



St Winefride's RC Church

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ORDINARY TIME XXV

24 September 2017

23 Sep	SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Parish Family
24 Sep	SUNDAY	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	Health: Robert Evans RIP Eugene Ryan
25 Sep	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
26 Sep	TUESDAY	<i>Ss Cosmas and Damian</i>	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
27 Sep	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i> Requiem Mass	11.00 am	Peter McNamara
28 Sep	THURSDAY	<i>St Wenceslaus; Ss Lawrence Ruiz, & Comps</i>	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
29 Sep	FRIDAY	<i>Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i>	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
30 Sep	SATURDAY	<i>St Jerome</i> Wedding	10.00 am 1:00 pm	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist Bethan Hughes & Luke Ollerhead
30 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Second Collection - SVP</i>	6.30 pm	Parish Family
1 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Health: Geoff Wylie RIP: Doris Burns

Weekdays: Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm

RIP: Peter McNamara

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Readers - Intercessions	A Flanagan	M Green	M Slater	F Byrne	T McGlynn	Joseph Family
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Mass Offerings: Whilst Fr Paul is away, any mass intentions will be offered at weekends and then resumed during the week when he returns. Thank you for your understanding.

Second Collection: The second collection next weekend is to support the many activities of the SVP. Thanks for being generous with your time and money and please keep the needy in your prayers to help us continue our mission.

Choir: Our weekly music rehearsals in church will continue on **Wednesday 27 September 7-8pm** and each subsequent Wednesday. We would love to welcome new members, either to sing or play an instrument. For more information, contact music@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or see us at 10.45am Sunday mass.

SPUC: We are having an evening with fabulous local singer Susan Hedges on Friday 13 October at 7.30pm in St Winefride's school hall. Tickets only £5 which includes a light supper, and it's bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets will be available after every Mass next weekend, and you can phone Margaret on 336 2050 to reserve yours. (for more info see notices on both church notice boards).

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 21st September at 7.30 pm. in the Church Hall. The speaker is for the "Shoe Box" appeal for children in Romania this Christmas. Items include exercise books, crayons/coloured pencils, pencil cases, small soft toys, gloves, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste.

Red Boxes: Could all those with red boxes kindly hand them into the Parish Office, the boxes need to be counted due to the old pound coins ceasing to be legal tender on 5th October. Please take a new red box to replace the old one. Many thanks from the Missio team.

EUCUMENICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's World Day of Prayer: We currently require a WWDP rep for St Winefride's. We thank Veronica who has represented St Winefride's for many years and we would like to recruit a new rep. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Veronica Cuthbert on 0151 6776278.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Vacancy - Administrator: for the Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management (IFM) Limited, a Catholic organisation purchasing gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for the majority of Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. Full time, salary: £16k-17k. Send CV to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Details: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Closing date - 29 September 2017. Details also in both porches.

Annual Diocesan Mass: Celebrating the vocation of grandparents will be held at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 14 October at 11am.

ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually'): Our annual retreat is taking place from Fri 20 Oct (pm) until after lunch Sun 22 Oct 2017. If you are aged between 20 – 35 you will be very welcome. Canon David Roberts will lead the retreat which will take place at St Winefride's, Holywell (N. Wales). Payment will be by anonymous donation (suggested cost £100). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright at siobhanbc@gmail.com / 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Macmillan Coffee Morning: on Friday 29 September in the Church Hall from 9.30 am.

Catholic University Chaplaincy: A reminder for all students starting at university this year to look out for their Catholic Chaplaincy. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. Everyone is welcome.

The Joseph Family

comprising of mum, dad and two daughters

As most of you will know, we have been supporting the Joseph Family in their attempts to move from being asylum seekers to have residency here in the UK.

They had to flee from punishment and death threats simply because that are Catholics.

This family comes from Northern India where the life of a Christian is under daily threats, on one occasion having one of their daughters kidnapped. The main protagonists have been an extremist group of the Sikh Community. This community will not accept Christianity in any form. You may ask, as I did, why did they not move to the large Catholic community in South India? The simple answer to this is Northern Indians do not accept anyone into their communities and vice a versa Southern Indians in the North.

Over the last 12 months they have made several attempts to apply for residency- yet every attempt has been turned down.

The family made a recent application. This, once again, has been turned down. They were ordered to move out of their house, and would be only given one more week's benefit of £88.00. Their only way forward was to apply for Judicial Review.

All of these applications for legal status cost money. Given that they only receive £80 per week for living expenses and are not allowed to work, the parish along with our SVP, have been helping to fund their recent applications. For them to place a Judicial Review is £650. This I have paid out of parish funds.

I am also aware that a number of parishioners have offered some practical help.

By making this application we have put a stop to their eviction and restored the small allowance of £80. This will give us some time to involve our local Councillors and Member of Parliament.

In the meantime, all I ask, on their behalf, is to pray for a positive Judicial Review. When you see the family be encouraging and assure them of your personal and prayerful support.

With my prayers,
Fr Paul



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ORDINARY TIME XXIV

17 September 2017

16 Sep	SATURDAY	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Collection: Home Mission</i>	6.30 pm	Special Intention
17 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am 12 noon	B'day: William (Bill) Hannaway B'day: Dorothy Barber Olivia Isabella Snagg
18 Sep	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
19 Sep	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
20 Sep	WEDNESDAY	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
21 Sep	THURSDAY	St Matthew	10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
22 Sep	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
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From Fr Paul: We welcome Canon Hoban to our 6.30pm Mass this weekend I am celebrating my niece's wedding in Altrincham. From this Monday, I'm going on holiday. While I am away one of our Indian priests, serving in the Diocese, will be celebrating Mass next weekend and Canon Hoban will celebrate the following two weekends. During my time away, a service of Mass or Word and Eucharist will be celebrated daily at 10am. I know Fr Chris is around but I'm not expecting him to commit to say daily Mass. He will do what he can.

A note from Fr Chris: I would like to thank you all for your prayerful support for Cardinal Cormac and myself at this time of sadness. Wednesday's funeral was a wonderful celebration of a man who dedicated his whole life to the service of the Gospel, as priest and bishop, may he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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HOME MISSION

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available or can be ordered from www.homemission.org.uk. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter through our website www.homemission.org.uk.

Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>.

WISH YOU WERE HERE

In that first moment, when you settle into your seat, waiting for Mass to begin, who is it that you think of? Who is it that you wish were sitting beside you?

After my mother died, it was difficult to come to Church without welling up in tears as I wished she were there. Then one day I asked God to show me that she was with Him, and experienced a sense of peace.

Now my heart aches for those I care about who have stopped coming to Church. Perhaps they have drifted away or something has turned them away. Whatever the situation, I miss them and wish they were here.

In today's readings we are taken straight to the heart of the matter as we are asked to forgive those who have hurt us and to show mercy if we hope to receive it. This sentiment is as powerful as it is challenging. Whether thinking of an individual or a group of people who have offended us in some way, if we are able to show loving mercy rather than judgement, we open the door for them to turn towards Jesus. How? It all begins with a smile, a welcome, and prayer that we be released from the pain within. Then in going beyond ourselves, we step into Christ and do what may have seemed impossible – we forgive and are forgiven.

Teresa Carvalho
Home Mission Development Officer
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10 September 2017

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10 Sep	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish Family + Cardinal Cormac
11 Sep	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and the Eucharist
12 Sep	TUESDAY		10.00 am	TG: M & G Davies
13 Sep	WEDNESDAY	St John Chrysostom	10.00 am	+ Cardinal Cormac and TG: Fr Chris
14 Sep	THURSDAY	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.00 am	+ Bishop Tickle
15 Sep	FRIDAY	Our Lady of Sorrows <i>In school Wedding</i>	9:10 am 1:00 pm	St Winefride's pupils and staff Charlotte Cooke & Stephen Dixon
16 Sep	SATURDAY	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	10.00 am	Service of Word and the Eucharist
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Mass Offerings: Our new white envelopes seem to have “taken off”! Many thanks to all those who have used them. Our designated Mass Offerings box is by the statue of St Anthony (near the back porch). You may wish to request that Mass be offered on a specific date for an intention such as a birthday or the anniversary of a loved one's death. You can indicate this on your envelope. We do our best to meet these requests but are sure you understand that if a Mass is already booked for that date or there is a funeral we may need to rearrange and will do so as close to the date requested as possible. The intentions for the coming week are published in the newsletter.

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SPUC: This is the final Sunday we will be doing our tea, coffee, cake and Bring and Buy. The raffle will also take place.

Next SPUC meeting is on Monday 11th September at 7.30pm in our Church Hall. All are welcome. Tickets now on Sale priced only £5 for the Susan Hedges evening in Friday 13th October in our School Hall.

CWL: Committee meeting on Thursday 14 September in the Church Hall at 7:30pm.

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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies: The National Certificate aimed at teachers teaching in Catholic Schools and for anyone interested in developing more understanding of our Catholic Faith starts with the Old Testament module on Saturday 16 September and 7 October. This year's programme is at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs. Sessions are on Saturdays at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port from 10:00 – 3:30pm (registration from 9:30am). If you would like to study for the certificate or just to attend the course (no essays!) please contact the CCRS Coordinator, Helen Jones: 0151 652 9855 or ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

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POPE FRANCIS' TELEGRAM TO CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS, ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster, I hasten to offer my heartfelt condolences to you and to the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese. Recalling with immense gratitude the late Cardinal's distinguished service to the Church in England and Wales, his unwavering devotion to the preaching of the Gospel and the care of the poor, and his far-sighted commitment to the advancement of ecumenical and interreligious understanding, I willingly join you in commending his noble soul to the infinite mercies of God our heavenly Father. To all who mourn his passing in the sure hope of the Resurrection I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of consolation and strength in the Lord.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Please keep Fr Chris in your prayers as he and Bishop Mark make their way to the Cardinal's funeral on Wednesday at 12 noon. Our 10am Mass on Wednesday will be offered both for the Cardinal and Fr Chris.





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			8.45 am	Paul Docherty		
3 Sep	SUNDAY		10.45 am	Ron & Maureen Jones' Wedding Anniversary		
4 Sep	MONDAY	St Cuthbert	10.00 am	Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor		
5 Sep	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Rachael (Healing)		
6 Sep	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass/Service of Word and Eucharist		
7 Sep	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Dot and Jack Roper		
8 Sep	FRIDAY	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am	Special Birthday Intention		
9 Sep	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Special Intention		
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Justice and Peace: The Autumn edition of The Mouthpeace is available online in the Parish Life Section under Justice and Peace.

Reflections: Tony Topping's 5th Booklet is available for anyone to take in both porches. They are also online under Resources.

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Little Church/Teas: A copy of the new rota for Little Church and Teas is now available online and in the Sacristy.

MASS OFFERINGS

From this weekend we will introducing new Mass offering envelopes which we hope will be easier to use and also have a designated **Mass Offerings box placed by the statue of St Anthony**. We do hope this may make it easier to request intentions for family and friends. Some information about Mass Offerings is below which maybe useful.

When people come to the Church to “have a Mass said”, they are using an ancient practice whereby they have Mass offered for someone who has died or, in general, for the souls in Purgatory.

The Mass is the most perfect prayer we can offer to God. That is why so many of us continue the beautiful practice of “having a Mass said” for someone we love.

Having a Mass offered for **joyous** occasions, like a wedding, an anniversary, a birthday, or nameday, is very much encouraged.

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Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the soul of your departed servant Cardinal Cormac,
to whom you committed the care of your family,
may, with the manifold fruit of his labours,
enter into the eternal gladness of his Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.

May his soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



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ORDINARY TIME XXI

27 August 2017

26 Aug 27 Aug	SATURDAY SUNDAY	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Stanley and Agnes Jones		
			8.45 am	Parish Family		
			10.45 am	Retired Clergy		
28 Aug	MONDAY	St Augustine	10.00 am	Special Intention		
29 Aug	TUESDAY	The Passion of St John the Baptist	10.00 am	Our Parish School		
30 Aug	WEDNESDAY	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	10.00 am	Mass or Service of Word and Eucharist		
31 Aug	THURSDAY	St Aidan, Bishop, and Saints of Lindisfarne	10.00 am	Priest's Intention		
1 Sep	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Special Intention		
2 Sep	SATURDAY	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Annette Lee		
2 Sep 3 Sep	Next Weekend SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Parish Family		
			8.45 am	Paul Docherty		
	SUNDAY		10.45 am	Ron & Maureen Jones Wedding Anniversary		
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Justice and Peace: The Autumn edition of The Mouthpeace is available online in the Parish Life Section under Justice and Peace.

Thank you: Margaret and Geoff wish to express their sincere thanks to all the parish for their wonderful support and prayers throughout their recent ill health.

Food Bank: Many thanks for all the recent generous donations to the food bank.

SPUC News: Our group continue to provide tea, coffee and cake after the 10:45 Mass, plus we have a bring and buy table and a raffle.

The tickets for our Susan Hedges evening on Friday 13 October are now available priced only £5.

The Autumn edition of Pro Life Today will be given out free after all Masses this weekend, please take one per family.

Reflections: Tony Topping's 5th Booklet is available for anyone to take in both porches. They are also online under Resources.

MASS OFFERINGS

From next weekend we will introducing new Mass offering envelopes which we hope will be easier to use and also have a designated **Mass Offerings box placed by the statue of St Anthony**. We do hope this may make it easier to request intentions for family and friends. Some information about Mass Offerings is below which maybe useful.

When people come to the Church to “have a Mass said”, they are using an ancient practice whereby they have Mass offered for someone who has died or, in general, for the souls in Purgatory.

The Mass is the most perfect prayer we can offer to God. That is why so many of us continue the beautiful practice of “having a Mass said” for someone we love.

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CONGRATULATIONS to all those who received examination results in the past weeks. May your hard work have paid off and as you make decisions for the next weeks, months and years ahead, we keep you in our prayers.

God our Father,
You have a plan for each one of us,
You hold out to us a future full of hope.
Give us the wisdom of your Spirit
So that we can see the shape
Of your plan in the gifts
You have given us,
And in the circumstances
Of our daily lives.
Give us the freedom of your Spirit,
To seek you with all our hearts,
And to choose Your Will above all else.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

W E W E L C O M E

*Lexi Jayne Boyd
Logan Dawson Boyd
Isabella Rose Peet
George Steven Battle*

*who have been recently baptised at
St Winefride's*

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

to

*Megan Dickinson &
Christian Dodd*

*who were married at St Winefride's
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ORDINARY TIME XVI

23 July 2017

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	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Special Intention	
			10.45 am	Thanksgiving	
24 July	MONDAY	Leaver's Mass – ALL WELCOME	9:10 am	Year 6 Leavers	
25 July	TUESDAY	St James	10.00 am	Fr Chris' Intentions	
26 July	WEDNESDAY	Ss Joachim and Anne	10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist	
27 July	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Margaret & Geoff Davies Intentions	
28 July	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Special Intention	
29 July	SATURDAY	St Martha	10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist	
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Pastoral and Finance Group: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9 August at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

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SPUC: Our group are taking over the teas/coffees for the summer and from next week we will also be having a raffle and a bring and buy, all contributions gratefully received. Date for your diary, Friday 13 October the return of the fabulous local singer Susan Hedges, tickets on sale from early September.

FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

<i>6 Sun</i>	<i>The Transfiguration (Feast)</i>
<i>9 Wed</i>	<i>St Teresa Benedicta (Feast)</i>
<i>10 Thu</i>	<i>St Lawrence (Feast)</i>
<i>15 Tue</i>	<i>The Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>
<i>24 Thu</i>	<i>St Bartholomew (Feast)</i>

Fr Paul writes:

The days race ahead and our school will close on Tuesday for the summer holidays. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank the staff of our school, but especially Dawn Ormes, our Headteacher. Dawn has given her heart and soul to the benefit of our school and is a woman who is very conscious of been called to the vocation of teacher. Everyone who comes into our school is touched by her warmth of welcome and the school itself exudes its Mission Statement of being 'a dwelling place of God.' May all the members of the school staff have a well-earned rest and may all our children enjoy the break and most of all keep safe. For our parents remember it will soon be September (!) but do take time to enjoy having the children around during the holidays.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER



Many thanks for your patience and understanding as I spoke about the Bishop's new financial initiative in preparing a pathway for the Diocese in the years to come. From next week I will begin to meet with members of the parish family who would like to take this initiative forward. If you feel you would like to help please give me your name and telephone number and I will contact you. I have decided to repeat the information in last week's newsletter to help in making your decision. I ask for your prayers for the next few weeks as I try to do this work on behalf of the Bishop and Diocese.

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Fr Paul

St Winefride's Primary School – 200 Club Announcement: Due to a change in committee members we have been unable to carry out the 200 Club draw since Christmas – a 'Mega Draw' took place at Achievement assembly with the following winners: £50 winners are: *K Lightfoot, P Gomm, M Ferguson (x2), A Van Opstal, P Valkenberg, I Green, R Cassidy, J Povey, D Gore, K Roberts, J Thompson* and £100 to *G Rhone*. Congratulations to our lucky winners - someone from the committee will contact you.

The 200 club is part of the Parents' Association at St Winefride's Primary School and is a key fundraiser. Any money raised that is not given out in prize money goes back to the school for various projects. We still have numbers available, so look out for new application forms in September.

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16 July 2017

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	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Special Intention		
			10.45 am	Thanksgiving		
17 July	MONDAY		10.00 am	Joan Burke		
18 July	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Service of Word and Eucharist		
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ST JOHN PLESSINGTON
FEAST DAY 19 JULY

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P R A Y F O R U S



Fr Paul writes:

The days of the week seem to be going faster and faster. Over the last week I've been able to do some more house visits. I always come away feeling uplifted by the many saints who find themselves confined to their homes. Please do remember them in your prayers. I know that they are praying for our parish community.



O U R M I S S I O N T O G E T H E R

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M I S S I O N P R A Y E R F O R O U R P A R I S H

Loving Father,
We the people of St Winefride's Parish offer ourselves to you:
to be your people in this place,
to be your Church in our community,
to be instruments of peace, forgiveness and love.
Help us grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all our blessings.
Instil in us a deep sense of generosity
so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our resources.
Help us face whatever the future holds and to make new beginnings in your name.
We ask this through your son Jesus Christ Our Lord,
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9 July 2017

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	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Special Intention		
			10.45 am	Anastasia Corbett		
10 July	MONDAY		10.00 am	Canon Bob Fallon		
11 July	TUESDAY	<i>St Benedict</i>	10.00 am	Patricia McLaughlin		
12 July	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Anastasia Corbett		
13 July	THURSDAY	<i>Funeral Mass</i>	12 noon	Agnes Graham		
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Fr Paul writes:

On Thursday at 12. noon we will celebrate the funeral Mass for **Agnes Graham**. Please keep Arthur and his family in your prayers.

There must be something in the air in Neston. Last week we celebrated 100 birthday of **ELLIE FINN**. Eileen as joined a select group of parishioners aged 100+. It was wonderful to see her surrounded by her family and many friends. She not only received a card from The Queen along with a card from the Department of Work and Pensions, but also a special blessing from Pope Francis. I'm sure a good day was had by all.

Over the last three months, at our 8.45am Mass, we have been giving parishioners the option of receiving Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine. In two weeks' time, I will be introducing Holy Communion under both forms at our 10.45am Sunday Mass. Next weekend I will offer some instructions as to how this will work. This will take a few months to settle in so let us approach this opportunity to fulfil the Lord's invitation to 'Take and eat for this is my body broken for you. Take and drink this cup for the of my Blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.'

Congratulations to **Victoria Gibbons and William Rogers** who were married here on Saturday afternoon.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr Paul

P R A Y E R S F O R S E A S U N D A Y

Creator and Father of all, we pray for those who go down to the sea in ships and on whom we depend. Bless them and those who long for their safe return and bring us all to your kingdom, where there is no sorrow, no tears, but joy and life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, of the universe, the fertile land, the swarming sea, bless those who leave their families and friends to sail the seas in dangerous and lonely conditions to make a living and to bring us the things we depend on. May they be given courage when they are in danger; friendship when they are lonely; strength when they are weary; and hope when they feel discouraged, so that they may return to loved ones with the knowledge of a good job done. Give them faith when they doubt, hope when they despair, and the joy of home-coming through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, you sent your Holy Spirit to guide and give courage to the saints of old as they crossed hostile seas carrying the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank you that you brought them safely to land, enabling them to preach the good news of your kingdom. Guide us today with the same Spirit, as we journey through the troubled waters of our lives - when battered, by the winds of doubt and change, strengthen our resolve and purpose, so that standing firm on the rock of our faith we may ever feel your presence with us on our pilgrimage to that distant shore which is our heavenly home. Amen.



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ORDINARY TIME XIII

2 July 2017

1 July	SATURDAY	13 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Special Intention		
2 July	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Parish Family		
			10.45 am	Kenneth McMahon		
3 July	MONDAY	St Thomas, Apostle	10.00 am	Joan Burke		
4 July	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Agnes Graham		
5 July	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Patrick McLaughlin		
6 July	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Bishop Mark's Intentions		
7 July	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Holy Mass/Service of Word & Eucharist		
8 July	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Holy Mass/Service of Word & Eucharist		
8 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY	14 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Parish Family		
9 July	SUNDAY	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS	8.45 am	Special Intention		
			10.45 am	Anastasia Corbett		
Weekdays: Adoration from 9.00am; Morning Prayer 9:40am; Rosary following 10.00am Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30am and 5.45-6.10pm						
PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY Prayer requests for July can be requested here and will be transferred to our prayer list by the Lady Altar. New requests will be printed in the newsletter (please email them to the newsletter editor or let Fr Paul know), before being transferred onto the Lady Chapel list at the end of each month.						
	1/2 July			8/9 July		
	6:30pm(Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readers – Readings	K Powell	Larty Family	I Trotman	P Flanagan	A M Miller	V Casey
Readers - Intercessions	A Flanagan	Clark Family	M Slater	O'Cleirigh Family	T McGlynn	J Tunstall
EMHC	J Gordon D Davies	S Etty T McGlynn	D Pover K Holden	M Green D Davies	K Garrod S Etty	T Topping M Slater
Counters	Brian and Fran			Colette and Justin		
Cleaners	L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts			L Wilkinson, C Kirshen		
REGULAR ACTIVITIES Mon: SVP 7pm in hall; Thur: Communion Visits; Sun: YSVP 10am in hall; Choir 6-7pm in church. 2 nd Tues of month: SPUC 7:30pm in hall; 3 rd Thur of month: CWL 7.30pm in hall Last Sunday's Offering: Thank you for your support!						

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Editors: We are looking for anyone with computer skills to help with our weekly newsletter. It involves compiling the new announcements on a rota basis and sending to the newsletter editor who finalises it before it is printed. If you can help please contact webmanager@stwinefridesneston.org or Karl Ankers or Helen Jones after Mass.

Food Bank: Can you help with donations of tinned and dried items? School holiday time makes for more need for the Food Bank.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Syria Exhibition: Organised by the Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) in Shrewsbury Cathedral from 14 - 16 July 2107. See posters for details.

Part Time PA Post for Caritas – required to work 28 hours per week for the Chief Executive in Caritas Head Office, Wirral. Please contact 0151 6521281 or email anne.smith@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk for an application pack.



Parish Census: As requested by Bishop Mark:
Many thanks to those who have completed the Parish Census. If you have not yet updated your details, please ask Fr Paul or Deacon Mike for a census card.

Fr Paul writes:

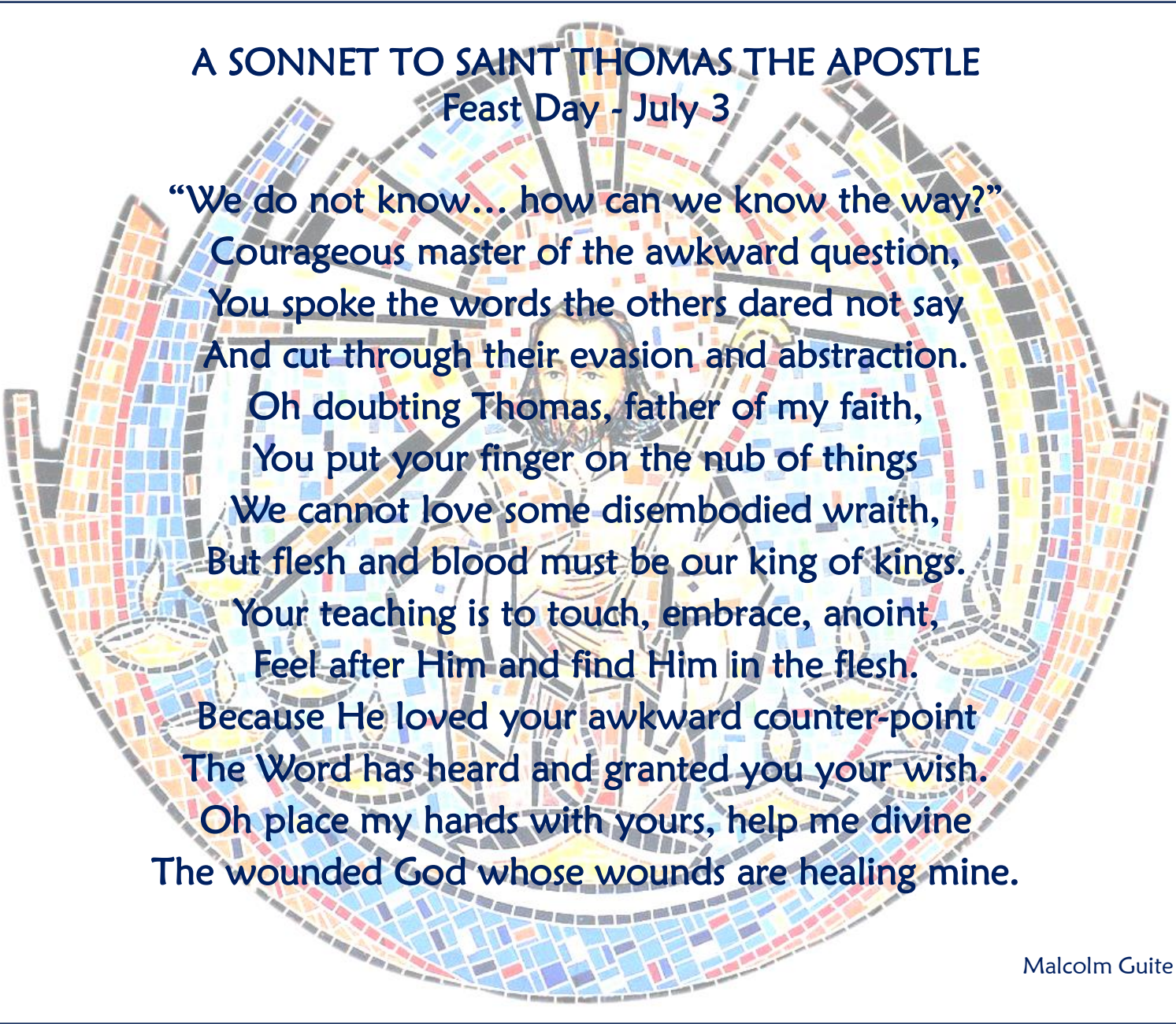
Our second reading at Mass this weekend lays open for us St Paul's vision of our nature and what it is to be 'Baptised into Christ.' Despite our common understanding that the 'Life of Baptism' takes place when we die to this life, this is only half the picture. When we were or are to be baptised, we, as St Paul tells us, "go into the tomb with Christ". So, from the day of our baptism, we are anointed by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. This 'new life' starts the day when we become a brother or sister of the Lord Jesus.

Through every moment of our life we are called by Jesus to be a witness to others of the Passion, Death and Resurrection. So, the life we live is an invitation to follow the Lord. Many times, the pilgrim road of our life can feel dry and barren. Our prayer life is disturbed. We even ask, "Where is the Lord?" I believe that these times in our lives can be great moments of growth. The one whom we are called to give witness to has experienced many moments like this. From being let down by his closest friends to the feeling of utter abandonment of the Cross and crying out to his Father, "My God why have you forsaken me?"

Yet in our moment of darkness, we too can find ourselves under the shadow of the Cross. It is the very Cross that is traced on our foreheads, at the start of the rite of baptism, that turns into an ever-abiding sign of hope. As this action is done by the parents and Godparents the ministers says, "I claim you for Christ". St Paul's letter to us today should help to lift our hearts and focus on the one who has paid the price for sin and death. Who has offered each of us all lasting reconciliation so that we can celebrate with the Lord and our fellow pilgrims the risen life we lead to day.

Please keep our school in your prayers as they will be having their RE inspection this week. Be assured of my prayers and remembrance at Holy Mass.

Fr Paul



A SONNET TO SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Feast Day - July 3

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"
Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite