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Ordinary Time XXXI

3rd November 2019

2 nd Nov	SATURDAY	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Emily & Dennis Nelson
3 rd Nov	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Anthony Hewitt
4 th Nov	MONDAY	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	10.00 am	Fred Barbour
5 th Nov	TUESDAY	Funeral Mass	12.00 noon	Dr Marioth Manche
6 th Nov	WEDNESDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist
7 th Nov	THURSDAY	Funeral Mass	12.30 pm	Margaret Davies
8 th Nov	FRIDAY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am	Wendy Malone
9 th Nov	SATURDAY	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist
9 th Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Kevin O'Brien
10 th Nov	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family All the fallen of WWI & WWII

Weekdays: Adoration morning prayer from 9.00am; then Mass at 10.00am

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

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Readers - Intercessions	M Green	AM Millar	J Braidwood	P Flanagan	Larty Family	M Unsworth
EMHC	C Haimes J Gordon	K Garrod R Pisarek	D Pover J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	M Branch M Green	K Hughes T McGlynn	D Pover K Holden J Tunstall T Topping
Counters	Kevin Garrod and Roy Howard			Andrea Williams and Wyn Penfold		
Cleaners	Carolyn Kay, Sue Allister & Ibbey Robinson			Michael and Rose Ann Wild		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon: SVP in Presbytery; see newsletter for more information.

2nd Thurs of month: SPUC 10.45 am in hall; **3rd Thur of month:** CWL 7.30pm in hall

Last Sunday's Offering: Envelopes £ Loose Plate £; Standing order £481

Thank you for your support!



NESTON SPUC Musical Evening: The Neston SPUC group are welcoming back the Wonderful West Wirral Music Society who sing songs from Gilbert and Sullivan and the Musicals. It takes place **NEXT FRIDAY 8th November at 7:30pm in St Winefride's School Hall.** There are still a few tickets left which are only £5 and include a light supper; please BRING your OWN DRINK and GLASSES. We will be having a raffle (prizes gratefully accepted) and Irish Bingo. For tickets contact Margaret on 336 2050. Lifts can be arranged for anyone who needs one.

Fr Paul writes... As the morning and nights are darkening and the cold winds appear we are most definitely in the season of Autumn. This is a time to keep an eye on our older parishioners to make sure they are warm and eating well. We must also look out for our younger parishioners, who are needing extra help with heating and food. I am most grateful for the work of the Food Bank and members of our Parish SVP.

During this week we have the Funeral Mass of Dr Marioth Manche on Tuesday 5th November. Marioth and his wife Jennifer used to sit by the banner of St Winefride. If you are able to offer some support by attending his Mass it would be a good thing to do.

On Wednesday Bishop Brian Noble will be laid to rest in the grave alongside Bishop Gray. Bishop Brian will arrive here around 2.00pm. You are most welcome to be here when he arrives and join our prayers with his family. There will be some refreshments available for us to have in the Presbytery. Along with tea and coffee there will be a little drink to warm the heart. Remember an odd cake or two would not go amiss.

On Thursday we will celebrate the funeral Mass of Margaret Davies. This will give us all the opportunity to accompany her with our prayers. Please keep Geoff and his family in your prayers.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. **Fr Paul**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Little Church: Whilst the church hall is being decorated Little Church will be in the Presbytery over the next few weeks.

EMHC/Readers' Rota: A new rota for November to February is now available online and on the noticeboard.

Cleaning Rota: A new rota is being prepared and will be issued via e-mail next week.

SPUC: Christmas Cards, which will be available as soon as the Hall re-opens.

Shoebboxes: A big **THANK YOU** to you all for your generous contributions to the Shoe Box Appeal! We have been able to fill 45 boxes as well as extras for other boxes. Great!! These will be sent to Romania via Teams 4 U in Wrexham the original Shoebox founders.

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Day of reflection and training for Ministers of Holy Communion. This will take place from 10.00am – 2.00pm, including mass on both Saturdays, the 9th and 16th November. Please indicate your availability for either Saturday on the form in the porch. Thank you.

CWL: Christmas Lunch 6th December. Could members please give their menu choices and money to any committee member asap. Thank you. Selling of tickets for the Christmas hampers will take place towards the end of November. Details to follow in due course.

CAFOD: We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for our donation last month. A copy of the letter is on the noticeboard.

DIOCESAN AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cathedral Concert: Each Sunday between 27th October and 15th December, 2pm – 2.45pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral, admission is free. Friday 20th December Cathedral Choir Concert, admission £6 at Shrewsbury Cathedral.

Celebrating Children's Liturgy: A Diocesan day for those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word on Saturday 23rd November at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Birkenhead. Coffee and registration from 10am finishing at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. £5.00 contribution.

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Ordinary Time XXXII

10th November 2019

9 th Nov	SATURDAY	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		6.30 pm	Kevin O'Brien		
10 th Nov	SUNDAY			8.45 am	Parish family		
				10.45 am	All the fallen of WWI & WWII		
11 th Nov	MONDAY	St Martin of Tours		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist		
12 th Nov	TUESDAY	St Josaphat		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist		
13 th Nov	WEDNESDAY			10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist		
14 th Nov	THURSDAY			10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist		
15 th Nov	FRIDAY	<i>Funeral service</i>		2.00 pm	Elizabeth (Bet) Rodrigues		
16 th Nov	SATURDAY			10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist		
16 th Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		6.30 pm	Kevin O'Brien		
17 th Nov	SUNDAY			8.45 am	Molly of Wirral		
				10.45 am	Eizabeth (Bet) Rodrigues		
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Readers - Intercessions		P Flanagan	Larty Family	M Unsworth	C Haines	M Corcoran	Joseph Family
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Clergy Education & Training Fund – Next weekend, **16th/17th November** the annual collection for the Clergy Education & Training will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of the Diocese so much depends. Special envelopes are available for you to use. If you could take an envelope with you as you leave and then bring it back with you next weekend. There are also leaflets in the porch about the fund which also has details on how to make a regular contribution.

Fr Paul writes... Last week in some ways was a very sad week for our parish community. Because we celebrated three funerals. On Tuesday was Dr Mariot Manche and on Wednesday the funeral took place of Bishop Brian. It was very kind that a number of parishioners were able to attend and welcome him as he came towards our graveyard. We very much appreciated Bishop Mark coming to the church to pray with myself and other members of our parish community. On Thursday church was as full as it could be for Margaret Davies. May they rest in peace of the Lord.

As you are aware the first training day for Eucharistic Ministers is this Saturday. I am very grateful to Deacon Jim and I am sure he will give you a very enjoyable few hours. This training day will begin at our 10.00am mass this weekend and again next weekend.

In the last couple of weeks two other members of our parish community have died Paul Duncan on the 20th October and Elizabeth (Bet) Rodrigues last Saturday. Their funerals will take place next week. On Wednesday at 2.30 pm at Landican for Paul and here at St Winefride's next Friday for Bet. May their families begin to feel soothing balm of the Holy Spirit.

In the parish hall, things seem to be coming together at long last, but it is going to take a week or two before it comes back in use. Thank you for your patience.

You are all assured of my prayers for the coming week. May god bless you all.

Fr Paul

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Holy Communion: If you know of someone who is sick or housebound and would appreciate receiving Communion at home please let the office or Deacon Jim know the details. Thank you.

CWL: The committee meeting will be at Cathy's house this Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm.

Christmas Hamper raffle tickets will be on sale weekend of Nov 30th/Dec 1st. Cost £1.00 per ticket and all proceeds donated to local charities. Thank you for your support.

SPUC: monthly meeting next Thursday 14th November in the Presbytery approx 10 45am after morning Mass and the Pro Life prayers.

Christmas Cards, which will be available as soon as the Hall re-opens.

DIOCESAN AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Café Jam: *spread some song across your heart*

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House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT)

The Wirral-based HCPT-134 group is organising a professional children and family photo shoot fundraiser on November 23rd in Thingwall. For £25 you get 16 beautiful digital copies and one printed A4 picture. Contact Amy for more information or to book a slot (07946093909). Proceeds go towards taking local children with disabilities on a pilgrimage to Lourdes over Easter

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Ordinary Time XXXIII

17th November 2019

16 th Nov	SATURDAY	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Kevin O'Brien	
17 th Nov	SUNDAY	<i>World Day of Prayer for the Poor</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	Molly of Wirral Elizabeth (Bet) Rodrigues	
18 th Nov	MONDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
19 th Nov	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
20 th Nov	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist	
21 st Nov	THURSDAY	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Funeral service	11.30 am	Barbara Ann Richards	
22 nd Nov	FRIDAY	<i>St Cecilia</i> Funeral Mass	2.15 pm	Michael Joseph Law	
23 rd Nov	SATURDAY		10.00 am	No Mass or Service	
23 rd Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	34th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Finneran family	
24 th Nov	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am 12 Noon	Parish family Anthony Hewitt Jasmin Rafferty	
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Last Sunday's Offering: Thank you for your support!					

Clergy Education & Training Fund – Today the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is being held. Special Envelopes were given out last weekend and will be collected in today after all masses. If you wish Gift Aid to be claimed on your donation, please write in your name and full address (inc postcode) on the front of the Special Envelope. If you don't have an envelope, you can still put money in the collection. Thank you for your support.

Fr Paul is away this weekend so please welcome Fr John and Fr Colin who are taking mass for us this weekend.

Can I ask you to remember in your prayers Michael Joseph Law who passed away last week. Mike was a regular at 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening or sometimes Sunday morning. Please remember him and his daughters Janine and Joanne in your prayers. His funeral will be next Friday 22nd November at 2.15pm. Later that evening there will also be a memorial celebration of his life for family and friends at Neston British Legion at 6.30pm. All very welcome.

Next week is also the funeral of Barbara Ann Richards who died last Thursday. Please remember her family in your prayers. Her funeral is on Thursday next week.

Deacon Jim, Carolyn and Emma are off on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next week. They are visiting the holy sites where Jesus once stood. Deacon Jim and his family will keep you in their prayers.

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CWL: Section meeting on **Thursday November 21st at 7.30pm.** We have been invited to use the lounge at "Renaissance" Hinderton Road for our monthly meeting. We hope to have a news catch up and discussion about our future plans, over tea/coffee and biscuits. Parking is limited, so perhaps Breezehill or the Civic would be more suitable. Any queries, please contact Angela on 336 4347.

Christmas Hamper raffle tickets will be on sale next weekend, 23rd/24th November and the week after. Cost £1.00 per ticket and all proceeds donated to local charities. Thank you for your support.

SPUC: Many thanks to all who supported our Concert last Friday. It was a great night and we raised **£479** for our Pro Life Work. The money will be used to send young people to the 2020 Youth and Student Conference.

SPUC will be selling their lovely SPUC Christmas Cards as soon as the Hall opens.

St Winefride's School: This week the school held its annual book fair. Over 3 days children and parents had the opportunity to browse through some of the latest children's books and buy a favourite. On Wednesday, to celebrate the book fair, the children all came into school dressed as their favourite book character whilst the teaching staff dressed up as Mr Men and Little Miss!!

On Monday **Year 1 and 2** visited The Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool where they looked at the portraits. The school were delighted when a member of the public, who was also visiting the gallery, remarked upon how very well behaved the children were. Well done to all the children. **Year 3 and 4** visited The World Museum in Liverpool on Thursday to help them in their studies of Ancient Civilisations, in particular the Egyptians.

For up to date news from St Winefrides Primary School please look at the school's Facebook page and feel free to "like it".

DIOCESAN AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to be held Saturday 7th December 2019 at 12 noon at St. Peter's Church, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4EA. It will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre. We will also be celebrating John Campbell's service to the pilgrimage as Chief Branc, if you have any pictures or memories of John please send to events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

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24th November 2019

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24 th Nov	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am 12 Noon	Parish family Anthony Hewitt Jasmin Ella Rafferty			
25 th Nov	MONDAY	St Catherine of Alexandria	10.00 am	Margaret Davies			
26 th Nov	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Jimmy Finneran (health)			
27 th Nov	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist			
28 th Nov	THURSDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist			
29 th Nov	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Daniel Healy			
30 th Nov	SATURDAY	St Andrew	10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist			
30 th Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Priests intention			
1 st Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Christy Finneran Jack Henesy			
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St Winefride's Primary School: The week began with a nature walk for Year 3. They enjoyed a ramble in the bright, if cold, weather on Monday. Years 5 and 6 were invited to Neston High School this week to watch a performance of Bugsy Malone. All the children appreciated the opportunity to see the wonderful show. For up to date news from St Winefride's Primary School please look at the school's Facebook page and feel free to "like it".

There have been two funerals at St Winefride's during last week which Fr Colin has kindly covered along with masses last Sunday. The first was for Barbara Richards who is a resident here in Neston and the second was for Michael Law who was a regular parishioner at our 6.30pm Saturday evening mass. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Dates for your diary:

On Friday 6th December St Winefride's Primary school are holding their Christmas Fair. 3.30pm – 5.30pm. More details to follow.

On Thursday 19th December morning mass will be take place at St Winefride's Primary school. Mass will start at 9.10am.

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Mass intentions: There have been quite a large amount of mass intentions over the last few weeks, so I do apologise if you have not got the specific date you wanted.

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CAFOD: The annual world gifts booklets is now available and there are some supplies in both porches if you would like to take a copy. There are more copies in the office.

Clergy Training fund – There was a fantastic response to this important collection last weekend. £760.70 was raised by the parishioners of St Winefrides and has now been passed to the diocese. Thank you once again for your generosity.

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1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

30 th Nov	SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Priests intention
1 st Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Christy Finneran Jack Henesy
2 nd Dec	MONDAY		10.00 am	Elizabeth Williams
3 rd Dec	TUESDAY	St Francis Xavier	10.00 am	Margaret Davies
4 th Dec	WEDNESDAY	St John of Damascus	9.15am	St Winefride's choir rehearsal No Mass
5 th Dec	THURSDAY		9.15am 10.00 am	St Winefride's choir rehearsal Mass or service of Word in the house
6 th Dec	FRIDAY	St Nicholas	12.30 pm	Catherine Garrod & Allen Yates
7 th Dec	SATURDAY		10.00 am	Mass or Service of Word or Eucharist
7 th Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Dominic Finneran (health)
8 th Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Bishop Brian Noble Margaret Davies India Catherine Walker

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

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Readers – Readings	M Green	Larty Family	M Unsworth	P Flanagan	M Corcoran	Joseph Family
Readers - Intercessions	S Davies	Clark Family	V Casey	D Davies	AM Millar	J Tunstall
EMHC	M Branch D Davies	R Pisarek K Garrod	T Topping J Tunstall A Cropper D Barber	C Haimes F Byrne	K Garrod R Pisarek	D Pover K Holden J Tunstall T Topping
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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2nd Thurs of month: SPUC 10:45 am in hall; **3rd Thur of month:** CWL 7:30pm in hall

Last Sunday's Offering: Envelopes £; Loose Plate £ Standing order £

Thank you for your support!

St Winefride's Primary School: The children and staff of St Winefride's Primary School are preparing for many different events over the advent period. Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 are rehearsing for their nativity play entitled "A Midwife Crisis", whilst Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are practising for their Carol Service. Next week the children will start each day with an advent assembly reminding them of the true meaning of Christmas.

We begin Advent today and as we light our first candle, we sing the first verse of "O come Enmanuel".

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

It was wonderful to see the article in the Neston magazine about our primary school. Congratulations to all of the staff, especially Dawn, our Headteacher.

They have created a prayerful environment for our children to grow and develop through the curriculum. Their work reflects the Christian understanding that each child has been created by God.

We are very blessed to have such a school. We must treasure it, look after it and be generous towards it. In this way we fully respond to the Lord Jesus who asks us to; "Proclaim the Good News to all the world."

It has always been my understanding that our primary schools are the main artery of a growing Catholic community.

As we enter into the season of Advent, the school once again reminds us of the birth of the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem. We are so proud of our young people in our school. Advent is the start of another year within the pulse of the Church.

During Advent there will be opportunities here in our faith community and in our homes to prepare us for the birth of the Lord.

You will notice that Deacon Jim is offering opportunities for us to come together and to grow in faith. Before our weekend masses the Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for adoration. This will give us a quiet time to open our hearts to the Lord who is to be born amongst us and will be with us always until he comes in glory.

On Sunday **15th of December at 2.30pm** we will be having an **Advent Service**. An opportunity to sing some of our favourite carols. At the end of the service, we will bless the crib outside the church. We will then gather in the hall for some warm mince pies and a drink...to encourage us on our journey. Please put this date in your diaries! Everyone is welcome.

Over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of December we will celebrate the Sacrament of anointing and forgiveness during our Masses. In this way we will have the opportunity to approach the festival of the Nativity with open hearts and minds to accept him as our Saviour and Redeemer. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. **Fr. Paul**

Commissioning of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will be next weekend 7th/8th Dec.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foodbank: Can you help with items for the Foodbank? The following items are needed urgently, tinned meat or fish, long grain rice, pasta sauce. **No alcohol is needed.** Thank you. Collection day is Thursday.

Christmas Hamper raffle tickets: On sale this weekend. Cost £1.00 per ticket and all proceeds donated to local charities. Thank you for your support. The draw will be made next weekend on **Sunday 8th December** after mass.

SPUC: I know a lot of you like to support us and buy our beautiful religious cards, all with the Pro Life Message but as the hall is not yet ready, and we really need to sell them, if anyone would like some of our cards please give me a ring and I will bring some to you. Ring Margaret on 336 2050.

St Winefride's Primary School: On **Friday 6th December** St Winefride's Primary school are holding their Christmas Fair. **Start time 3.30pm – 5.30pm.**

On **Thursday 19th December** morning Mass will be take place at St Winefride's Primary school, at 9.10am.

SVP: This weekend the SVP monthly collection will take place. Thank you for your support.

Advent: 'Walk with me' booklets containing daily reflections through Advent are available in the porches. They will help guide you prayerfully towards Christmas and if you would like to come along to church on **Thursday next week at 7pm** to discuss and reflect on the readings, then you will be most welcome. **Deacon Jim.**



Advent begins

Mass intentions: There have been quite a large amount of mass intentions over the last few weeks, so I do apologise if you have not got the specific date you wanted.

CAFOD: The annual world gifts booklets are now available and there are some supplies in both porches if you would like to take a copy. There are more copies in the office.

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2nd Sunday of Advent

8th December 2019

7 th Dec	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Dominic Finneran (health)
8 th Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Bishop Brian Noble Margaret Davies
9 th Dec	MONDAY	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 am	Relatives and friends of Woodhead and Raybone families
10 th Dec	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Dr Marioth Manche
11 th Dec	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Damasus I, Pope</i>	9.30 am	St Winefride's school choir rehearsal No Mass
12 th Dec	THURSDAY	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10.00am	Greg Cropper
13 th Dec	FRIDAY	<i>St Lucy</i>	9.30 am	St Winefride's school choir rehearsal No Mass
14 th Dec	SATURDAY	<i>St John of the Cross</i>	10.00 am	All those parishioners on the sick list
14 th Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
15 th Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	John Wilde Margaret Davies Parish family

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

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St Winefride's Primary School: Deacon Jim visited Year 3 in school on Monday where he shared this week's Gospel reading with the children. Children from Year's 5 and 6 participated in the indoor athletics competition held at Neston High School on Wednesday. Mrs Davies was very proud of the children's performance. They achieved third place. Well done to the athletics team!

The whole school took part in an Elf Run on Thursday. This involved dressing up as either an elf or a fairy and running around the school field! The money raised was given to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd who have supported our school in the past.

As we light our second Advent candle, we sing the second verse of "O come Emmanuel".

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Fr Paul writes..... This week has flown by, so much has happened. Here are some of the highlights.

On Wednesday and Thursday, our primary school children came to the church to practise for the end of term celebration. It's always good to see the children. Their eyes are full of excitement, hope, love and joy. They exude innocence and remind us of our coming celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

Congratulations to the members of our SVP for organising our senior parishioners' Christmas party. It was a wonderful lunch, with plenty of time to talk and a few carols to help us get into the seasonal spirit.

This weekend I welcome our new Eucharistic Ministers as they take up their responsibility in our parish.

Congratulations to Catherine Garrod and Allen Yates who were married here on Friday. We wish them every blessing and happiness.

Next weekend, 14/15th we will have an opportunity at our Masses to be anointed with holy oil, which will enable us to open our hearts to the reconciliation the Lord Jesus has made known to us. Also on Sunday 15th December at 2.30pm, we shall be having a short service of readings and carols. At the end of the service we shall bless our outside crib and then adjourn to the parish hall for tea, coffee, or even a glass of mulled wine and mince pie. Please do come as this will be a moment of calm in these busy days leading up to the Festival of Christmas.

Great news! Next weekend the parish hall will be opened for us to see and use. So Sunday tea and coffee will be back in force. All are most welcome. There will also be a SVP half price sale. Details below.

During this week one of our senior parishioners, Brenda Anderson, will be moving down south to be with her family. I would like to thank her for all the gifts she has shared with us over her many years in Neston. You go with our prayerful support. On a personal note, I thank Brenda for her personal support for the clergy of the past and indeed for me especially during the time of 'our mission together' and the early stages of the refurbishment of the church and our parish hall. Godspeed. We will keep you in our prayers.

You've told me that you intend to keep track of us through our parish website!

I think that everyone is aware that will be a general election taking place this Thursday. Both Bishop Mark and the bishops of England and Wales have written a letter to us. This letter will be handed out as you leave the church today. Let us ask for the intersection of the Holy Spirit that we may vote, not necessarily for our needs, but for the needs of those who are poor. Pray to for those who are on low incomes and no contact and have to rely on the food bank and our SVP. As the Gospel tells us 'to seek those in need share what we all have with those with who have very little'. It is hard to reconcile that we are the sixth largest economy in the world. And yet we have people sleeping on the streets, refugees and asylum seekers.

At Mass this weekend we welcome our extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. With my continued prayer for our parish family and your families intentions. **Fr. Paul**

Foodbank: Can you help with items for the Foodbank? The following items are needed urgently, tinned meat or fish, long grain rice, pasta sauce. Thank you.

SPUC: Next Thursday is the feast of Our lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, so will be having a short pro-life service after mass with the rosary for life, and then we will have tea and coffee and seasonal refreshments in the Presbytery, all are welcome. This will followed by our monthly meeting.

SPUC Christmas cards available all with the proper Christmas message. If the hall is still not open, please ring Margaret on 336 2050 and I will bring some to you.

St Winefride's Primary School: On **Thursday 19th December** morning Mass will be take place at St Winefride's Primary school, at 9.10am.

SVP Grand Half Price sale in our parish hall. All new goods at half price including many types of cosmetic sets and at least 16 superb 'Willow Tree' figurines. Sale will take place after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th December. Any questions please phone Joe on 336 1261.

Advent reflection: 'Walk with me' booklets containing daily reflections through Advent are available in the porches. They will help guide you prayerfully towards Christmas and if you would like to come along to church on **Tuesday this week at 7pm** to discuss and reflect on the readings, then you will be most welcome". Please remember to bring a bible if you can. **Deacon Jim**.

CWL: The draw for the Christmas hampers will now take place in the hall after 10.45am mass next weekend. Raffle tickets are still available this weekend.

Sick list – A new list will be started in January. If you want to include someone on the list, please either call the office or write on the new list in our lady's chapel in Jan.

Neston Singers Carol Concert: At 7.30pm on 13th December in the United Reformed Church, Parkgate Road, Neston. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £6 including refreshments from Neston Singers' members, Evans Shoes or Allister & Simpson Opticians. There will be a hamper raffle in aid of Wirral Mind.

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3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December 2019

14 th Dec	SATURDAY	3 rd Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
15 th Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	John Wilde Margaret Davies
16 th Dec	MONDAY		10.00 am	Margaret Davies (mass in the house) St Winefride's concert rehearsal in church
17 th Dec	TUESDAY		10.00 am	Hudak/Davies Thanksgiving
18 th Dec	WEDNESDAY		10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist
19 th Dec	THURSDAY		9.10 am	Advent mass in school
20 th Dec	FRIDAY		10.00 am	Anthony Hewitt
21 st Dec	SATURDAY	St Peter Canisius	10.00 am	Mass or service of Word and Eucharist
21 st Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	4 th Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Colin Beardsworth
22 nd Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Hugh Schofield

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St Winefride's Primary School: Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their nativity play "A midwife crisis" on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the story of Christmas told from the perspective of a midwife and her faithful donkey, Steve, who were trying to find the baby King who needed delivering. Along their way they met the Kings, the Shepherds and their sheep, Angels and Stars before finding Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. The children were amazing with wonderful narration, lively singing and dancing, great acting and a lovely prayer written by Year 2. Congratulations to all the children for a fantastic performance and thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to get the children ready in time.

As we light our third Advent candle, we sing the third verse of "O come Emmanuel".

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Fr Paul writes..... The days seem to be passing ever more quickly. Earlier this week, our young people put on their Nativity play at school. I wasn't able to be there, but have been told it was a wonderful production. The children lead us into the depth of the Christmas story. Through their presentations they open up for us the joy of the Father's love for us. Perhaps we could find the odd ten minutes to be still and call upon the Lord's name. The same Lord who will seek out the lost and set us free from sin.

I would like to say a big thank you to Ken Evans for his kindness and generosity in updating the church sign which is now back on the church wall where it belongs.

On **Monday 16th December** our school children invite us to their Carol Service at 6pm here in church. Please come early to be sure of a seat. It will be a wonderful occasion for the parish to be led by our children.

On **Thursday 19th December at 9.10am** we are invited to the school for Mass. Once again best to be early to be sure of a seat.

The **blessing of our outside Crib will be this Sunday at 2.30pm**. This service will give us a little space to sing carols and pray for our families and fellow parishioners. Please bring your children with you. The service will be led by Deacon Jim and followed by refreshments in our newly decorated hall.

As for decorating for Christmas, I'm most grateful to Angela McDevitt and her team who make our church wonderful throughout the year. Preparations for Christmas are underway. If you are able to contribute a Poinsettia or two, to help them in their work, it would be most appreciated.

Next weekend you will receive a card giving all the details of Masses from Christmas through to the Epiphany on January 6th.

Finally, to say thank you for the many cards and gifts I received on the 36th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood last Tuesday. I am very blessed with many parishioners from many parishes who have helped me to become the priest I am today especially here at St Winefride's Neston. Please know that you are in my prayers for you and your families. **Fr Paul**

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Foodbank: Can you help with items for the Foodbank? The following items are needed urgently, tinned meat or fish, long grain rice, pasta sauce. Thank you.

SPUC: We still have some Christmas cards left, they will be in the Church Hall after 10.45am Mass, or please ring me if you need me to bring them to you. Phone Margaret on 336 2050

St Winefride's Primary School: This Monday evening, 16th December at 6.00pm the children in KS2 will be performing their annual carol concert. All welcome to attend.

On **Thursday 19th December** morning Mass will be take place at St Winefride's Primary school, at 9.10 am.

SVP Grand Half Price sale in our parish hall: All new goods at half price including many types of cosmetic sets and at least 16 superb 'Willow Tree' figurines. Sale will take place after each Mass this weekend 14th and 15th December. Any questions please phone Joe on 336 1261.

Little Church: Next Sunday Mass at 10.45am will be led by Little Church.

Advent reflection: 'Walk with me' booklets containing daily reflections through Advent are available in the porches. They will help guide you prayerfully towards Christmas.

On **Tuesday at 7pm** will be the last Advent Bible Reflection before Christmas. **It will be in the hall this week.**

CWL: The draw for the Christmas hampers will take place in the hall after 10.45 am mass this weekend.

Car Park: New lines and signs have been re-done in the car park. Please note the new drop off zone, this is for dropping off only and for cars not to be left there.

Christmas masses: If you are a reader or Eucharistic Minister and are here this Christmas and would like to take part in the Vigil mass or either masses on Christmas day then please call the parish office or email Jayne at the parish office on parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org. Thank you.

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4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019

21 st Dec	SATURDAY	4 th Sunday of Advent	6.30 pm	Colin Beardsworth
22 nd Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Hugh Schofield
23 rd Dec	MONDAY		10.00 am	Margaret Davies
24 th Dec	TUESDAY	Carols from 6.30pm and mass at 7.00pm	6.30 pm 11.00 pm	For the parish
25 th Dec	WEDNESDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	For the parish
26 th Dec	THURSDAY	St Stephen	12.00 noon	Fr Colin's intention
27 th Dec	FRIDAY	St John, Apostle and Evangelist	12.00 noon	Monsignor Peter Cookson
28 th Dec	SATURDAY	The Holy Innocents	10.00 am	Michael Halley
29 th Dec	Next Weekend SATURDAY	The Holy Family	6.30 pm	Christina Bickerstaff
29 th Dec	SUNDAY	Christmastide	8.45 am 10.45 am	Parish family Margaret Davies

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Last Sunday's Offering: Envelopes £155.51 Loose Plate £319.36 Standing order £481

Thank you for your support!

St Winefride's Primary School: The children of Key Stage 2 celebrated Christmas on Monday evening with a Carol service at St Winefrides church. There were readings, songs and dances to tell the story of Christmas. The children were wonderful and reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who helped prepare the children for the service.

The children, staff and governors would like to wish the parishioners of St Winefrides a very Happy Christmas with best wishes for 2020.

As we light our fourth Advent candle, we sing the fourth verse of "O come Emmanuel".

O come, thou key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Fr Paul writes.... And so our time of Advent is drawing to an end. Our focus turns to preparing for our celebration at home. Our children are looking to the skies hoping to see the one who comes bearing gifts. In these last days of Advent, let us try to spend a few moments in the presence of the Lord Jesus, allowing him to open our hearts to forgiveness and reconciliation in response to the angels who sing of peace and goodwill. As you leave Mass today you will receive a sheet with times of Mass and Services taking place here. Please take one as it will save you either looking up on the internet or phoning the presbytery.

The Lord Jesus is coming throughout history and time, calling us to join with John the Baptist: behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Let us pray for one another in these last days of Advent. Let us be awake! Standing ready for the Lord is coming. Hallelujah!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked with me throughout this year. In particular, Deacon Michael and Deacon Jim. Thank you to Sister Laurice and our parish secretary Jayne in keeping the parish moving and developing and a special thanks to our altar services

Thanks to many members of our parish for their support and help. Those who come and clean the church every week; the flower ladies who create such wonderful flower displays and the members of the choir who have supported us all at the 10.45am Mass.

Thanks to those who organise the collection and counting of the monies and banking it. You are much appreciated. To the Catholic Women's League who support one another and reach out to those in need including charities like The Hospice and Mary's Meals. Many thanks to the SVP for all the work that goes on very quietly to help support those who are less fortunate. Especially thank you to all who are supporting our housebound and those who are needing special support. Our parish is very fortunate to have these groups. Let us all thank the children's Liturgy group, Little Church.

Thanks also to the ladies who look after our church linen and do such a fantastic job. I'd like to thank our sacristans who open and close the church for their faithfulness. Many thanks to those who supported me during the diocesan campaign, Mission Together. As you are aware this group is made up of parishioners from all our Masses and supported by others to help us move forward.

The Mission Together enabled us to develop our parish hall costing about £30,000. After last week's unofficial opening it was wonderful to hear so many positive comments. The painting and decorating of the church has been governed by the diocese Property Manager Richard Crawford and developed with the support of our parish Development Team which represents all the weekend Mass-going population as well as other members of our parish who come with their expertise. All this work is an expression of the deep love we have for our parish community and providing a fitting place to worship the Lord. To our parish Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion thank you for sharing your many gifts with our parish.

Finally, to each and every one of you who make this parish grow stronger in faith. You have extremely generous hearts in supporting our parish and school. May the Lord who is to be born amongst us find a great welcome here at St Winefride's. With my prayers during this holy season, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. May the child Jesus find a home in each of your homes. Fr Paul

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPUC: We wish to thank you for all the support you have given to our Pro Life Cause this year and to wish you All A Very Happy and Holy Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy 2020.

Here are some dates for the New Year - Our White Flower Appeal will take place on the Weekend of the **18th/19th January**, more details in the New Year.

Saturday 25th January a Little Feet Coffee morning in the Church Hall.

SVP Grand Half Price sale in our parish hall: All new goods at half price including many types of cosmetic sets and at some superb 'Willow Tree' figurines. Sale will take place again this weekend after 14th and 15th December. Any questions please phone Joe on 336 1261.

CWL: The draw for the Christmas hampers took place last weekend. A third prize was added to the CWL Christmas Hamper draw after and an overwhelming £600 was collected. This will be given to local charities in the New Year. The winners of the hampers were Adele Roberts and Rose Henshaw and Edith O'Sullivan won the bottle of gin. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Car Park: Please note both yellow boxes which state DISABLED DROP OFF are for disabled drop off only. After dropping off your passenger, please then park in the main car park. Thank you.

Christmas masses: If you are able to read or are a Minister Holy Communion and are attending mass on the 24th/25th Dec please call Jayne in the office on Monday. Thank you.

Counters: A new rota is being produced and a copy will be left in the office shortly. Please note that the counters on the **25th December are Andrea Williams and Wyn Penfold.**

Reflections of a Parishioner: The latest booklet, no 13 is now ready and there are copies available in both porches. Please do take a copy.

Mass intentions/newsletter: From the 30th December until the 12th January mass intentions will be detailed on the noticeboard and website and the next newsletter will be weekend of the 12th January.

Rotas: The cleaners for the 4/5th January are Liz Dolley and Peter Higgins. Can I ask readers/EMHC to check the noticeboard/website for the 4/5th January. Thank you.

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