas without both Israeli and Palestinian authorities agreeing to allow humanitarian access to those in need of aid. But aid alone is not a sustainable solution to this crisis. We can't continue to watch this cycle of violence, both in Gaza and in Israel. So as well as immediate relief, CAFOD is committed to working for long term peace and justice for the region. This is why we are primarily asking you and your parish to call on our UK government to show stronger support for a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire, humanitarian access, and a long term solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

What You and Your Parish Can Do

Please encourage members of your community to ask the Foreign Secretary, Philip Hammond, to push for a comprehensive ceasefire and humanitarian access, and long-term measures to end the suffering and deal with the root causes of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Please help stop the violence in Gaza and get aid to families in great need. You can donate to CAFOD's humanitarian aid on the ground. Please visit <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza>

Bishop Mark Davies' homily at a Requiem Mass for the Fallen of the First World War, Sunday 3rd August 2014

"The names inscribed on the memorials of the Great War should remind people that the cost of conflicts is always measured in human lives".

The Rt Rev. Mark Davies reminded the congregation in Shrewsbury Cathedral that every casualty in war was "always a human person, a brother or sister, of ours".

"Each time we pass through the entrance of the Shrewsbury Cathedral we pass the list of names, the memorial to the men of this parish who perished in the vast conflict which would touch almost every family," Bishop Davies reminded the faithful of how Pope St Pius X strenuously opposed the Great War as "disastrous" at a time when millions across Europe cheered and celebrated when it was declared.

"Pope Pius was asked by the warring parties for his blessing. His response was emphatic: 'I will not bless war, I will bless peace.'"

The 20th century then became, in the words of St John Paul II, "the century of tears", and one which witnessed "violence and destruction on a scale never seen before".

"It was surely in the minds of those who set up memorials in Shrewsbury and far beyond that a message be left for future generations by the words: 'lest we forget.' It is a message applied to the souls swept up in these conflicts who appeal for our prayer and it carries a moral message for the future.

The listing of names on the memorials of war challenges us still to recognise the person beyond the rank or number. In the Gospel Our Lord never saw anonymous crowds but each and every human soul. He 'took pity on them' St Matthew tells us.

In the tragic drama of the past hundred years it was the eternal value and dignity of every human person which was so often lost sight of. Today as we hear within the 24-hour news cycle of a Syrian refugee, a Palestinian child, a missing Israeli soldier we are invited in faith to recognise not a statistic but always a human person, a brother, a sister of ours."

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is also marking the centenary with a Year of Peace and Reconciliation, recognising anew "how peace begins or is lost within the human heart".

The Year of Peace, the Bishop explained was by the call of Pope Francis to a day of prayer and fasting last September as the world stood on the brink of the escalation of the conflict in Syria into a major regional war.

"Pope Francis invited us to open our hearts to a higher wisdom, a greater mercy and appealed to world leaders and all peoples to look deep into their consciences, and today as we offer this Requiem Mass for all the fallen of the Great War, for those listed on the memorial of our Cathedral and on memorials which stand across the earth we pray that we may not lack the wisdom, the light to recognise what makes for true and lasting peace."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dolley and P Higgins

CWL: "Ladies of the Parish" are invited to a drop-in-lunch in Veronica and Bernie's garden, 2 Westview, Church Lane on Fri 22nd Aug, 12.00 - 3.00pm. Bring a dish; enjoy the company with a raffle, and Bring and Buy. 336 7150

Justice and Peace: In order to help with communication, Canon Phil Moor, chair of the diocesan Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Commission, has requested a named contact/rep in every parish. If you are interested in being the representative for St Winefride's please let Fr Ravi know. The contact is Mary Passey (625 9855) mary.passey@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Floreat Salopia: Mgr Chris Lightbound will introduce his book at all weekend masses on 16th - 17th August. This very interesting book gives us a gentle insight into the history of our diocese and its Catholic heritage. Priced at £5, the proceeds will go to support those preparing for priesthood. Please support this cause: besides a good holiday read, it could also be given as a gift for a special occasion!

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Ordinary Time Week XVIII

3rd August 2014

2 Aug	SATURDAY	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	The Casson Family
3 Aug	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Michael Halley
4 Aug	MONDAY	St John Vianney	9.00 am	Fr Richard Ebo
5 Aug	TUESDAY	Dedication of St Mary Major	9.00 am	Sp Int: Elizabeth Roebuck
6 Aug	WEDNESDAY	The Transfiguration of the Lord Funeral Service	9.00 am 12noon	Pauline Barraclough Joseph Lawrence Downey
7 Aug	THURSDAY	St Sixtus II & Comp, St Cajetan	9.00 am	Int: Mary & Jack Henesy
8 Aug	FRIDAY	St Dominic	9.00 am	Health: M Gordon
9 Aug	SATURDAY	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Wedding	9.00 am 12.30 pm	John Debenham Rachael L Kershaw & John E Oakley
9 Aug	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Int: D Strawson
10 Aug	SUNDAY	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am	Leo Cottret
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RIP: Joseph Lawrence Downey				

From Fr Ravi: The First 500 days of Francis' Pontificate - a Ten Point Plan for Happiness

As we thank God for the gift of Pope Francis and his leadership ministry in the Church, I would like to present to you his 'tips' for happiness, based on a recent interview he gave to 'Viva' - an Argentinean magazine!

1. Live and let live: As it is said in Rome "move forward and let others do the same."

2. Be giving of yourself to others: Because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."

3. 'Proceed calmly' in life: To maintain a healthy balance.

4. A healthy sense of leisure: "Consumerism has brought us anxiety" and the need to set aside time to play with our children and turn off the TV when we sit down to eat.

5. Sundays should be holidays: Sunday is for family.

6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people: We need to be creative in our relationships with young people.

7. Respect and take care of nature: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"

8. Stop being negative: "Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem...letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."

9. Respect others' beliefs: "We can inspire others through witness...the church grows by attraction..."

10. Work for peace: "The call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive."

Last Word: Congratulations on winning the third Test - the series is not over yet!!

May God bless us all.

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Car Parking: You will have noticed that our car park has been marked clearly to make our parking easier, and with due attention to our own safety and sensitivity to the needs of others. Thanks for your cooperation in parking safely.

Early Morning Masses in Birkenhead: Carmel, Grosvenor Place at 7.45am; Our Lady's, Cavendish Street, Thursday mornings at 7:00am from 24th July - 28th August.

Music: The diocesan music afternoon on Sunday June 20th was attended by Louise Wilkinson and Helen Jones from our parish along with others from the diocese at St Mary's, Middlewich. The leader for the session, the American composer Paul Hillebrand, is an experienced Music Director from St Patrick's in Scottsdale, Arizona. With 102 ministries and over 4,000 families making up his parish he oversees the music at four masses each Sunday. We focused on how to introduce new music, encourage participation, and Paul also emphasised the unique role of music within the liturgy - indeed he quoted from the 1972 statement of the US Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, reminding us that "music is of pre-eminent importance" in liturgical celebrations, and that "it forms a necessary or integral part" of the liturgy. We thoroughly enjoyed learning new songs, psalms and mass settings and hope some of you will consider joining us in expanding our parish music group and developing our repertoire.

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CAFOD Shrewsbury Novena for Peace: Next Mass will be at St Mary's Church, Congleton, 7.30pm Wednesday 6th August. Sue/Liz 01244 677594 shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk

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Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Grandparents: Canon Michael Gannon VG will be celebrating the 3rd Diocesan Mass in celebration of Grandparents on Saturday 18th October at Our Lady and the Apostles' Church, Stockport. Mass is at 2pm and it would be wonderful to see as many grandparents and families as possible gathering to celebrate either their own vocation as grandparents, or praying for their grandparents. All are welcome and there will be tea, coffee and cake after Mass.

Requiem Mass for the Fallen of the First World War: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, will celebrate a Requiem Mass on Monday 4th August - the 100-year anniversary of the start of the war - in Westminster Cathedral at 5.30pm.

"It is especially poignant to remember the centenary of the Great War, which was meant to end all wars, at a time when so many people are still suffering from violence and the ravages of war, particularly in the Middle East and Africa," said Cardinal Vincent. "As we begin these centenary commemorations, we earnestly ask for the gift of peace, most especially in Gaza."

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Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant, that I may not so much seek as to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.



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Ordinary Time Week XVII

27th July 2014

26 th July	Saturday	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for Life	6.30pm	Tony Casson
			Baptism	Sasha Rebekah Wallace
27 th July	Sunday		8.45am 10.45am	Margaret Harris The Parish
28 th July	Monday		9.00am	Cath Owen
29 th July	Tuesday	St Martha	9.00am	40 th Wedding: Judith & Michael Povey
30 th July	Wednesday	St Peter Chrysologus	9.00am	Health: J Henesy
31 st July	Thursday	St Ignatius of Loyola	9.00am	Peter Anderson
1 st August	Friday	St Alphonsus Liguori	9.00am	Int: Anne Potts
2 nd August	Saturday	St Peter Julian Eymard	9.00am	Kevin & Terry Hughes
2 nd August	Next Weekend Saturday	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	The Casson Family
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Message from Pope Francis: Day for Life

"As the Church in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales celebrates the 2014 *Day for Life*, the Holy Father expresses his confidence that this annual witness to the sanctity of God's gift of life will inspire the faithful, and young Catholics in particular, to combat the culture of death, not only by working to ensure adequate legal protection for the fundamental human right to life, but also by seeking to bring the merciful love of Christ as a life-giving balm to those troubling "new forms of poverty and vulnerability" (cf. Evangelii Gaudium 210) which are increasingly evident in contemporary society".

"To all involved in the *Day for Life* celebrations, His Holiness imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of wisdom, joy and peace in the Risen Lord."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin

Secretary of State

Background: *Day for Life* is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Scotland, England and Wales and Ireland. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Protect and Cherish Life: Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Pope Francis knows and loves young people. At World Youth Day in Rio last year, to over three million young people, the Pope said, "young hearts want to build a better world." He invited them to be "protagonists of transformation" and urged them not to be mere "observers of life, but to get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."

We all know heroic young people who are getting involved in the messiness of life – helping the young; the weak, the elderly, the vulnerable - and putting the needs of others above their own. In this year's Message for Day for Life the Bishops of Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales would like to follow in the footsteps of Pope Francis and invite everyone to get involved in caring for, nurturing and protecting life at every stage and in every condition. To young people especially we want to say "#Livelife!" from its beginning to its natural end.

In a 'throwaway' culture, it is easy for life to be undervalued. Last year, Donal Walsh, an extraordinary 16-year-old from Kerry in Ireland, suffering from terminal cancer, taught us how to value every second of life and to show gratitude for all that we can so easily take for granted. Donal had "wanted to live, to play for Munster, to travel the whole world to raise children and die when I'm 100" and instead of reacting with anger and despair at the news of his cancer, he embraced life to promote his anti-suicide #Livelife message. He wrote and spoke widely in the media about young people and suicide – urging teenagers to "appreciate what you have, know that there are always other options and help is always there". His #Livelife message has touched many hearts and changed lives.

Every one of us, young and old alike can play our part in the promotion of life. Our every thought, word or action can promote or extinguish life – we all have a valuable contribution to make.

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live." The pope speaks of "protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." He emphasises the importance of the family, "husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents." And of caring for society by "building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Let's all be builders of a better world and protect life.

Prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb, graciously look upon our earth and remove from it all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes to the preciousness of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. Through the example of your tenderness teach us the ways of compassion and love that we may build up the civilisation of love among us and a society that is truly worthy of the human person. Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death, and to work with others of goodwill in promoting the culture of life. Bring us ever closer to your Son, so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us and come to know that life more perfectly, with you, and all the angels and saints, in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: Brian & Veronica Casey

Catechists: A meeting after 8.45am mass this Sunday (27th July) for all those involved in different faith-formation activities (Baptism, RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Bereavement) in our community. Diocesan training days are on 27/9, 15/11 and 6/12 in addition to the annual day for RCIA catechists on 11/10.

Happy Birthday Mgr Chris (31st July): On this special day, we hope to officially release his book, 'Floreat Salopia' after 9am Mass. Fr Chris hopes to make a substantial contribution to the Seminarians Fund from book sales which will be priced at £5.

Holidays: As we enjoy the bright sunshine, we wish our children and everyone a wonderful time with family and friends.

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Foodbank: Latest newsletter available online under Parish Life, Foodbank.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2014: As we join in prayer with pilgrims in Lourdes, we can watch some of the events on the Lourdes TV via the internet <http://fr.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/> Some of the events include the International Mass this Sunday from 8.30am BST and our sick pilgrims will be taken to the grotto on Monday July 28th from 1pm BST.

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Ordinary Time Week XVI

20th July 2014

19 July	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Dominic Gerald Muldoon
20 July	SUNDAY	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time St John Plessington Sunday	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	B'day: Sr Damian of the Passion
21 July	MONDAY	St Lawrence of Brindisi	9.00 am	Anne McManus
22 July	TUESDAY	St Mary Magdelene School	9.00 am 9.10 am	Health: Matthew Allen Leavers Mass
23 July	WEDNESDAY	St Bridget- special Prayer for Europe	9.00 am	Health: Fr Denis Marmion
24 July	THURSDAY	St Sharbel Makhluf	9.00 am	Tim Delaney
25 July	FRIDAY	St James, Apostle	9.00 am	TG: J Mulligan
26 July	SATURDAY	Ss Joachim & Anne Silver Wedding	9.00 am 3.00 pm	Int: Anne Potts Maureen & Kevin Garrod
26 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for Life	6.30 pm Baptism	Tony Cason Sasha Rebekah Wallace
27 July			8.45 am	Margaret Harris
			10.45 am	The Parish

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Catechists: Meeting planned for the Catechists involved in different faith-formation activities (Baptism, RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Bereavement) on Sunday July 27th, immediately after 8.45am mass.

Catechists Training: At St Columba's Chester. Saturday 27th September, Saturday 15th November and Saturday 6th December. Also: Saturday 11th October - Annual Day for RCIA catechists

Thank You: We thank the members of YSVP for their involvement in last Sunday's Mass. **Little Church** resumes on 14th September and **Piety Stall** will reopen on 7th September.

SVP Car Raffle: Alas Fr Ravi won't be driving a new VW around Neston as the winning ticket went to a holder in Telford. Thank you all for your support.

SPUC: Sunday morning teas & coffees, after 10.45 Mass, will be provided by SPUC Pro-Life from this Sunday and throughout the summer holidays.

Permanent Diaconate: We pray for the six men (Birmingham Diocese) who are Ordained Deacons today.

Congratulations to the children and Teachers in Year 6 at St Winefride's Catholic Primary School on their fantastic achievement: 100% level 4+ in Reading and Writing, 63% level 5 in Reading, 44% level 5 in Writing, 13% level 6+ in Writing, 94% level 4+ in Maths, 63% level 5 in Maths, 13% level 6+ in Maths, 100% level 4+ in Science, 69% level 5 in Science. **What does this mean?** Level 4 (4B) is the national average for children of this age. Level 5 indicates children working **above** national average. Level 6 indicates children working **well above** national average.

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The Scaffold speech of St John Plessington

19th July 1679

Dear Countrymen.

I am here to be executed, neither for Theft, Murder, nor anything against the Law of God, nor any fact or Doctrine inconsistent with Monarchy or Civil Government. I suppose several now present heard my trial the last Assizes, and can testify that nothing was laid to my charge but Priesthood, and I am sure that you will find that Priesthood is neither against the Law of God nor Monarchy, or Civil Government. If you will consider either the Old or New Testament (for it is the Basis of Religion). St Paul tells us in Hebrews 7:12 that the Priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change of the Law, and consequently the Priesthood being abolished, the Law and Religion is quite gone. But I know it will be said that a Priest ordained by authority derived from the See of Rome is by the Law of Nation to die as a Traitor, but if that be so what must become of all the Clergymen or England, for the first Protestant Bishops had their Ordination from those of the Church of Rome, or none at all, as appears by their own writers, so that Ordination comes derivatively to those now living.

As in the Primitive times, Christians were esteemed Traitors, and suffered as such by National Law, so are the Priests of the Roman Church here esteemed, and suffer suc. But as Christianity then was not against the law of God, Monarchy or Civil Policy, so now there is not any one Point of the Roman Catholic Faith (of which Faith I am) that is inconsistent therewith, as is evident by induction in each several point.

That the Pope hath power to depose or give licence to Murder Princes is no point of our Belief. And I protest in the sight of God and the Court of Heaven that I am absolutely innocent of the Plot so much discoursed of, and abhor such bloody and damnable designs. And although it be Nine Weeks since I was sentenced to die, there is not anything of that laid to my charge, so that I may take comfort in St. Peter's words,

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014

Some 900 pilgrims from all over the diocese and of ages from less than 1 year old to 95 years old, will be making their way to Lourdes on Wednesday and Thursday for the annual diocesan pilgrimage led by the Bishop. All are invited to join in praying for the intentions of the pilgrimage which are:

- That all who come as pilgrims to Lourdes may share in the 'joy of conversion,' each accepting the call of Pope Francis to 'a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ' (Evangelii Gaudium n.3)
- For peace in our world and reconciliation in our lives as we mark the centenary of the Great War with a 'Year of Reconciliation' in the Shrewsbury Diocese.
- For the strengthening of families in time of crisis and for couples preparing for the great vocation of marriage.

"Let none of you suffer as a Murderer, or as a Thief, or as an Evil doer, or as a Busy Body in other men's matters, yet if any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed or Sorry" (1 Peter 4: 15-16). I have deserved a worse death, for though I have been a faithful and true Subject to my King, I have been a grievous sinner against God; [others would have lived] in a greater perfection [than] I have done had they received so many favours and graces from him as I have.

But as there was never sinner who truly repented and heartily called to Jesus for mercy, to whom he did not show mercy, so I hope by the merits of His Passion, He will have mercy on me, who am heartily sorry that ever I offended him. Bear witness, good hearers, that I profess that I undoubtedly and firmly believe all the Articles of the Roman Catholic Faith, and for the truth of any of them (by the assistance of God) I am willing to die, and I had rather die than doubt of any Point of Faith, taught by our Holy Mother the Roman Catholic Church.

In what condition Margaret Plat one of the chiefest witnesses against me was before, and after she was with me, let her nearest relations declare. George Massey, another witness, swore falsely when he swore I gave him the Sacrament, and said Mass at the time and place he mentioned, and [I] verily think that he never spoke to me, or I to him, or saw each other but at the Assizes week. The third witness, Robert Wood, was suddenly killed, but of the Dead why should I speak? These were all the witnesses against me, unless those that only declared what they heard from others. I heartily and freely forgive all that have been or are any way instrumental to my Death, and heartily desire that those that are living may heartily repent. God bless the King and the Royal Family and grant his Majesty a prosperous Reign here and a crown of glory hereafter, God grant peace to the Subjects, and that they live and die in true Faith, Hope, and Charity. That which remains is that I recommend myself to the mercy of Jesus, by whose merits I hope for mercy. O Jesus, be to me a Jesus.

- For the elderly and most vulnerable in our society that their rights and dignity may be upheld.
- For vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life. We entrust especially the new initiative at Shrewsbury for the discernment of vocations to the Priesthood to the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Those at home can join in by coming to Mass each day or praying the Rosary and watching some of the events on the Lourdes TV via the internet: <http://fr.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/> On Friday July 25th 7.30am BST we shall celebrate Mass at the grotto which will be broadcast as well as the International Mass on Sunday July 27th from 8.30am BST. In addition the two processions are broadcast each day at 4pm and 8pm BST. On Monday July 28th at 1pm BST our sick pilgrims will be taken to venerate the rock of the Grotto, which will also be broadcast on Lourdes TV via the internet.



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Ordinary Time Week XV

13th July 2014

12 July	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	The Parish
13 July	SUNDAY	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea	8.45 am 10.45 am	Int: Fr Denis Marmion Jim McCabe
14 July	MONDAY	St Camillus de Lellis	9.00 am	Sp Int: Joan Bartley
15 July	TUESDAY	St Bonaventure	9.00 am	Int: Jenny Huntingford
16 July	WEDNESDAY	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.00 am	Health: Gerard Robinson
17 July	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Health: J. Henesy
18 July	FRIDAY	Funeral Service (Landican)	9.00 am 12.30 pm	Michael Storey Allan Davidson
19 July	SATURDAY	St John Plessington	9.00 am	Health: Louise Quigg
19 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Dominic Gerald Muldoon
20 July	SUNDAY	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish B'day: Sr Damian of the Passion

Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

Please pray for the sick, especially:

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RIP: Allan Davidson

From Fr Ravi: British Women show the way...

Recently Pope Francis has formally declared that **Mother Mary Veronica of the Passion**, a Carmelite nun, had lived a life of "heroic virtue". Born Sophie Leeves, Mother Mary Veronica founded the Sisters of the Apostolic Carmel, a religious congregation of Carmelite nuns based in India. She was born in 1823 in Constantinople to the Rev. Leeves, an Anglican chaplain to the British Embassy, and Marina Haultain, the daughter of a Colonel in British Army. When she was a teenager she felt drawn to the Catholic Church and converted at the age of 27 during a visit to Malta in 1850. She became a nun the following year and in 1863 accepted a teaching post in Kozhikode in India and she went on to found her own teaching order five years later and today it has branches in India, Sri Lanka, Kuwait, Pakistan, Kenya, Rome and Bahrain.

Frances Taylor was a nurse who tended dying soldiers alongside Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War. Frances, the youngest of 10 children of an Anglican vicar from Lincolnshire, was 22 when she volunteered to join Florence in Scutari, Turkey, in 1854. She was deeply impressed by the faith of the dying Irish soldiers she was caring for and she became a Catholic while serving in the field. She established a religious order – the Poor Servants of the Mother of God – which under her direction opened refuges for sex workers and homeless women and children in London before spreading throughout Europe. As Mother Magdalen Taylor, Frances also founded the Providence Free Hospital in St Helens, Lancashire, and she took over the running of St Joseph's Asylum in Dublin. She died in her convent in Soho Square in 1900 after falling ill en route to Rome and she is buried at Roehampton, south west London, after establishing 20 institutions in her own lifetime. Today her order continues to work particularly with the poor, the elderly and the disabled.

Other British women who are being considered for sainthood include **Elizabeth Prout**, a 19th century Passionist nun who worked in the slums of Manchester; **Mary Potter**, a Londoner who founded an order of nursing nuns in Nottingham in the same period, and **Margaret Sinclair**, a 20th century Scottish nun who died of tuberculosis after tending to the poor of Edinburgh. The Vatican is also studying the sainthood causes of London-born **Mother Riccarda Beauchamp Hambrough**, a Bridgettine nun who helped to hide about 60 Jews from the Nazis in her Rome convent during the Second World War, and **Mother Katherine Flanagan**, also a London-born Bridgettine.

May these women along with other well known British women saints - Anne Line, Margaret Ward and Margaret Clitherow - continue to inspire all of us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: A-M McLean and W Morgan.

Sea Sunday: Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

New Sacristans: Would you like to be a part of our team of sacristans? Duties include preparing the altar for Mass and locking the church at the end of the day. Training provided. There will be a meeting with Fr Ravi after morning Mass on Friday 18th July. Do come along to find out more, there is no obligation to join us, this will be more to explain the role and what is involved so that you can make an informed decision.

Liturgical Music Workshop: Two sessions led by Paul Hillebrand introducing new music by himself and others. Wednesday 16th July 8:00pm (7:30pm mass) at St Mary's Middlewich CW10 9EB or Sunday 20th July 2:00 – 5:00 pm at St Joseph's Winsford, CW7 2JS concluding with mass. £3.00 per person. For info/booking: stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com or ring 01606 832359.

National Network of Pastoral Musicians: Weekend Conference on Music and Worship on July 18th – 20th at Chester University. Keynote speaker Bernadette Farrell "Justice: The unfinished work of liturgical reform" on 19th July (Open Day). More information from posters in porch or Jennifer Burrige 0792 775598 jburridge@mac.com

Little Church: Now on holidays until we resume again on 14th September: happy holidays to you all!

YSVP: YSVP members will present the readings and tokens of their work during the Offertory. *Our year's work* – fundraising events have allowed donations to the following charities: Samaritans Purse (£309 and 100 shoebox gifts); Clatterbridge Cancer Centre (£50); Children in Need (£72); SVP Sudan Appeal (£52); Christian Aid (£100); Christmas Gifts for Catholic Children Society Appeal; Charles Thompson Mission (£50); Sylvia Wright Trust (£100); CAFOD (£200); MIND (£150). In addition we have delivered Christmas Service leaflets on behalf of the NDCT, helped on stalls at CWL fair and School fair, bag packed for Clatterbridge Cancer Centre (£280), provided refreshments after Mass and Little Church activities, seen a production of 'Our House' at CHS and gone to the Rock'n'Roll panto at Theatre Clwyd. All in all a fabulous year of teamwork. Many, many thanks for all your support.

CWL: Meeting this Thursday 17 July at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. We are having a speaker from St. John's Hospice. All welcome.

Piety Stall: The Piety Stall will reopen on Sunday 7th September. If you require anything during the break contact Margaret on 336 4046. Occasion and prayer cards will be available in the rear porch.

Assisted Dying Bill: Please write to a member of the House of Lords. The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. If you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. We have prepared an A4 sheet with information about the Assisted Dying Bill, together with a list of some members of the House of Lords that you can write to. Copies are in both porches for you to take home. A simple letter is all that is required to help to prevent this bill becoming law. It must be received before the deadline of the 18th July. www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill

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Early Morning Mass: In Birkenhead there is every opportunity for masses throughout the day. The earliest morning mass is at Carmel at 7.45am and this suits those who start work and who live in the area. However there is no provision for those who do shift work or who start earlier than office workers. There will be a 7am mass at Our Lady's, Cavendish Street on a Thursday mornings, starting on 24th July until the 28th August. (There might even be bacon butties).

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

Vatican Communications: British peer, Lord Patten, a Catholic, has been recently appointed to oversee Vatican Communications. Having had a distinguished career in politics and academia, he oversaw Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the UK in September 2010. He also served as Chairman of the BBC Trust, 2011-2014.



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Confirmation: Many thanks to all this year's confirmation candidates who have donated a bird bath to our Children's Peace Garden. It is much appreciated by all of us (and our feathered friends).

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SVP: The Bebington Dramatic Society are staging the Winslow Boy on the 19th November. Tickets priced at £8.00, all proceeds go towards the running costs of the District SVP holiday home, contact Peter on 336 1269.

Foodbank: The amount donated for May/June was 210kg. Urgently needed items currently are: UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Meats (tinned), Jams and Spreads, Instant Potato. Many thanks for your support.

Website: Photos from the Confirmation are now online in the Gallery section and also on the notice board at the back of the church. Thank you to Philip Pye for his photographic help!

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Summer Fair: We are pleased to say the St Winefride's Summer Fair was a huge success again this year and we raised an amazing £3,028.79. Thank you to everyone for your support whether you helped on the day, made a donation, bought a raffle ticket or joined in the fun, every bit helped to make it a special day at the school.

A special thank you to Louise Wilkinson for her support and delicious cake stall, Barbara Rivers and the YSVP for their hard work, Roy Howard for running the Book Stall and not forgetting Fr. Ravi for picking the lucky raffle prize winners.

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"Little Ness Monster": Copies of *The Smallest Giant in the World ... The Little Ness Monster* by Ken Harrow available online at www.amazon.co.uk with all proceeds going to the Teenage Cancer Trust. Copy also in the library.

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Pope Francis: is the most influential Twitter user – or 'tweep' - in the world, a new study has revealed. Although he is the second most followed world leader after Barack Obama, he massively outstrips the US President in the frequency with which his followers retweet his messages. This makes him the most influential 'tweep' on the planet according to Twiplomacy 2014, a study of how Twitter is being used by world leaders.

Ordinary Time Week XIV

6th July 2014

5 July	SATURDAY	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Barbara Dyas
6 July	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Eric Belcher
			10.45 am	The Parish
7 July	MONDAY	RIP - Service	9.00 am	Judy Willett
8 July	TUESDAY		1.00pm	David Edward Williamson
9 July	WEDNESDAY	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	9.00 am	Jessie Holtaway
10 July	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Health: Sadie Douglas
11 July	FRIDAY	St Benedict – Special Prayer for Europe	9.00 am	Wedding Ann: Barbara & Alan Sparks
12 July	SATURDAY		9.00 am	50th Wedding: Shirley & Paul Docherty
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RIP: David Williamson

From Fr Ravi: Clerical Bits...

Congratulations: We congratulate Fr Chris who will be celebrating the 59th anniversary of his priestly ordination on July 10th and Deacon Mike, whose 1st anniversary falls on July 6th. We wish them much joy and fulfilment in their continued service to our community and thank God for their presence and ministry in our parish.

Welcome: We are delighted to welcome Canon Stephen Coonan, the new Parish Priest of the parishes of Heswall and Pensby. He will be assisted by Fr Lucas Ngwa. Also, the former larger deanery of Birkenhead has now been organised into 2 deaneries, with Neston belonging to the Wallasey deanery with Fr David Long (St Alban's, Wallasey) as our new Dean.

Prayers: We continue to keep Fr Denis Marmion, who is currently staying in Nazareth House (Birkenhead), very much in our prayers. Fr Denis has recently written a booklet on war time poet Wilfred Owen. There is a copy available in our library. We miss him very much and hope he will gain strength and comfort from the prayers and good wishes of the parish.

Vocations: A new *House of Discernment* in the diocese will be open from September 2015 for all those thinking about the priesthood. For anyone wishing to explore whether they have a calling, please do not hesitate to consider this option: it is well worth it! We all can share in this initiative by continuing to pray for more vocations in England.

May God Bless us all.