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A PASTORAL LETTER ON THE VOCATION AND MISSION OF THE FAMILY

Christmastide

28th December 2014

27 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	6.30pm	Veronica MacAdam
28 Dec	SUNDAY	<i>Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter</i>	8.45am	Int: Sadie Douglas
		<i>Special Prayer for recently married couples</i>	10.45am	The Parish
29 Dec	MONDAY	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9.00am	Derek McDonald
30 Dec	TUESDAY		9.00am	Int: Elizabeth Roebuck
31 Dec	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Sylvester I – Mass & Benediction</i>	10.00am	G Moreton and Family
1 Jan 2015	THURSDAY	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	10.00am	R M Saunders and Family
2 Jan	FRIDAY	<i>St Basil, St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	9.00am	Mary Thornley
3 Jan	SATURDAY	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.00am	Hugh Schofield
3 Jan	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
			8.45am	Ellen Foote
4 Jan	SUNDAY		10.45am	Rod Loughnane

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:

Alan Jones, Pam Grace, Fr Fred Robinson, Laura Growney-Stone, Kevin Bradford, James Rourke, Molly Hopkins, Claire Heverin, Paula Tunstall, Jane Haimes, Karl Smith, Vincent Marmion, Marie Claire, Margaret Maw, Stacey Leadbetter, Louisa Johnson, James Mulligan Jr, Francesca Grace Peet, Jeannie Cartledge, Angela Willasey, Karen Dawson, Fiona Hardman, Julie Jones, Bernie Phelan, Joan Cleary, Beatrice Barker, Clare Thompson, Pauline Bennett, Jack Henesy, Win Bayley, Lynne Smith, Louise Quigg, David Bell, Tony Peet, Columba Haggart, Jean Benson, Alma Merrick, Gerard Robinson, Beth Philcott, Kevin Hennessy, Geoff Davies.

RIP: Pat Standish, Mary Thornley

My dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you today in the light of the Child born for us, the Saviour who was given to us within the love and unity of a human family. On this Feast of the Holy Family, as we celebrate the holiness of family life and begin a 'Year for Vocations' in the Diocese, I want to reflect on the 'Vocation and Mission of the Family'. This is the title Pope Francis has given to the Synod of Bishops to take place in October next year. It will be a year for Catholics across the world to reaffirm our faith in God's plan for the family, and to do so amidst the many challenges confronting the holiness of marriage and the life of the family today. In a few, simple words I want to affirm what the Church has always believed about marriage and the family. We believe marriage is no human invention but that "God himself is the author of marriage". The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "the vocation to marriage is written into the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator" (CCC 1603).

After the Fall of Humanity, marriage would bear the marks of sin, but Christ Himself restored this Divine calling, raising it to the dignity of a Sacrament. To the astonishment of a people who practised divorce, Jesus reaffirmed that the union of marriage is indissoluble. "What God has united," Our Lord tells us in the Gospel, "man must not divide" (Mt 19:6). We believe that this unbreakable union of man and woman provides both the foundation of the family and becomes for all, the image of the unfailing love of God. This is no small claim to make! St Paul declares this to be "a great mystery ... in reference to Christ and the Church" (Eph 5:32).

We believe that the union of husband and wife, expressed in the union of one flesh, must always be open to new life, to the children God may entrust to the couple. We believe sexual relations belong within marriage alone. And we believe we are all called to chastity according to our state in life.

Indeed, it is by living the beautiful virtue of chastity that we ensure we use this gift of sexuality in accord with God's purpose. We believe that, as is true of the Sacrament of Matrimony, both

virginity for the sake of the Kingdom of God and apostolic celibacy are also God's gifts. We believe that these callings - to marriage, to consecrated virginity and to apostolic celibacy - inseparably support each other. Let us be filled with wonder and gratitude for God's plan and purpose in marriage and family life; in the beauty of chastity; in the joy of consecrated virginity and apostolic celibacy. It is God's grace that makes it possible for us to live these vocations faithfully; and if we fall short, that same God-given grace heals us, making it possible to set out once again on the path of conversion.

In the year ahead, Pope Francis invites us all to make a "true, spiritual discernment" in the light of our Catholic faith. To "discern" means to make a right judgment. Pope Francis has made it clear, contrary to many stories circulating in the media, that the Church does not function like a parliament, nor can truth be determined by opinion polls. The Church seeks to live subject to God's Word, certain that the light and beauty of truth - despite our fallen nature - can be recognised by the conscience of every man and woman. In order to assist this spiritual discernment, the Bishops of England and Wales have produced a leaflet, entitled 'The Call, the Journey and the Mission'. In considering the questions contained in this leaflet, you may wish to write in and share the fruits of your own reflection on how we give witness to the Gospel of the Family. This will contribute to the wider discernment within the Church in the year ahead. And so, today, let us pray in the words of Pope Francis: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn in trust ... Holy Family of Nazareth make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan."

May the New Year, 2015, lead us to give renewed witness to the Gospel of the Family. I send this message with my blessing for you and for your family.

+ Mark
Bishop of Shrewsbury

From Fr Ravi... **The Christmas Crib: 'heaven frozen in time'**

It was wonderful seeing all of us coming together - those living in Neston and are regular in our Church every Sunday, and those who came to join their families for the festive season - in order to celebrate Christmas, in typical St Winefride's style: faith-filled as well as warm, friendly and supportive of one another. We, the clergy - Fr Chris, Deacon Mike and I - are especially grateful to you for the overwhelming love we experienced from the parish and which was so beautifully expressed through your presence, your encouraging words, the smiles on the children's faces and also through the many lovely cards/gifts etc. We feel blessed to be praying, walking and working along with you in this amazing parish community.

Many of our parishioners were generous in giving their time and energy to make our celebration, memorable and meaningful: Altar Servers, Church and Crib decorators, the Flower Team, our Ushers, the Communications Team, Sacristans, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers etc. Many have also commented on the excellent singing we had during Advent and at the Christmas masses. We congratulate all our singers and musicians, who practiced every Sunday without fail, for their commitment to help our liturgy come alive.

We are privileged in Neston to have been 'visited' by Father Christmas last year and during this Christmas by two lovely angels! Of course, we remember their invitation to our community to gently lean against the Christmas crib - heaven frozen in time - and seek to hear the heartbeat of Jesus in silence and prayer and in the process join the beautiful chorus of the heavenly choir singing, 'Glory to God and Peace to all'.

Happy New Year!

Refrain for Communion Hymn: "Rejoice and do not fear, the Lord is here among us" (x2)

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson, T Davies

We look forward to the New Year by celebrating 2014 with a Thanksgiving Mass on 31/12 and our New Year's Mass on 01/01/15 both at 10am. The first Mass at school will be on 09/01/15 at 9:10 am. On 11/01/15 we invite all those recently baptised members of our community to join us at 10:45am Mass.

NDCT: The Christian Unity Octave starts on Sunday 18/01 with a Service at St Winefride's at 6:30 pm - all are warmly invited to join in celebrating our shared faith. More details to follow.

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal (SBF): If you would still like to contribute to the appeal this year please contact Marie Branch marie.branch@tesco.net 0151 336 4287. Cheques to "SVP Twinnage". Certificates can be provided in the name of the recipient and your donation can be gift aided if you are a tax payer. Forms are available in the church porch.

SVP District 2015 Pilgrimage to Walsingham: will take place 13/04/15 - 16/04/15. Places are limited and a £75.00 deposit required. Contact Peter Middlehurst (336 1269) for applications forms.

The SVP gratefully acknowledge with thanks the many anonymous donations received at this time, and also to everyone for their support in our work.

Justice and Peace: Day of Reflection on 24/01/15, 10:30 - 3pm at St Columba's Chester for parish reps and all who are interested. Please bring lunch!

Website: New info in Resources, Gallery & CWL - do visit!

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

	Feast of the Holy Family: 27th/28th December			The Epiphany of the Lord: 3rd/4th January		
	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am	6:30pm (Vigil)	8:45am	10:45am
Readings	E Williams	Larty Family	J Braidwood/ B O'Neill	P Middlehurst	A-M Miller	J Tunstall
Intercessions	J Williams	K Eels	E Spearpoint- Walsh	K Powell	T Nolan	O'Cleirigh Family
EMHC	B Roberts K Powell	K Hughes T McGlynn	K Holden D Pover	E Williams M Branch	M Davies K Garrod	A Harrison T Topping

Full rota available online or in sacristy.

“Unto us a Child is born!” Wishing you all the Joy of a truly Blessed Christmas!

HYMNS FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

ENTRANCE

1. Hark the herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
joyful, all ye nations rise
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem,

*Hark! The herald Angels sing,
glory to the newborn King.*

2. Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings;
mild He lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

NATIVITY PROCESSION

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him, (3)
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God,
light of light,
lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created;
*O come, let us adore him, (3)
Christ the Lord.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, in the highest;
*O come, let us adore him, (3)
Christ the Lord.*

GLORIA

(tune Praise my Soul the King of Heaven)

1. Sing to God a song of glory,
Peace he brings to all on earth
Worship we the King of heaven,
Praise and bless his holy name.
*Glory, glory, sing his glory,
Glory to our God on high.*

2. Sing to Christ, the Father's loved one,
Jesus, Lord and Lamb of God:
Hear our pray'r, O Lord, have mercy,
You who bear the sin of men.

3. Sing to Christ, the Lord and Saviour
Seated there at God's right hand:
Hear our pray'r, O Lord, have mercy,
You alone the Holy One.

4. Glory sing to God the Father,
Glory to his only Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Glory to the Three in One

OFFERTORY

1. Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love Divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all the world,
love for plea and gift and sign.

COMMUNION

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet, in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and Peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel.

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes,
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky
And stay by my side,
until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.

POST COMMUNION

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant, so tender and mild:
sleep in heavenly peace, (2)

2. Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ, the Saviour is born, (2)

3. Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, (2)

RECESSIONAL

1. Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, (2)
And heaven, and heaven, and nature
sing!

2. Joy to the earth, the saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ;
While fields and streams and hills and
plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, (2)
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
The wonders of his love, (2)
The wonders, wonders, of his love.

CAROLS

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

(1st verse solo)

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not
the love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
and hear the angels sing!

3. For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when the new heaven and earth shall own
the prince of peace, their king,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

1. Ding Dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angels singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! (2)

2. E'en so here below below,
Let steeple bells be swungen.
And "Io, io, io!"
By priests and people sungen.

3. Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers:
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.

(Io is sung as "ee-o")

THE VIRGIN MARY HAD A BABY BOY

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (3)
And they said that his name was Jesus.
*He came from the glory
He came from the glorious kingdom (2)
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!
He came from the glory
He came from the glorious kingdom.*

2. The angels sang when the baby was
born (3)
and proclaimed him the Saviour, Jesus.

3. The wise men saw where the baby
was born (3)
and they saw that his name was Jesus.

SEE HIM LYING ON A BED OF STRAW

1. See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable and an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore—
the Prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the word of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
The Prince of Glory when he came.*

2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!

3. Angels, sing the song that you began,
bring God's glory to the heart of man
Sing that Beth'lem's little baby can
be salvation to the soul.

4. Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

O HOLY NIGHT

1. O Holy Night, the stars are brightly
shining

It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious
morn.

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel
voices.

O night divine, O night when Christ was
born

O night, O holy night, O night divine.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. We wish you a Merry Christmas; (3)
and a Happy New Year.

*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*

2. O, bring us some figgy pudding; (3)
and a cup of good cheer;

3. We won't go until we've got some; (3)
so bring some out here;

4. We wish you a Merry Christmas; (3)
and a Happy New Year.



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Advent IV - Christmastide

21st December 2014

20 Dec	SATURDAY	<i>4th Sunday of Advent – Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	6.30pm	Int: Mary Henesy
21 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Kevin Morris
22 Dec	MONDAY		9.00 am	Phillip Hayman
23 Dec	TUESDAY	<i>St John of Kanty</i>	9.00 am	Edna Gardner
24 Dec	WEDNESDAY	<i>Carols and Vigil Mass</i>	9.00 am 6.30 pm	Lulu Young The Parish
25 Dec	THURSDAY	<i>Nativity of The Lord – Holy Day of Obligation</i>	0.00 am 8.45 am 10.45 am	Fr Gerry Courell Fr Denis Marmion Larry Duggan
26 Dec	FRIDAY	<i>St Stephen</i>	10.00 am	Hugh Schofield
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From Fr Ravi... #illridewithyou!

Darkness seemed to have preceded and followed Jesus' birth. The star that guided the travellers, we are told, disappeared for a while and the cries of the innocents followed the birth of the Messiah. History seems, sadly, to repeat itself to this day. The Defence Minister of Pakistan tweeted: "the smaller the coffin, the heavier it is to carry."

There is, however, light that shines in the darkness. When some of the residents of Sydney were fearing a backlash recently, a woman on the train tried to take off her head covering. A fellow traveller approached her gently and told her, "No, if you want to wear it, then wear it. I'll walk with you." Humanity at its best! This resulted in the hashtag #illridewithyou (I'll ride with you) going viral and hundreds of Australian citizens accompanied their frightened friends or neighbours to work.

Christmas is God's way of tweeting #illridewithyou or even more than that: God becoming 'one with us' (Emmanuel). This becomes real, especially when we need God most - in all our fears and doubts, hurts and wounds. Fr Chris and Deacon Mike join me in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas: May the blessings of Christmas fill our hearts with joy, our homes with happiness, our communities with love and our world with peace.

Adeste Fideles!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST WINEFRIDE'S

"Unto us a child is born" Isaiah 9:6

DECEMBER 2014

20/21	Saturday/Sunday		Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers
22/24	Monday - Wednesday		Confessions 8.15 - 8.45am or by appointment
Christmas Mass Times			
24	Wednesday	6.30pm	Carol Service
		7:00pm	Vigil Mass
		Midnight	Nativity Mass
25	Thursday	8.45am	Christmas Mass
		10.45am	Christmas Mass
27	Saturday	2:00pm	Celebrations with Altar Servers and Children
28	Sunday	10.45am	Special prayers for Recently Married Couples: <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>
31	Wednesday	10.00am	Thanksgiving Prayer and Mass for 2014
JANUARY 2015			
1	Thursday	10.00am	New Year Mass
9	Friday	9.10am	First School Mass of 2015
11	Sunday	10.45am	Special prayers for Recently Baptised: <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
18	Sunday	6:30pm	Neston & District Churches Together: <i>Service for Christian Unity at St Winefride's</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

Congratulations: We welcome Fr Frank Rice to our parish community and congratulate him on 60 years of Priestly ministry. Please welcome him at our 10.45am Mass and join us for tea and coffee in the Church hall afterwards.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: We are all encouraged to attend the diocesan training day, which will take place on the Wirral in the New Year. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all our Christmas Masses: please contact Joe Tunstall at joe.tunstall@uwclub.net or 336 1261 if you are available.

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SVP District 2015 Pilgrimage to Walsingham: will take place on Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April 2015. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. A £75.00 deposit secures your place. Contact Peter Middlehurst on 3361269 for an application form.

SPUC: We still have a few packets of our Christmas cards left. Available in the church hall after Mass. We would like to thank you for all your support in 2014 and we wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Christmas Music: Final rehearsal for Vigil Mass and Carol Service will be at 4pm on Sunday 21st December.

CWL: We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for one of our hampers, which raised £655 for charity. Congratulations to winners Mary Schofield and Micheline Johnson.

NE Singers: A note of thanks for allowing us to perform our traditional Christmas Concert last Friday. We always appreciate the generosity of St Winefride's parishioners and this year is no exception with the retiring collection amounting to £200.

NDCT: All welcome to sing carols with our friends from other Christian communities on Monday December 22nd at Bridge Court (starting at 7pm); Hinderton Mount (7:45pm) and finishing at The Hinderton Arms at approximately 8:30pm. Do please consider joining – it is a very enjoyable evening and the residents really appreciate the singing!

Hugh Schofield: Mary Schofield and family would like to thank Fr. Ravi and all who participated in the lovely Requiem Mass for Hugh. They also appreciate the Mass cards and prayers from parishioners and friends. Sincere thanks to you all and God Bless.

Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage: "Contemplating Christ with Mary", led by Bishop Mark Davies on 19th – 26th October 2015. Booklet and details are available in both porches, from the diocesan website or from the Curial Offices.

Catholic Voice: Available in both porches.

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From Fr Ravi.... Rejoice Sunday!

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Rejoice (Gaudete) Sunday and symbolically we light the pink candle today, to remind ourselves that we rejoice because the Lord is very near. The theme 'rejoice' appears in today's entrance antiphon, is at the heart of the First Reading from Prophet Isaiah and St Paul in his letter calls us to 'rejoice in the Lord always'.

Paul, writing the letter to the Philippians from his prison cell mentions 'rejoice' about 17 times - he was no naive optimist. Henry Nouwen, whose writings we are familiar with in our parish, makes a distinction between happiness, which is dependent on external conditions, and joy which is something deeper. It is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing - sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away."

A beautiful way to open ourselves to this grace of being joyful is to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Brian back to our Parish this weekend to guide us through our 'Reconciliation Sunday'. Mgr Chris Lightbound and I will be available after each mass for confessions and we are grateful to Canon John Marmion (Sat 6.30pm) and Fr Terry Boylan (Sun 8.45am) for helping us this weekend.

We also remember our beloved Pope Francis in our prayers on 17th December, his birthday.

Rejoice in the Lord always and may God bless us all!

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Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: We are all encouraged to attend the diocesan training day which will take place on the Wirral in the New Year. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all our Christmas Masses: please contact Joe Tunstall: joe.tunstall@uwclub or 336 1261 asap if you are available.

CWL: Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets will on sale at all the Masses this weekend supporting our local and national charities. After the 10.45 am Mass there will be cakes and fancy goods on sale and the draw for the hampers will take place. *Thank you for your support!*

CWL - Christmas Party: on Thursday 18th December in the Hall. Will members please bring their food contributions and a gift for the Secret Santa!

Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal (SBF): If you would like to contribute to the appeal this year (perhaps as a Christmas gift?) Forms are available in both porches, on the notice board or contact Marie Branch marie.branch@tesco.net 0151 336 4287. Cheques should be made payable to "SVP Twinnage". Certificates can be provided if requested in the name of the recipient and your donation can also be gift aided if you are a tax payer.

Catholic Children's Society: Many thanks for the donations received. Last date is 15th December. Contact Marie-Lou 07725313879.

SVP District 2015 Pilgrimage to Walsingham: will take place on Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April 2015. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. A £75.00 deposit secures your place. Contact Peter Middlehurst on 3361269 for an application form.

NDCT Leaflets: We need some help! Our Parish has been allocated Christmas Service leaflets to deliver to homes in West Vale. Please do consider taking some leaflets to distribute through letterboxes, especially if you live in the area. They will be available after each mass.

Carol Singing: If you are free on Saturday 20th December between 10 – 11am, please do join the singers from the NDCT in bringing some Christmas cheer to Sainsbury's shoppers. Meet in the foyer at 9:50am, or just drop in for a few carols.

Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage: "Contemplating Christ with Mary", led by Bishop Mark Davies on 19th – 26th October 2015. Booklet and details are available in both porches, from the diocesan website or from the Curial Offices.

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Advent II

7th December 2014

6 Dec	SATURDAY	2 nd Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday	6.30pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
7 Dec	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	Monica & Frank McKey The Parish
8 Dec	MONDAY	The Immaculate Conception of BVM	9.00 am	Tristram Eastwood
9 Dec	TUESDAY	St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin	9.00 am	Health: Una & Michael O'Shea
10 Dec	WEDNESDAY	Requiem	9.00 am 10.00 am	TG: Judith & Michael Povey William Hugh Schofield
11 Dec	THURSDAY	St Damasus I	9.00 am	Victor Ronald Rhodes
12 Dec	FRIDAY	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.00 am	Special Intention
13 Dec	SATURDAY	St Lucy Baptism	9.00am 12 noon	Health: Sr Mary Salmon Dylan Neil Hayes
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RIP: William Hugh Schofield

From Fr Ravi... Bible Sunday - Hear, Reflect, Proclaim

On this Bible Sunday, we focus on the theme to hear, reflect and proclaim God's Word. We are all encouraged to hear afresh, to be renewed and to be attentive to God's Word by reading and reflecting on the Scriptures both at home and at Church. May God's Word, that has inspired generations of Christians, continue to guide and challenge us in our Christian life: to love God and to serve our neighbor, especially those in need.

We also take this opportunity to thank our lectors who announce God's Word to us during Mass. It is particularly encouraging to see our young people joining the team and we are open to welcoming all who wish to be part of this ministry.

Thank you ...

- To Derek Pover for managing our Parish Hall so efficiently for many years and we welcome our new team, Louise and Peter Dee who can be contacted on 336 8806/07557725302 or hall@stwinefridesneston.org.uk from January.
- To Fran Flocks and Anne-Marie Miller our dedicated crib team for setting up our Nativity Scene.
- To Carmel and Tony Wright and to his team: Kieron Grace, Pete Dolley and others for organising our Parish Christmas meal on Thursday. The Inn at Ness was full to capacity as we enjoyed sharing each other's company, the food and the wonderful musical entertainment. Our next social event will be celebrating Burns Night on Saturday 24th January, 2015. The "Socials" team will keep us updated.

Next weekend we take the opportunity to experience god's Grace in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) in preparation for Christmas.

May God Bless us All!

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'Shine Star, Shine': the younger children are presenting the nativity story in their own special way at 9.30am on 8/12 in the school hall. The school and Little Gems Pre-school will be joining us at this performance.

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SVP: No meeting this Monday 8th December.
Foodbank: The amount donated in November to the Foodbank amounted to 145kg, the Parish has been given a certificate from the Foodbank acknowledging our generosity and support.

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Committee Meeting: Thu 11 Dec at 7.30 pm in the hall.

SPUC: Meeting on Tue 9th Dec in the hall at 7.30 pm.. 12/12 is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Unborn). We will say pro-Life Prayers after morning Mass, please join us.

Christmas Cards still on sale in the church hall.

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Advent I

30th November 2014

29 Nov	SATURDAY	1 st Sunday of Advent 2 nd Collection: Peter's Pence Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter	6.30 pm	The Parish
30 Nov	SUNDAY	First Communion Enrolment Mass	8.45 am	Kath Green
			10.45 am	Catherine & John Southwell
1 Dec	MONDAY		9.00 am	November list
2 Dec	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Margaret & Geoff Davies
3 Dec	WEDNESDAY	St Francis Xavier –Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees	9.00 am	Jonathan Parkes
4 Dec	THURSDAY	St John of Damascus	9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
5 Dec	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Sally Glazebrook
6 Dec	SATURDAY	St Nicholas	9.00 am	Brian Haggart
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Church Cleaners:B and V Casey

Thank You: We thank Andy Ablitt, Brian Byrne, Roy Gerrard, John Gordon, Roy Jones, Patrick Klabou and Tony Logan for the Christmas lights and beautiful church decorations.

St Winefride's Advent Canvas: Our canvas, painted in acrylic, relates directly to our crib in that we are led to our message of Hope. The light of Christ shines from the Bethlehem stable. The aim of the picture is to help us on a journey to prepare for the birth of Our Saviour, the gift of Our Father in Heaven. The purple of Advent relates directly to that of Lent in that both times are an opportunity for us to examine our lives in preparation for Christ's birth, His Cross and His Resurrection. The canvas has achieved its purpose if it helps in any way in our reflections for our Christmas 2014 – Joe Tunstall

Music Rehearsal: 4-5pm Sunday in church.

CWL Christmas Hamper Raffle: Tickets will be on sale at all Masses on the weekends of 6/7th and 13/14th December supporting our local and national charities. On Sunday 14th December after the 10.45am Mass there will be cakes and fancy goods on sale and the draw for the hampers will take place. PLEASE SUPPORT US.

SPUC Recent Events: National coffee morning raised £113.40. Merseyside Walk of Witness raised £455 from St Winefride's, St John's in Heswall and Family and Friends, and last Friday's Social Evening raised £272, which will sponsor our young people in attending next year's youth and student conference in Southport.

Christmas cards: On sale in our Church Hall after all Masses.

Parish Meal: Parishioners should arrive at 'The Inn at Ness' on Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Contact Tony Wright 07889 063579.

Sunday 30 th November	10.45am	First Communion Enrolment Mass
Tuesday 2 nd December	6.45pm	Start of RCIA
Thursday 4 th December	6.30pm	Parish Christmas Meal
Monday 8 th December	2pm	Christmas Nativity in School
Tuesday 9 th December	2pm	Christmas Nativity in School
Friday 12 th December	7pm	NE Singers concert in Church
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Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: Are invited to attend a meeting in church on Fri 5th Dec at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Joe Tunstall 336 1261 or Tony Topping 336 4524.

Inter-Faith Prayer Service for Peace: At St. Winefride's on 26th November, our primary school Key Stage 2 children joined in with beautiful singing interspersed with hymns and readings from scripture. It was wonderful to see leaders of different faiths speaking in unison on the central theme of World Peace. We received such a positive response from the Neston community and would like to thank Mrs Ormes, the children and staff from St Winefride's Primary School, Phil Bramhall, Joe Tunstall and all who actively supported this unique event.

Catechists' Formation Day: Saturday 6th December at St Columba's, Chester from 10am – 3.30pm.

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Justice and Peace News: Winter issue of Mouthpiece now online under Parish Life, Justice and Peace. The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place during 28th July - 5th August 2015. Those in year 12 or above wishing to form a St Winefride's group of helpers can contact Dominic Lisboa at: ysvp@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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Ordinary Time Week XXXIV

23rd November 2014

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23 Nov	SUNDAY	<i>YSVP – Youth Mass</i>	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Patrick Doherty & Madeline Scott
24 Nov	MONDAY	<i>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	9.00 am	Alan Glen
25 Nov	TUESDAY	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	9.00 am	Dick & Helen Spencer
26 Nov	WEDNESDAY	<i>Requiem Inter-Faith Prayer Service</i>	9.00 am 1.30 pm	Johanna (Judy) Clowes For Peace
27 Nov	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
28 Nov	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Int: Margaret Rainford
29 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Ordinary Time Ends</i>	9.00 am	Don Miller
29 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend 1st Sunday of Advent 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence</i>	6.30 pm	The Parish
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Message from Fr Ravi:

The theme for this year's National Youth Sunday is "How happy are you?" This question invites us to explore the basis of our own happiness in our daily lives. The Bishops of England and Wales have taken the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10) and given us eight "Be Attitudes" to help our young people, and ourselves, to easily understand these in the context of our own experiences.

Be Humble *Let God work through you*

Be Sorrowful *Grieving is ok, it shows your love*

Be Gentle *It will get you further than you think*

Be Just *The truth sets people free*

Be Merciful *We all need forgiveness*

Be Pure *Open you heart and you will see God*

Be Peaceful *Everybody is a child of God*

Be Courageous *Dare to do good so God can work through you*

We are invited to pray in a special way for our young people today and we thank them for animating our 10.45am mass this Sunday. We also thank those who guide and help them to see the beauty of our faith and to experience the joy of living it in a community.

May God bless us all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: W Morgan, AM McLean

First Communion: The first meeting for parents of children preparing for the Sacraments was held on 18th Nov and was very well attended. We are delighted to have 18 children from our Parish beginning their faith journey with the Enrolment Mass on 30th Nov. The first faith formation session for parents will be on Tues 13th Jan 2015 at 7pm in the parish hall. We thank Mrs Ormes, Mrs Dolley and Mrs Hoskinson for conducting the meeting so well. As previously, we are looking for Parish Prayer Sponsors for our 18 children. If anyone is interested, please contact Fr Ravi or any of our Communion Catechists. The celebrations will take place on Saturday, 13th June 2015 at 10am followed by reception in the parish hall.

Interfaith Prayer Meeting for Peace to Commemorate WWI: Leaders from different religions: a Hindu Priest, a Muslim Imam, a Jewish Rabbi, and Christian ministers will join together to pray together for peace in all our hearts and in the world. Children from St Winefride's school will be singing songs of peace. The prayer service will take place at 1:30pm in Church on Wednesday 26th November.

November List: We remember with love those who have gone before us and the November list is a way of reminding ourselves of the beautiful Catholic practice of praying for the dead. The lists placed in the Sanctuary will be burned at Our Lady's Grotto after 9am mass on Monday 1st December - in a symbolic way, raising our minds and hearts to God in prayer for them. There are now lights fixed in the Churchyard to aid all to pray in the Cemetery before or after mass, especially our Saturday evening mass attendees.

Advent Reconciliation Service (Confessions): We are privileged to have Bishop Brian Noble with us on the Third Sunday of Advent (13th/14th of December). Bishop Brian will preach at the three weekend masses and there will be priests available after each mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the week leading up to Christmas, (22nd, 23rd and 24th), a priest will be available in the confessional from 8.15-8.45am or by appointment.

St Winefride's Primary School: *Santa's Grotto, Reindeer and Elf School* on Friday 28th November 3.30pm – 5.30pm Santa will be at school in his magical outside Grotto and this year he will be bringing his extra special friends: some real reindeer! We will also have lots of lovely craft stalls to keep the children busy whilst you can enjoy some delicious refreshments in the cafe. A raffle, lucky dip and tattoo stall will also be available. Donations of cakes or biscuits would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You: to the CWL and our newly formed Bereavement Group for a meaningful celebration of the Eucharist last Thursday in remembrance of the deceased. A guide to help plan funeral services in our Church is being prepared and the group will update us on the developments.

Music Rehearsal: Sunday at 4pm in Church. All welcome!

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CWL Christmas Gifts are being collected on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society. The parish has been very generous proving gifts especially for older children (11 - 17). Gifts don't need wrapping! Please leave any gifts in the new church porch by 14th Dec. Marie-Lou: 07725313879.

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Foodbank: We are currently short of the following items: tinned vegetables, tinned meat, sugar and sponge puddings. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Church 'Spring Cleaning': Saturday 17th January 2015 from midday. Please consider offering our regular cleaners your help on this day.

Safeguarding: Would anyone who has not already done so, kindly send their Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate to the Diocesan Offices at Shrewsbury Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX for registration.

Catechist's Training Day: Led by Dr Petroc Willey we discussed both the rewards and difficulties experienced when communicating our faith and used art as a teaching and learning tool in "kerygmatic" catechesis (ie proclaiming what we believe). The final part of the talk gave us an overview of the structure of the Catechism and we hope that we will have the opportunity to learn how to use this resource effectively as a way of encouraging all of us to explore and deepen our faith.

Prayer Vigil for Religious Freedom: Please join the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) and the Parish of St Clare, Chester in a Prayer Vigil for Religious Freedom at St Clare's on Sat 6th Dec. Mass is at 6pm, followed by a vigil from 7-8pm. Adoration is from 8-11pm.

Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Commission: Advent Reflection afternoon on Sunday 7th December at 4.30-6.30pm at Wistaston Hall, Crewe, CW2 8JS

Diocesan Training Days: All lectors (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a diocesan training day which for the Wirral area will be held sometime in February/March 2015.

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Ordinary Time Week XXIII

16th November 2014

15 Nov	SATURDAY	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Special Prayer for prisoners and their families	6.30pm	Int: Diane & Philip Massie
16 Nov	SUNDAY	Baptism	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Lilly Jones
			12.30pm	Logan Peter Hales
17 Nov	MONDAY	Ss Hilda, Hugh of Lincoln, Elizabeth of Hungary	9.00am	Kath Green
18 Nov	TUESDAY	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul	9.00am	Peter Anderson
19 Nov	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Anne Poole
20 Nov	THURSDAY	CWL & Parish Bereavement Mass	9.00am	Health: Tokita Family
			7.00pm	For the Faithful Departed
21 Nov	FRIDAY	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Edward Lawson & Family
22 Nov	SATURDAY	St Cecilia	9.00am	John Oates
		Baptism	12.00noon	Grace Lily Carr
22 Nov	SATURDAY	Next Weekend Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King Special Prayer for Young People	6.30pm	TG: Mary Henesy
23 Nov	SUNDAY	YSVP - Youth Mass	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Patrick Doherty & Madeline Scott

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

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Message from Fr Ravi: A Bend in the Road...

These days when the weather seems so wet and dark, I thought this story would amuse us.

It happened on 7th November 2014. During the take-off "roll" on the runway, an Indian plane bound for Delhi carrying 146 passengers and crew collided with a buffalo. Thank God no one was injured. Except of course for the poor buffalo!

Strange things can and do happen, but a phrase that has always helped me in understanding these situations is "**A bend in the road is not the end of the road**". No wonder the passengers were moved to another plane and continued their journey.

St Winefride's is a standing testimony to God's Providence and we trust that our journey will continue, staying true to our mission: "*Firm in Faith, Joyful in Hope and Active in Charity*".

We wish all our musicians – Charlotte Bailey, Pete Dolley, Marc Jones, Katharine Powell, all our choir members and our music leaders Maria Slater and Louise Wilkinson a very joyous and harmonious day on Saturday 22nd November the Feast of St Cecilia, Patron of Musicians – it is great to hear them practising every Sunday!

May God Bless us All!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson, T Davies

First Communion: The first meeting for parents is on **Tuesday 18th Nov at 7pm** at St Winefride's Primary School. It is important that also those parents whose children who do not go to St Winefride's School attend this meeting. The Enrolment Mass is on **Sunday 30th Nov at 10.45am** and celebration of First Communion will be on **Saturday 13th June 2015 at 10am**.

Annual Bereavement Mass: We remember our CWL members and those who are no longer with us in the Parish on 20th November at 7.00 pm. There will be light refreshments in the hall following Mass and we introduce the new Parish Bereavement Team. The CWL section meeting will follow at approximately 8.30 - 8.45pm. Will members please bring their gifts for the Christmas Hampers.

National Youth Sunday: All our youth are warmly invited to participate and attend our special Youth Mass on the feast of Christ the King (Sunday 23rd November) at 10:45am.

Interfaith Prayer Meeting for Peace: To mark the Centenary of WW1 we have invited leaders from different religions: a Hindu Priest, a Muslim Imam, a Jewish Rabbi, and Christian ministers to pray together for peace in all our hearts and in the world. Besides being a spiritual event it is a great opportunity to see people from different religious communities contributing to peace building in our own small way. Children from St Winefride's school will be singing songs of peace. The prayer service will take place at 1:30pm in church on Wednesday, 26th November.

RCIA: The first Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 6:45pm. If you wish to join the group please do register your interest with Fr Ravi. Parishioners also very welcome to join this group and accompany the RCIA group on their journey of faith.

Church 'Spring Cleaning': Will be on Saturday 17th January 2015 from midday. Please consider offering our regular cleaners your help on this day.

Music Rehearsals: Will be on Sunday 16th November at 10.00am (for Youth Mass) and 4.00pm (regular choir) in church.

Newsletter: many thanks to Louise Wilkinson who has been an editor for many years is now passing on the baton. If anyone wishes to join the team, please do contact the web managers.

CWL NEWS: This year we are not holding a Christmas Fair, but instead are hoping our Christmas Hamper Raffle will raise much needed money to support our charities. Tickets for the hampers will be on sale after Mass on 6/7 and 13/14 December. On Sunday 14 December after the 10.45 am Mass there will be cakes and fancy goods on sale and the draw for the hampers will take place. PLEASE SUPPORT US!

Safeguarding: Parish volunteers applied for re-certification with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in February and were subsequently issued with an updated "Enhanced Certificate." Since the Diocese is required to maintain an up to date record of volunteers, will those who have not already done so, kindly send their certificate to the Diocesan Offices for registration. The certificates will be returned to you. The required address is: Shrewsbury Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX.

SPUC: Next Friday 21st November is our social evening in our church hall. Come and be entertained by brilliant local singer/songwriter Susan Hedges. We still have tickets available priced only £5 which includes a light supper. Don't forget to bring your own drinks and glasses. Please come and have a great evening and support us in our pro life work. For info or tickets phone Margaret on 336 2050. And **SPUC Christmas Cards** on sale after all Masses in the church hall.

Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Commission: There is an Advent Reflection afternoon on Sunday 7th December at 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. at Wistaston Hall, 89 Broughton Lane, Crewe, CW2 8JS. Guest Speaker is Liam Purcell from Church Action on Poverty. Everyone is warmly invited to this time of advent prayer, reflection and fellowship.

Diocesan Youth Event - Krakow 2016 is the next International World Youth Day and Pope Francis invites *you* to join him. The journey to Krakow starts now - want to know more? Want to meet other young Catholics? Come along to another step on our journey on Sunday 30 November at Sacred Heart & Saint Peter Church in Baguley at 3.30pm (until 6.30pm) and find out more. Open to all young people in Year 10 and above. The event will include Mass. Email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for more info.

Diocesan Training Days: All lectors (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a diocesan training day which for the Wirral area will be held sometime in February/March 2015. There are 15 days being organised in total across the diocese and it is hoped that if the local day is not convenient another date and location may be more accessible. The aim is for all active lectors and EMHC to have received training of this nature to satisfy Canon law requirements by 2018 and to be thus commissioned by the Bishop.

Bethlehem Art: Supporting Christians in the Holy Land, hand carved works are being brought to the UK to be sold at a time when tourism in the Holy Land is minimal. Some of these works will be available to purchase next weekend (22nd/23rd November) and in doing so will support our Christian brothers and sisters enabling them to have a better future.

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Ordinary Time Week XXXII

9th November 2014

8 Nov	SATURDAY		6.30pm	Stanley and Agnes Jones
9 Nov	SUNDAY	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer – Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter – Remembrance Sunday Baptism</i>	8.45am	For those Killed in War
			10.45am 12 noon	The Parish Oliver Harry Lawrenson
10 Nov	MONDAY	<i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.00am	Int: James Mulligan
11 Nov	TUESDAY	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.00 am 10.30am	Beryl Kirushen Robert William Yates
12 Nov	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Josaphat</i>	9.00am	Peter Roebuck
13 Nov	THURSDAY		9.00am	Doreen & John O'Mahony
14 Nov	FRIDAY		9.00am	Peter Durrant
15 Nov	SATURDAY	<i>St Albert the Great</i>	9.00am	Health: Edward Warren
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RIP: William Robert Yates, Beryl Kerushin, Josephine Trotman, James Michael Howard

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Church Cleaners: L Dee, A Williams, D Roberts

First Communion: Meeting on Tues 18th Nov at 7pm

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CWL News: Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets on sale at Mass on the weekends 6/7 and 13/14 December. On Sunday 14th December after the 10.45 am Mass there will be cakes and fancy goods on sale and the draw for the hampers will take place.

We are collecting Christmas gifts on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society again this year. The parish has been very generous proving gifts especially for older children (11 to 17). Gifts don't need wrapping! Please leave any gifts in the new church porch. Donations are also gratefully received. Many thanks, Marie-Lou: 07725313879.

Committee meeting: Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Church hall.

YSVP: Cake Sale after 10.45am mass on Nov 9th. Edible donations welcome!

SPUC News: Friday 21st November 7.30pm in our church hall with local singer/songwriter Susan Hedges. Tickets only £5. See posters in the porches or phone Margaret on 336 2050 for tickets.

Christmas cards now on sale in our Church hall. Beautiful religious cards at reasonable prices.

Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday 15th November at New Life Church, Congleton. Details on poster in the church porch. Please join us in prayer on that day if not in person, then spiritually at your home or workplace.

Music: Practice as usual 4-5pm Sunday in church.

National Youth Sunday: Our parish youth are invited to join us at 10:45am mass on 23rd Nov.

A PASTORAL LETTER ON OVERCOMING THE CRISIS OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

My dear brothers and sisters,

On this Remembrance Sunday we recall the great crises faced by generations before us in the conflicts of the past century. Last month, Pope Francis invited bishops from around the world to meet with him in Rome to address what we might call a crisis of our time: the crisis of the family. This is experienced in some parts of the world in poverty, war or persecution; but in western countries like our own, it is a crisis most often caused by ideologies opposed to the sanctity of human life and the institution of marriage and the family.

The Catholic Church has long opposed these mentalities and the devastation they have wrought on individuals, societies and especially among the young and most vulnerable. Pope Francis recently declared that the "Christian family and marriage are under great attack," due, he said, to the growing relativism regarding the very concept of marriage (Address to the Schoenstatt Movement, 27th October 2014). God's plan of marriage, which is written into human nature and raised by Christ to be a Sacrament, is being replaced by the idea that we can each make our own truth according to our own ideas and desires (cf. Gaudium et Spes 47).

The first Christians required great courage to overcome and transform a vast, pagan world whose ideas about marriage and sexual morality were not unlike those which prevail in our own culture. Today we need this same, supernatural, courage to give witness to all the Church believes and teaches about marriage, the family and human sexuality. The Synod of Bishops, gathered around Pope Francis, met precisely to consider how "the Church and society can renew their commitment to the family" (Final Synod Report, October 2014).

Yet, I am conscious that there have been many reports since the Synod suggesting the Church is about to change her constant teaching. Cardinal Nichols, who attended the Synod, wrote on his return that it is simply not true that this meeting was ever about changing the teaching of the Church on marriage, family life or sexual morality (Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop of Westminster, October 2014). The bishops considered the challenges being faced by families across the world. They sought a "pastoral response" which offers, in Pope Francis' words, answers "to the many discouragements that surround and suffocate families."

SANTA'S GROTTTO: Reindeer and elf school on Friday 28th November 3.30pm–5.30pm. Santa will be at St. Winefride's Primary School in his magical outside Grotto and this year he will be bringing his extra special friends some **real reindeer!** We will also have lots of lovely craft stalls to keep the children busy whilst you enjoy some delicious refreshments in the cafe. A raffle, lucky dip and tattoo stall will also be available. Donations of cakes or biscuits greatly appreciated.

Children's Society: Please return any Children's Society collection boxes to the Piety Stall for emptying so that the money can be passed to The Society.

Piety Stall: We have lost several of our helpers over the recent months and require a number of replacements. Please let Margaret know if you can spare half an hour after the Sunday masses once a month to serve on the stall.

The Church, he added, always seeks "to receive the needy, the penitent and not only the just or those who believe they are perfect!" Pope Francis insisted that we must not only welcome those who are lost amid this crisis, we must be ready to go out and find them!

The Church offers the truth she has received from Christ her Lord, not with hostility towards those who have taken a wrong path, but with the greatest love and concern for every person. The Church on earth is made up of sinners called to become saints; our practice of frequent Confession is, indeed, a constant reminder that every one of us is called along this path! It would be the ultimate failure in pastoral care or charity, to mislead people by encouraging them to remain in sin, or fail to call them to repentance and renewal (cf Lumen Gentium 8). Pope Francis describes such an approach as "deceptive mercy," a false mercy which bandages wounds but fails to heal them.

Today I want to dispel any misleading impression that the Church will abandon her witness to the truth and change her teaching in the face of hostile trends in public opinion or the destructive ideologies of our time. Pope Francis spoke of this as: "the temptation to come down off the Cross, to please the people, and not stay there, in order to fulfil the will of the Father; to bow down to a worldly spirit instead of purifying it and bending it to the Spirit of God."

Pope Francis has set before us the example of Saint John Paul II whom he named "the Pope of the family"; and of Pope Paul VI whom, at the end of the Synod, he declared among the Blessed, not least for his sometimes lonely witness to the truth. In the crisis we face today, let us look to the great inheritance of their teaching. May their courage and prayer inspire us to seek a greater faithfulness and a deeper understanding of what Christ and His Church truly teach about marriage, the family and human sexuality. At the end of the Synod, Pope Francis asked: "please do not forget to pray for me!"

On this Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which celebrates our unity in faith and love with the Holy See of Rome, may we never fail to pray for our Holy Father as he confirms us in faith amid all the passing crises of time (Luke 22:32).

With my blessing, + Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury

Reading and Eucharistic Ministry Rotas: Available online and in the sacristy. Please do try and find a substitute if you are away on your allotted day.

Foodbank: wish to thank the Parishioners for donating 180kg of food in October, which is in addition to the 142kg donated by the Children of St Winefride's School from their Harvest Festival last month.

Catechists' Formation Day Two: Saturday 15th November at St Columba's, Chester from 10am–3.30pm.

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Ordinary Time Week XXXI

2nd November 2014

1 Nov	SATURDAY		6.30pm	Stella Casson (100 th Birthday)
2 Nov	SUNDAY	<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	8.45am	The Parish
		<i>Baptism</i>	10.45am	Sr Damian de la Passion
			12noon	Jonah Hodgkinson
3 Nov	MONDAY	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i> <i>Blessing of the Cemetery after 9am mass</i>	7.30am	Holy Father's Intention
			9.00am	For all the Faithful Departed
			7.30pm	For the deceased of our Parish
4 Nov	TUESDAY	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00am	Christine Miller
5 Nov	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Winefride, Patron of our Parish</i>	9.00am	Fred Barber
6 Nov	THURSDAY		9.00am	Sellers and Leech families
		<i>Requiem</i>	10.00am	Josephine Trotman
7 Nov	FRIDAY	<i>St Willibrord – St Winefride's School children</i> <i>in Church</i>	9.10am	Nickson & Chambers families
		<i>Funeral Service</i>	1.30pm	James Michael Howard
8 Nov	SATURDAY		9.00am	Raymond Williams
8 Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer - Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter - Remembrance Sunday</i>	6.30pm	Stanley and Agnes Jones
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RIP: Josephine Trotman, James Michael Howard, William Robert Yates, Beryl Kerushin, Francis Daley

From Fr Ravi... Thank You!

November is a month when we remember with gratitude the departed members of our families and of our Parish community. A walk around the churchyard is indeed a walk into the history of St Winefride's, when we are powerfully reminded of the lives of ordinary men and women, who, by their presence and dedication, have shaped the parish into what it is today. Their lives can inspire and challenge each one of us. The best way to celebrate their memories is to support them with our prayers, especially during this month.

At St Winefride's, when we say RIP, we mean not only Rest In Peace but Resurrection Is Possible - this, then is our hope for those who have gone before us and also for those of us who are living, that in the midst of struggles and uncertainties, we keep believing that life will only be changed and never ended.

Our Parish has a history of 170 years. And I had no doubt when I was away, that our present generation of parishioners, led by Mgr Chris Lightbound, Deacon Mike Topping and so many generous volunteers, engaged in various ministries, would keep St Win's flag flying high. Many of you have told me personally about Fr Chris' gentle presence and commitment and we assure him of all our love and prayers.

We wish Stella a very Happy 100th Birthday and send her all our love and good wishes!

May God bless us all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: L Dolley and P Higgins.

First Communion: First meeting for parents **Tues 18th Nov at 7pm** at St Winefride's Primary School. Enrolment mass on **Sun 30th Nov at 10.45am** and celebration of First Communion on **Sat 13th June 2015 at 10am.**

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National Youth Sunday: Our parish youth are invited to join us at 10:45am mass on 23rd Nov. If you would like to be involved in any way please contact Louise Wilkinson music@stwinefridesneston.org.uk (336 1096)

November List: In keeping with the tradition of remembering our loved ones, we invite anyone who wishes, to place the names of deceased family and friends in a basket on the altar. A mass will be offered each week in November for names mentioned on the list.

Centenary of World War I: Praying for Peace in our church on Wednesday 26th November at 1.30pm with children from St Winefride's Primary School. All are welcome.

Music: Practice as usual 4-5pm Sunday in church. Extra "sing throughs" at 10:00-10:30am for music for the Bereavement and Youth Sunday masses from Sunday 9th. *New web page (music tab) available to hear some of the new music we are practising.*

RCIA: If any adult is interested in being received into the Catholic Church or in being baptised, please contact rcia@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or Fr Ravi. RCIA will begin from the first Tuesday of December.

CWL: This year we are not holding a Christmas Fair but instead are hoping our Christmas hamper raffle will raise much needed money to support our charities. Tickets for the hampers will be on sale at Mass on the weekends 6th/7th and 13th/14th December. Please support us.

SPUC: Christmas cards now on sale after all masses in the church hall. Beautiful religious cards at reasonable prices. National coffee morning Saturday 8th November after morning mass.

Social evening on Friday 21st November in our church hall with Singer/Songwriter Susan Hedges Only 50 tickets available so get yours now only £5. See posters in the church porches or phone Margaret on 336 2050.

SVP: Please place your empty printer cartridges and old mobile phones in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. Contact: Mark Branch 336 4287.

YSVP: Cake Sale after 10.45 am mass on Nov 9th. Edible donations welcome!

Parish Meal: Can all those who have confirmed their attendance at the Parish meal on 4th Dec, email Tony Wright at socials@stwinefridesneston.org.uk to obtain a menu.

Reading and Eucharistic Ministry Rotas: Available online and in the sacristy. Please do try and find a substitute if you are away on your allotted day.

Piety Stall: Christmas cards, advent calendars and diaries now available. Please browse display the cabinet for gifts and religious items. We are open after all weekend Masses until the New Year. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Children's Society.

Library: Many thanks to all who have donated books over the past six years. We now have a full stock in urgent need of sorting and categorising and help is needed. Please contact Geoff Davies on 336 4046 if you can help.

Red boxes: Would Red Box holders leave any full boxes in the rear church porch this week or ring 336 1261 for collection. Many thanks.

Shoe Boxes: A big thank you to everyone who supported this year's appeal. 50 will go to Operation Christmas Child and 50 to teams4u in Wrexham and still going to Romania.

Catechists' Formation Day Two: Saturday 15th November at St Columba's, Chester from 10am-3.30pm. Please bring a Catechism of the Catholic Church with you.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate.

CAFOD's Novena for Peace: At our Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara in Shrewsbury, on Saturday 8th Nov starting at 11.50am.

Shrewsbury Memorial Mass: Saturday 22nd Nov at 10.30am at Our Lady & the Apostles Stockport. If you wish someone to be included in our Remembrance Book, slips are available for you to provide details, or contact Sue and Liz on 01244 677594 or email shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk

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

Vacancies: Assistant Director of Schools (Full-time, permanent). Details and application form available from the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date is Friday 7th November at 10am.

Family Support Worker for Catholic Children's Society (12 month contract). For an application pack please contact Anne Smith at 0151 6521281, anne@cathchildsoc.org.uk or download at: www.cathchildsoc.org.uk

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Ordinary Time Week XXX

26th October 2014

25 Oct	SATURDAY	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Val Higgins
26 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45am	Wed Ann: Christine & Damian Loughe
			10.45am	Health: D Pover
27 Oct	MONDAY		9.00am	Ken Bayley
28 Oct	TUESDAY	Ss Simon and Jude Requiem Mass	9.00am	May Walsh
			10:30am	Francis Daley
29 Oct	WEDNESDAY	Blessed Martyrs of Douai	9.00am	William Anthony Davies
30 Oct	THURSDAY		9.00am	Bernard Caine
31 Oct	FRIDAY		9.00am	Health: Ruth Murray
1 Nov	SATURDAY		9.00am	Tom and Margaret White
1 Nov	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Baptism	12:00 noon	Francesca Grace Peet
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RIP: William Robert Yates, Francis Daley (Frank), Cyril Merrick

From Fr Chris:

Two great events recently that have taken place in Rome have been the beatification of Pope Paul VI, and the exciting debates concerning catholic family life in today's world during the Extraordinary Synod.

I received a pleasant email from Fr Ravi, who wrote "I guess the reign of terror in Neston will be over soon... Take care and God Bless, Ravi" I replied: "Dear Ravi, The reign of terror is increasing inexorably. Come back: all is forgiven, Chris."

Well, he arrives this weekend to wrest back control of the parish. Seriously, we all look forward to his return - plus his eloquence and charm. I should like to thank you all for your kindness to me, Ravi's honourable curate.

God Bless you all.

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Annual Bereavement Mass: For the Parish and CWL will be celebrated on 20th November, at 7pm. There will be light refreshments in the hall following Mass and we will introduce the new parish bereavement team. The CWL section meeting will follow at approximately 8.30-8.45pm.

SPUC: Christmas cards now on sale after all masses in the church hall. Beautiful religious cards at reasonable prices. National coffee morning Saturday 8th November after morning mass.

Tickets now available for our social evening on Friday 21st November in our church hall. Come and enjoy an evening with Susan Hedges a local singer/songwriter who has played at the Liverpool Phil and internationally. Only 50 tickets available price £5 See posters or phone Margaret for tickets.

Music: All musicians and singers welcome at 4pm in church on Sunday.

SVP: Donate your empty printer ink cartridges & old mobile phones to the SVP. The SVP are raising money by collecting empty printer ink cartridges and recycling old mobile phones; please place them in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. Contact: Mark Branch 336 4287.

Piety Stall: Christmas cards, advent calendars and diaries are now available. Please browse display the cabinet for gifts and religious items. We will be open after all Weekend Masses including 6:30pm Saturday until the New Year. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Children's Society.

Library: We now have a full stock of books and have no shelf space to accept any more at present unless they are appropriate recent publications (say since 2000) in good condition. Many thanks to all who have donated books over the past six years. Present stock is in urgent need of sorting and categorising but help is needed. Please contact Geoff Davies on 336 4046 if you can spare time to work on this.

Shoe Boxes: "Shoe Box Sunday" is today (26th Oct). Please do lend a hand after 10:45 mass!

CAFOD: Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall, priced £1 or donation to CAFOD.

Justice and Peace: Several parishioners from St Winefride's participated in a half-day conference on Pope Francis's vision for the church, which took place earlier this month at St. Agnes' in West Kirby. We listened to two insightful and thought provoking presentations from Brian Davies, who has been involved in Justice and Peace activities and reflections on *Evangelii Gaudium* in various parts of the country. As part of our Justice and Peace activities, a copy of the latest edition of Mouthpiece is online, on our website under the Justice and Peace section of Parish Life. Our J&P reps are Catherine and Paulo Lisboa.

Diocesan Youth Event – Krakow 2016: Pope Francis invites you to join him for the next World Youth Day. The journey to Krakow starts now – want to know more? Want to meet other young Catholics? Come along to the first step on our journey on **Sunday 26th October** at Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church, St George's Road, Wallasey at 2:30 pm – 5pm and find out more. Open to all young people in Year 10 and above. youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for more info.

III Diocesan Symposium: The Human Person and Reconciliation: What does reconciliation mean in practice? Ellesmere Port Catholic High on Saturday 1st November, 9:45am – 4pm. Margaret and Barry Mizen, parents of murder victim Jimmy will talk about Reconciliation, Love and Forgiveness. To register: pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. There will be another training day on the Wirral in the near future, but you are welcome to attend the one above if you would prefer to go sooner. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate.

Catechists' Formation Day Two: Saturday 15th November at St Columba's, Chester from 10am – 3.30pm. Entitled "Placing the Good News at the Heart of Catechesis, Developing a Kerygmatic Catechesis" the day will be led by Dr Petroc Willey. Please bring a Catechism of the Catholic Church with you.

Foodbank: A copy of the latest newsletter from the Foodbank is available online in the Foodbank section of Parish Life – it outlines the events and activities over the last three months from Cheshire West Foodbank.

Car Parking: Many thanks for parking considerately and keeping the front of the church clear of parked cars.

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Ordinary Time Week XXIX

19th October 2014

18 Oct	SATURDAY	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	6.30pm	Jonathan Williams
19 Oct	SUNDAY	2 nd Collection Association for the Propagation of the Faith	8.45am	Fr Denis Marmion
			10.45am	The Parish
20 Oct	MONDAY	Funeral Service	9.00am 12.00noon	Service of Communion and the Word John Pugh
21 Oct	TUESDAY		9.00am	William Davies
22 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St John Paul II	9.00am	Terry Hughes
23 Oct	THURSDAY	St John Capistrano	9.00am	40 days for Life
24 Oct	FRIDAY	St Anthony Claret	9.00am	Service of Communion and the Word
25 Oct	SATURDAY		9.00am	Service of Communion and the Word
25 Oct	Next Weekend SATURDAY	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Val Higgins
26 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45am	Wed Ann: Christine & Damian Loughe
		10.45am	Health: D Pover	

Weekdays: Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5:45-6:10pm

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RIP: John Pugh, Francis Daley (Frank), Cyril Merrick

From Fr Chris:

This weekend we celebrate the annual World Mission Sunday. This is our golden opportunity to dig deep in our pockets and purses to support our brothers and sisters in Third World parishes. These parishes are at the coal face in spreading the Good News of the Gospel. We have for the most part lived in Christian surroundings - families, parishes, schools etc - but by prayer and financial generosity we can ourselves become "missionaries". May the great missionary patrons: St Joseph, St Francis Xavier and St Teresa of Lisieux come to our aid.

From St Winefride's School:

The primary school held its annual Harvest Mass last week. It was well attended by both parents and parishioners, and the children entered into the celebration well with their fabulous singing and confident reading.

The children were asked to come into school on that day in their 'own clothes'. In return, they brought in tinned, packet or dried food which was donated to St Winefride's parish to be given to a local food bank.

Thank you to all parents and friends who donated a fantastic amount of food, and for St. Winefride's parishioners who joined us.

Our next Masses are on Friday 7th November, to celebrate St Winefride's Feast Day. This Mass is being held in church at 9.15am and on Friday 19th December, an Advent Mass will be held in school. All parishioners are welcome to join the children in celebrating the Holy Eucharist in their own special way.

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Music: All musicians and singers welcome at 4pm in church on Sunday 19th October.

SPUC: Christmas cards for sale in the church hall after mass from this weekend onwards.

Dates for your diary: SPUC National Coffee morning after 9am Mass on Saturday 8th November. Social evening in the church hall with Sue Hedges a local keyboard player, singer/songwriter from Neston, who has played at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and internationally. See posters for further information. Only 50 tickets, £5 each!

SVP: Donate your empty printer ink cartridges & old mobile phones to the SVP. The SVP are raising money by collecting empty printer ink cartridges and recycling old mobile phones; please place them in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. Contact: Mark Branch (0151 336 4287)

Foodbank: Many thank to the Pupils, Parents and Teachers for donating 140kg of food at their recent Harvest festival. *Urgently needed:* porridge oats, custard, sponge puddings, instant mash, UHT fruit juice. *Low stock:* instant noodles, instant pasta, jams/spreads, sugar.

Thank you to everyone for attending the recent talk given by the West Cheshire Foodbank.

The SVP also wish to thank everyone for supporting our walkers which raised £242 towards the running expenses of the District Holiday Home in Talacre.

Shoe Boxes: Boxes will be filled on 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th Oct. We also need small wrapped sweets for the boxes.

Parish Christmas Meal: All places now taken! Thank you to all who have booked.

CAFOD: Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall, priced £1 or donation to CAFOD.

Car Parking: Many thanks for parking considerately and keeping the front of the Church clear of parked cars.

One World Week: Sunday 19th October 6:30pm at St Thomas', Parkgate. "Living Differently: Breaking Chains - Making Change." Global justice in action - speaker Ed Potter who spent time with Tearfund in Africa and India.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate.

Catechists' Training Days: Saturday 15th November; Saturday 6th December at St Columba's, Chester from 10am - 3.30pm.

Poor Clares of Hawarden Autumn Fair: Saturday 25th October 11am - 1pm. Well worth a visit!

Reminder: Clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday 25th October.

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

World Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father
on World Mission Sunday
may we rejoice in the opportunity
to be missionaries of your love
to our brothers and sisters across the world
in our prayers and kind offerings to mission
forever mindful of the words
of your beloved Son, Jesus,
who desires us to share
His message with the world.

Amen.



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Ordinary Time Week XXVIII

12th October 2014

11 Oct	SATURDAY	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Bill and Eileen Scarratt
12 Oct	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Alban and Ada Knox
13 Oct	MONDAY	St Edward the Confessor	9.00 am	Health: Ruth Murray
14 Oct	TUESDAY	St Callistus	9.00 am	Gerry Cummins
15 Oct	WEDNESDAY	St Teresa of Avila	9.00 am	William Anthony Davies
16 Oct	THURSDAY	St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alocoque	9.00 am	Private Int (CL)
17 Oct	FRIDAY	St Ignatius of Antioch	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
18 Oct	SATURDAY	St Luke the Evangelist & Physician	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
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RIP: William Anthony Davies

From Fr Chris:

October is traditionally known as the Month of the Holy Rosary. In 1571, Pope St Pius V called on all the faithful to pray the Rosary to avert the danger of Turkish aggression. The Christian forces won a stunning victory at the Battle of Lepanto, off southern Italy. The Holy Father then instituted a permanent Feast of the Rosary in gratitude to the blessed Virgin. The fifteen decades tell the New Testament story of Faith in the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious "Mysteries". Pope St John Paul II added another five: The Lord's Baptism, the Marriage Feast of Cana, the Sermon of the Mount, the Transfiguration and the Last Supper.

Said publicly or privately, in part or in full, the Holy Rosary leads us to prayerful contemplation, under Our Lady's guidance, of great events by which Jesus, God's Son and hers, came among us. Try to find a few moments each day to savour this simple and heart-warming method of prayer, which draws God's blessing on our troubled world.

May God Bless us all!

The Rosary is recited every morning after morning mass. All are most welcome to join them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Music: All musicians and singers welcome at 4pm in church on Sunday 12th October.

CWL: Meeting on Thursday 16th October at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker Pat Wood, giving a talk and flower demonstration. All welcome.

SPUC: Meeting on Tuesday 14th October 7 30pm in our church hall. All welcome.

Two members of our group did the Walk of Witness last Saturday through Liverpool. Photographs on the notice board in the new porch and many, many thanks to all who have promised to sponsor our efforts for the unborn child. Contact Margaret on 336 2050 if you need sponsor money to be collected.

SVP: Donate Your Empty Printer Ink Cartridges and old mobile phones! The SVP are raising money by collecting empty printer ink cartridges and recycling old mobile phones; we receive £1 for each ink cartridge and up to £70 for a mobile phone. Please place your used ink cartridges/old mobile phones in the plastic box next to the printer at the back of the church hall. For further information please contact Mark Branch 336 4287.

Foodbank: All are invited to a talk organised by the SVP and given by the Chester West and Cheshire Foodbank Monday 13th Oct at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. This is open to all members of our community, please do come along.

Shoe Boxes: We will be filling the boxes on 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th Oct. We also need small wrapped sweets for the boxes.

Parish Christmas Meal: Demand has been great and all places have now been taken! Thank you to all who have booked.

CAFOD: Copies of Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the well known Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall. Fr Denis' brother, Cannon John Marmion, wishes the booklets to be sold in aid of CAFOD. They are available on the piety stall priced £1 or donation.

Floreat Salopia: Fr Chris thanks all who have supported this venture so magnificently. There are a few copies available after mass and those that have been prepaid or pre-ordered are in named envelopes in the back porch: please do collect your copy!

Car Parking: Please keep the front of the church clear of parked cars – the emergency services needed access last weekend and couldn't get through. Please park at the rear of the church in the car park. Many thanks for your consideration.

St Teresa of Avila: Opening Mass of Fifth Centenary Celebrations on 15th Oct at 7:30 pm at St Anne's, Rockferry.

Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Grandparents: Canon Michael Gannon VG will be celebrating mass on Saturday 18th October at Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport SK3 8BQ, at 2pm All are welcome and there will be tea/coffee and cake after the Mass.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Day: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate. For further information contact Fr Jonathan Mitchell at frjonmitchell@cantab.net or see poster in porch.

Catechists' Training Days: Saturday 15th November; Saturday 6th December at St Columba's, Chester from 10:00 – 3.30pm.

Poor Clares: Thank you for last week's fabulous response in our second collection. From the Poor Clares: 'Bless all you wonderfully generous people'. We now have enough funds for 13 months' deliveries. Thank you so much.

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Ordinary Time Week XXVII

5th October 2014

4 Oct	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
6 Oct	MONDAY	St Bruno Funeral Service	9.00 am 2.00 pm	Service of Word & Communion Terrence Lambert
7 Oct	TUESDAY	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00 am	Fr Denis Marmion
8 Oct	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Harris
9 Oct	THURSDAY	Ss Denis, John Leonardi & Blessed John Henry Newman In school	9.10 am	Isabel Delaney
10 Oct	FRIDAY	St Paulinus of York	9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
11 Oct	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Service of Word & Communion
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RIP: William Davies, Terrence Frank Kenneth Lambert

From Fr Chris:

It seemed eerily quiet at St Winefride's last Monday morning as I arrived to celebrate the 9am Mass. Then I realised that Fr Ravi's cheerful presence was missing – he had vanished through the stratosphere to his native India for his holiday. Imagine my surprise and delight when answering the phone the next morning to find I was being addressed by the man himself. He had enjoyed his long flight and the two large meals that were provided! Back home it is raining during this season, which means he can keep cool in spite of the heat. He sends warm greetings from his family and himself to his beloved parish of St Winefride. I promised that we will keep in our prayers, and hope that he will have a good rest and plenty of curry dinners in the next three weeks.

Please don't forget a daily prayer for Pope Francis, the bishops and other representatives at the Family Synod in Rome. Pope Francis wants all 'our families to be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic churches'.

As we also pray for all our friends and families who are sick, we especially keep Terrence Lambert and his family, and William Davies and Bishop Marks' family in our prayers.

May God bless us all!

Church Cleaners: L Wilkinson and T Davies

Second Collection: In Aid of the Poor Clare's in Hawarden.

Please Note: There will be no Mass or devotions in church on Thurs 9th Oct (mass in school) and no confessions between 11-11.30am on Sat 11th October.

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Music: Singing practice for all this Sunday 4pm in church. We are learning a new mass setting and hymns for Advent. You **do not** have to sing at a particular mass, be able to read music or attend rehearsals every week to come along. Please note we are very short of male voices!

RCIA Catechists' Day: Sat 11th Oct at St Columba's Parish Centre in Chester.

Training Day for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: At St Nicholas Catholic High School, Northwich on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.30am - 3.30pm. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to attend. Please inform Deacon Mike if you wish to participate. For further information contact Fr Jonathan Mitchell at frjonmitchell@cantab.net or see poster in porch.

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Parish Christmas Meal: Thurs 4th Dec at "The Inn" at Ness. £11.00 per head includes starter, main meal and a glass of red or white wine. To reserve 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. Contacts: Tony Wright 0788 906 3579 or Kieron Grace 07966 764 848/ 336 7492.

CWL News: Committee Meeting on Thurs 9th Oct at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. On Thurs 16th Oct we are having a Flower Demonstration by Pat Woods. Thanks to all who supported our Macmillan coffee morning on 26th Sept. It was a lovely event, enjoyed by all and raised an amazing £330!

Floreat Salopia: Uncollected copies in back porch.

SVP: Birkenhead District's Theatre Night on 19th Nov at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight tickets £8.00. Bebington Dramatic Society's "The Wilmslow Boy".
Sponsored Walk: Thank you to all who supported our walkers. We will announce how much was raised as soon as the money has been collected.
Foodbank: All are invited to a talk organised by the SVP and given by the Chester West and Cheshire Foodbank Mon 13th Oct at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. This is open to all members of our community, please do come along.

SPUC: Two members took part in the Pro-life walk of witness, which took place on Sat 4th Oct. Please show your support by sponsoring our walkers. Sponsor forms are in both porches.

Shoe Boxes: We will be filling the boxes on 11th and 25th Oct after 9am Mass. "Shoe Box Sunday" will be 26th Oct. We also need small wrapped sweets for the boxes.

NDCT: Harvest Service Sun 5th Oct 3.20 for 3.30-4pm at Hinderton Mount. Please bring friends along.

Website: Some of you may have noticed our new side banners with information from Shrewsbury Diocese, Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, the Vatican and tweets from Pope Francis. They are on the main pages of our site, so do keep a look out when surfing!

Car Parking Notices: We have two notices available to hang on the front gateposts to direct people to our car park. These will be kept in the sacristy and are available as needed. Please note that access to the front of church is needed at all times. Please use the car park at the rear of Church.

CAFOD: Copies of Fr Denis' booklet on the life and personality of Wilfred Owen, the well known Great War poet are available at the Piety Stall. Owen was a local man with strong connections within the Shrewsbury Diocese. Fr Denis' brother, Cannon John Marmion, wishes the booklets to be sold in aid of CAFOD. They are available on the piety stall priced £1 or donation.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): for those engaged in the communication of the Catholic Faith. Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, starting on Sat 11th Oct 10am - 3.30pm. Posters in porch. Contact Rowena Neild rowena.neild@sky.com 0161 4408619.

St Teresa of Avila: Opening Mass of Fifth Centenary Celebrations on 15th Oct at 7:30 pm at St Anne's, Rockferry.

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