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**Ordinary Time Week XIII**

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

28 June	SATURDAY	Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter	6.30 pm	The Parish
29 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Sp Int: Anne-Marie
			10.45 am	Ken Hardman
30 June	MONDAY	The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	9.00 am	Aline Gillett
1 July	TUESDAY	St Oliver Plunkett	9.00 am	Special Intention
2 July	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Richard Hall
3 July	THURSDAY	St Thomas	9.00 am	Ken Bayley
4 July	FRIDAY	St Elizabeth of Portugal Pilgrims to the grave of Teresa Higginson	9.00 am 11am-3pm	Gerry Cummins Private Devotions
5 July	SATURDAY	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria Baptism	9.00 am 12.00 noon	Health: Joan Cleary Marlo Flyn Joseph Wright
5 July	Next Weekend SATURDAY	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30 pm	Barbara Dyas
6 July	SUNDAY		8.45 am	Eric Belcher
			10.45 am	The Parish
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm				
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RIP: David Williamson				

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Cleaners:** L Dolley, P Higgins

**Assisted Dying Bill:** Please write to a member of the House of Lords. The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. If you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18<sup>th</sup> July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, please visit: [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill) It is vital to write as soon as possible and certainly before 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**SPUC:** Sunday's garden party raised £301.90. Many thanks to Maureen and Jack Aland and to all came and enjoyed a fantastic afternoon in their wonderful garden.

**SPUC Petition:** For those who missed it, please sign our petition to the Secretary of State for Health asking that doctors do not misinform and mislead women by authorising abortion on invalid mental health grounds.

**Piety Stall:** This weekend the piety stall will be at the school fair, not in the Church Hall and is the last time the stall will be open prior to the summer break. We will reopen on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>. If you require anything during the break contact Margaret on 3364046. Occasion and prayer cards will be available in the rear porch.

**New Sacristans:** Would you like to be a part of our team of sacristans? Duties include preparing the altar for Masses and locking the church at the end of the day. Training will be given. Currently we are a team of three but with more we could run a weekly rota. If you are interested, contact Gillian Barber on 3361746 or gillymustard@gmail.com

**Summer Fair:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm to 3.30 pm. Chester High School Band, refreshments, face painting, pony rides, tombola, crazy golf, stocks, raffle and more.

**NDCT:** Neston Village Fair on Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>. If you can help out please contact Mike Topping, Helen Jones or Kate Hughes at ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

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

**A PASTORAL LETTER**  
**On the Great Challenge for our Generation**

My dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you on the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, when we hear in the Gospel the great promise of Our Lord to Simon Peter:

*"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld shall not prevail against it"* (Mt 16:18).

The past century has been marked by the emergence of inhuman ideologies and such unprecedented bloodshed and destruction that it often seemed as if *"the gates of hell"* had prevailed. However, the Successors of St Peter in the Holy See of Rome have stood at the forefront of the defence of human life, the defence of the value of every human person. They have proclaimed the Gospel of Life in the face of what Saint John Paul II described as, *"the culture of death"*. Today, that culture of death is manifested in the hidden destruction of the unborn on an industrial scale, and the threat to the sick and the aged of a killing, which its advocates perversely call *"mercy"*.

Pope Francis continues this unfailing witness in our time, by his words and gestures affirming the eternal value of every human being, especially the weakest and the frailest. In his most recent Exhortation, the Holy Father asks us to be attentive to the new forms of poverty and vulnerability. Pope Francis specifically speaks of those elderly people

*"who are increasingly isolated and abandoned"* and of the unborn children *"the most defenceless and innocent among us"* (Evangelii Gaudium n. 210, 213).

I don't need to remind you of the widespread concern about the ill-treatment of the aged and those at the end of life in some of our care homes and hospitals -and this in spite of the many dedicated people working in these fields of care. It seems all the more incomprehensible, then, that we would be considering a change in the law to diminish the protection given to those most vulnerable.

Next month a Bill to legalize *"assisted suicide"* for those at the end of life will begin its passage through Parliament. This legislation will be presented as a *"compassionate"* measure, whose sole aim is to relieve the suffering of the

sick and the aged. Yet, it is far from compassionate to remove the legal protections provided for some of the most vulnerable members of society. The proposed change to our laws will license doctors to supply lethal drugs to assist the deaths of those expected to live for six months or less. If Parliament allows exceptions to the laws which protect the very sanctity of human life, it would be impossible to predict where this will end. In 1967, the politicians who legalised the killing of unborn children in limited and exceptional circumstances did not foresee how violating the sanctity of human life would lead to the wanton destruction of millions of lives. It is not surprising that many vulnerable people, including those with disabilities, are today worried by Lord Falconer's *"assisted dying"* Bill. It might sound reasonable to speak of *"choices at the end of life"* - as the campaigners for euthanasia do - but what choice will be left for many?

The recent commemorations of D-day have reminded us of how an earlier generation was ready to face death in the defence of human life and dignity, in what Britain's war-time Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, described as a battle for the survival of *"Christian civilisation"* (House of Commons, 18<sup>th</sup> June 1940). It is the Christian faith which has led us to recognise the sanctity of every human life, the value of every human person. In their quest for the elusive definition of *"British values"*, our political leaders need look no further for the foundations of our society. And whilst we recall the heroism of generations before us, we must not fail to recognise the great challenge for our own generation. We are now being called upon to defend the sanctity of human life amidst the growing threats against it.

Defending the value of the life and dignity of every human person, from their conception until their natural death, represents the great battle of our life-times, a battle we must fight with the weapons of peace. Together with Pope Francis, the Successor of the Apostle Peter, may you and I be able finally to repeat the words of the Apostle Paul:

*"I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith ..."* (II Tim 4:7).

May it be so, for each one of us.

With my blessing,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

**Ambry at St Winefride's**

All of us at some time in our lives have experienced sacramental anointing, whether at baptism, confirmation, or perhaps when we were ill. As the tabernacle houses the Blessed Sacrament, traditionally the ambry is the place where the sacred oils were kept in respect and reverence. In our church the ambry is already beautifully designed in the sanctuary adjacent to the tabernacle and below the Good Shepherd window, possibly to remind us of God's abiding presence and the church's eternal care for each and every one of us.

The Oil of Catechumens (*Oleum Catechumenorum*) is used during baptism (mainly for infants); The Oil of Chrism (*Sacrum Chrisma*) is for baptism, confirmation and ordination (a mixture of oil and balsam); and The Oil of the Sick (*Oleum Infirmorum*) is for anointing those who are ill. Historically olive oil played an integral role in people's lives: it was used in preparation of food, fuel for lamps, welcoming guests, preparing bodies for burial and in the Old Testament it was used for anointing kings and prophets. In the New Testament James writes about the anointing of the sick with oil (James 5:14).

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### Ordinary Time Week XII

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

21 June	SATURDAY	<i>The Body and Blood of Christ</i>	6.30 pm	Mary & Julie Mulligan
22 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Selina Ashington
23 June	MONDAY	<i>St Etheldreda</i>	9.00 am	Health: J Henesy
24 June	TUESDAY	<i>The Birth of John the Baptist</i>	9.00 am	James Nickson
25 June	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Catherine Nickson
26 June	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Alice Fearn
27 June	FRIDAY	<i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.00 am	TG: Fr Denis Maher
28 June	SATURDAY	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary/St Irenaeus</i>	9.00 am	Special Intention
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RIP: Mgr John Williams, Marie Nagle

#### From Fr Ravi... To Stand Up and to Stand Out!

The 39 candidates who were confirmed in our Church last Wednesday were congratulated by Bishop Mark for their courage, 'to stand up and to stand out' as responsible, adult members of the Church, filled with the Power of the Spirit and willing to commit themselves to the mission of proclaiming God's love to everyone. Our visitors from neighbouring parishes, as well as the parents and sponsors of the candidates, were fully appreciative of the enormous efforts that made the liturgy both solemn and participative - a moment of grace for everyone!

On behalf of the Parish, I would like to express our gratitude in a special way to the dedicated team of Catechists - Sue Davies, Micheline Johnson, Helen Jones, Luke Needham and Dee Roberts - who prepared our candidates over a period of 10 months. Their meticulous planning for the Confirmation liturgy and their organisational abilities were noted by everyone. The Choir, yet again, were in excellent form. After their amazing singing during the Holy Week, they have once more proved at the Confirmation celebrations that with regular practice and commitment, we are capable of doing wonders at St Winefride's! We thank all our choir members and especially Maria Slater and Louise Wilkinson. The trio of deacons led by Mike Topping and the concelebrating priests - Mgr Chris, Canon Hoban, Fr Lucas - helped the liturgy come alive. We also thank our altar servers and all those who helped behind the scenes to prepare the church for the celebration and those helping to refresh us all afterwards with food and drink.

Many of you may still remember the solemn Corpus Christi processions of olden times: on this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, may we find strength in receiving the Lord in the Sacrament and experience peace in praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

We are happy to see Fr Denis home after his sojourn in Glan Clwyd Hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

May God Bless us all.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Fran Byrne and Louise Wood

**Catechists:** As we have concluded our sessions for First Communion and Confirmation, we are happy to welcome others interested in sharing our faith with others. Depending on your interest, there are different teams - Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, RCIA, Bereavement etc. There will be training sessions at the diocesan level and you will receive all the support and help that may be required.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** As announced on Pentecost Sunday, during the following weeks, I shall be contacting different groups active in our parish community and exploring possibilities of forming a representative and committed PPC that will help us all in our faith-formation, faith-celebration and faith-action.

**SPUC:** Garden party this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 2.00pm at Medicott in Haddon Lane, Ness (Park in the Riding School and walk through, past the stables to house). Admission Adults £3 - children free! Bring and Buy and Raffle (Donations welcome)! Contact Margaret on 226 2050.

**YSVP And Little Church Adult Helpers:** URGENT meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 25 Furrocks Lane to discuss planning and availability for next year. Please contact Barbara Rivers 336 2972 if you are unable to attend.

**Music:** Choir practices have finished now for the summer holidays and will resume in September. We look forward to welcoming new members then.

**RCIA:** We thank all those who have participated in this year's programme. We will resume again on the first Tuesday in Advent (2<sup>nd</sup> December) for those interested.

**Shrewsbury Catholic Voice:** June 2014 edition available in both porches.

**Summer Fair:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Show your support by having a fun day out with friends and family. Chester High School Band, Refreshments, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Cakes, Tombola, Crazy Golf, Stocks, Raffle and more....! Donations of plants, books, cakes and good quality second hand items to be delivered *directly to school* on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> between 3.30pm - 4.30 pm or Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> between 10.00 am and 12.00. **Please do not leave in the church porches.** Any offers of help, contact Alison Harper on 07909 331 362.

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**Foodbank:** Trussell Trust have had discussions with UNICEF regarding the provision of infant formula milk at foodbanks and will now no longer accept any donations of infant formula or distribute any formula products to mothers. They will still assist mothers by directing them to organisations who are able to help them. Many thanks for your support. westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

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June 15<sup>th</sup> 2014

14 June	SATURDAY	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.30 pm	Patrick Caffrey
15 June	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	James Hilton
16 June	MONDAY	<i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	9.00 am 9.10am	L Tommony & D Cunningham School
17 June	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Hughes Family
18 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>LPA Confirmation</i>	9.00 am 7.00 pm	Anne & Richard Gribren For candidates & their sponsors
19 June	THURSDAY	<i>St Romuald</i>	9.00 am	TG M Henesy
20 June	FRIDAY	<i>St Alban</i>	9.00 am	Sp Int: Michael
21 June	SATURDAY	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.00 am	Sp Int: A Harrison
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#### From Fr Ravi... In Trinity's Circle of Love!

St Winefride's has a very special place for children, and their well being and growth in faith is at the centre of our life and mission. It was a joy to see them receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and we assure them of our presence and prayers in their faith journey. We take this opportunity to congratulate and thank their parents, teachers, and in a special way our catechists - Liz Dolley, Tony Topping, Sue and Barry Lyonette, Suzanne Hoskinson, Pauline O'Gormon and the Headteacher and staff of St Winefride's Primary School.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, we will be welcoming Bishop Mark to St Winefride's as we host this year's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Local Pastoral Area (LPA). There are 39 Candidates drawn from Pensby (8), Heswall (2) and our own parish (29). Fr Lucas Ngwa (Pensby), Fr Terry Boylan (Heswall) together with our own Fr Denis and Fr Chris will concelebrate with Bishop Mark, assisted by three Deacons, Lawrence Hordley, Jeffrey Telford and of course, Mike Topping. A special welcome to those from our neighbouring parish communities visiting our church for the celebrations!

On this Father's day, we say a big "Thank you" to all the fathers - those present now and those with God - for the love we have all experienced from them. When we trace the Sign of the Cross today as we celebrate the Holy Trinity Sunday, let us remind ourselves of its rich meaning - in the **presence** of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - which enables us to be included in the circle of the Trinity and helps us experience God's warm embrace every moment of our lives!

May God bless us all.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** B and V Casey

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** To help prepare our candidates, their sponsors and parents to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation meaningfully, priest/s will be available for confessions, 30 minutes before and after the rehearsal this Sunday evening!

**Confirmation:** Our rehearsal for candidates and sponsors will be this Sunday evening 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm and Bishop Mark will preside at the celebration on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm (please could candidates and sponsors arrive in good time and be seated by 6:45pm).

**Parish Hall:** We thank the hall team for improving and adding a number of facilities for the use of our community. Besides the wheelchair access, internet and media projector, they have also added a mini refrigerator and a heating tray in the kitchen. They will be pleased to have your comments as well as suggestions.

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**CWL Meeting:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Will members please bring their gift for the food hamper, which will be at the Village Fair on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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**Music Rehearsal:** The final Confirmation music rehearsal will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in church. Confirmation candidates and their parents/sponsors are very welcome to join our regular singers.

**Church Flowers:** Would you like to be part of a small team arranging the flowers on a rota basis? Your help would be most valued. Contact Angela on 336 4347 for more details.

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**Mgr John Williams (1931-2014):** The Requiem Mass for Mgr John Williams former parish priest of Our Lady and St John's Heswall (1993-2005) has been arranged Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am at Heswall.

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8 June	SUNDAY	<i>Baptism</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Mary Jones Poppy Rae Williams
9 June	MONDAY	<i>St Ephrem of Syria/St Columba</i>	9.00 am	Int: A Graham
10 June	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Kevin Moreton
11 June	WEDNESDAY	<i>St Barnabas</i>	9.00 am	Ellen Sellers
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#### From Fr Ravi ...Happy Birthday Everyone!

We can identify many 'founding' moments in the Scriptures to mark the beginnings of the new community of Jesus, the Church – such as when Peter was entrusted with the mission of proclaiming God's reign of love, or at the foot of the cross when unconditional acceptance of the other was experienced and I am sure you can think of other events. Generally, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated as the 'birthday' of the Church; hence, the invitation to pray in a special way for the Church today.

The Pontifical Yearbook, published recently, presents some interesting data: the Catholic presence in the world has risen slightly from 17.3% to 17.5%, as the number of the baptised people around the world rose from 1115 to 1229 million between 2005 and 2012. The 2012 data shows Europe as being home to 23.3% of the world's Catholics (a drop from 25.5% in 2005) while Africa has 16.2%, a significant increase from 13.8% in 2005 – which explains to some extent, the violence against Christians there. There are at present 2,981 dioceses (ecclesiastical districts or similar units).

Ignatius of Laodicea Orthodox Metropolitan, shared the following insight at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppasala in 1968, which can inspire us all today: "Without the Holy Spirit, God is distant, Christ is merely an historical figure, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is just an organisation, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, liturgy is only nostalgia, and the work of Christians is slave labour. But with the Holy Spirit, Christ is risen and present, the Gospel is a living force, the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity, authority is a service that sets people free, mission is Pentecost, the liturgy is memory and anticipation, and the labour of Christians is divinised."

Come Holy Spirit!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Wendy Morgan, Anne-Marie McClean

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**Confirmation:** This weekend marks the concluding session for our Confirmation candidates. Again I am grateful to each of them and their parents for their determination during a long period of preparation and our special thanks go to the catechists for the commitment they have shown throughout this period. Our rehearsal for candidates and sponsors is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm and Bishop Mark will preside at the celebration on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**World Communications Sunday:** Helen Jones of BBC and Srs Catherine & Lalaine have asked me to convey their gratitude for the warm welcome they received and for your 'attentive' listening! A brief report is being prepared for the Diocesan 'Catholic Voice'.

**Office items:** There are two unused filing cabinets, a card index cabinet in the office and also two printers. If anyone is interested in taking them, please do contact by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

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**Parish Hall:** The copier we used in the office has been moved to the parish hall and soon Derek Pover and the hall team may also find suitable places for a mini refrigerator and a heating tray. Please do encourage your family and friends to use our parish centre for family and social events

**Ladies Day Parade:** Neston was at its best last Thursday to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this special event and we congratulate all who participated in it and Robert D Halsall for serving as Hon. Secretary for the last 27 years.

**CWL:** Committee Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June in the hall.

**SPUC Garden Party:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 2pm at 'Medicott' in Haddon Lane, Ness; (Parking available at the Riding School). Tickets now available priced £3.00, which includes light refreshments. There will also be a bring and buy and raffle. All welcome. For tickets or further information, contact Margaret on 336 2050 or any of our group.

**SPUC:** Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the church hall. All welcome.

**NDCT:** The next prayer breakfast will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am in Neston Methodist Church.

**SVP: Last chance** to buy SVP raffle tickets to win a new VW car generously donated by a Shrewsbury parishioner. The number of tickets in circulation is limited and are only being sold in the Shrewsbury SVP Conferences, closing date is 28<sup>th</sup> June and the raffle is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets cost £1.00 each and will be on sale after all masses this weekend and mid week.

**Music Rehearsal:** We will be rehearsing the music for the Confirmation Mass today, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm (not our usual time) and also on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in church. Confirmation candidates and parents/sponsors are welcome to join our regular singers.

**Church Flowers:** Would you like to be part of a small team arranging the flowers on a rota basis? Your help would be most valued. Contact Angela on 336 4347 for more details.

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**Thank You:** The family of Gerry Cummins thank all those who attended Gerry's Requiem Mass, sent Mass cards and letters of sympathy and for the ongoing prayers and support which means so much. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**St Anselm's College Open Evening:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 5-8pm, www.st-anselms.com Please see poster in 'new' porch for further details.

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### EASTER WEEK VII

1<sup>st</sup> June 2014

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1 June	SUNDAY	<i>Wedding</i>	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am 1.30 pm	Int: Karen Kirby Jemma Parker & Flavio Arragoni
2 June	MONDAY	<i>Ss Marcellinus &amp; Peter</i>	9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
3 June	TUESDAY	<i>SS Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	9.00 am	Int: Mary Wilson
4 June	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Mc Donnell family
5 June	THURSDAY	<i>St Boniface</i>	9.00 am	Gerry Cummins
6 June	FRIDAY	<i>St Norbert</i>	9.00 am	Health: Evie-Rose Jones
7 June	SATURDAY		9.00 am	Martin McNamara
7 June	SATURDAY	<i>Next Weekend</i> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Church</i>	6.30 pm	Anthony R Foulkes
			8.45 am	The Parish
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#### From Fr Ravi: Communication leading to Communion...

The sight of our parishioners and friends, especially the house bound, reading our newsletter from top to bottom is always very gratifying. We are blessed at St Winefride's with efficient communication teams whose commitment to this important ministry is truly inspiring. On this, World Communications Day, we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to each one of them: our newsletter compilers - Louise Wood, Louise and Scott Wilkinson, Ian Trotman, Marie-Lou Reid and Veronica Cuthbert; our webteam - Judy Howard, Tara O'Cleirigh, Veronica Cuthbert and Mat Taylor; and our facilitators Helen Jones and Karl Ankers. We thank them all on behalf of the parish.

Our website as many of you already know includes:

- Mass times (especially over the Easter and Christmas Seasons)
- Newsletters
- Parish Contacts and Rotas
- Information regarding Baptism, Marriages and Funerals
- Mini Winnies for children
- Parish History and much more besides....

The webteam will be on hand after every mass in the Parish Hall to guide you through the website. Our weekly newsletter and parish website serve to foster unity by making relevant information available to all.

This weekend we welcome Helen Jones from BBC Radio Merseyside, who is well known to us here and Srs Catharine Skelton and Lalaine Lilio from the Daughters of St Paul (who you might know from Pauline Books and Media in Bold Street, Liverpool). They will be sharing with us their experiences of communicating the faith in this digital age.

May God bless us all!

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#### Pope Francis' World Communications Day Message

*'It's no good trying to communicate the Gospel if we are not open to encounter the lives and the truth of others.'*

This is the Pope Francis' first message for World Communications Day and it offers a profoundly personal and Franciscan vision of the way that modern media technology must help us, not just to connect virtually, but to promote a real encounter with people and ideas that are often very different from our own. A culture of encounter demands that we be ready not only to give, but also to receive and the internet, the message says, offers immense possibilities for encouraging encounter and solidarity. Noting the continuing "scandalous gap between the opulence of the wealthy and the utter destitution of the poor", the Pope says media can help create a stronger sense of the unity of the human family.

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**Invocation 2014:** A vocations festival at St Mary's College, Oscott from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The festival is a mixture of faith and friendship; prayer and worship, adoration and reconciliation, engaging talks and inspiring workshops. It is a discernment festival- a weekend full of opportunities for you to think about who God is calling you to be. More details from invocation.org.uk

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technological revolution. He uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to explain how we must see ourselves as true neighbours, ready to take responsibility for the needs of others. Returning to one of his favourite themes, the Pope says our streets are teeming with people who are often hurting and looking for a sign of hope and salvation. It's not enough to be passers-by on the streets and digital highways of our world: rather we must keep open the doors of our churches and our digital environments so that people can enter and the Gospel message can reach to the ends of the earth.

#### World Communications Day Prayer

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### EASTER WEEK VI

May 25th 2014

24 May	SATURDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	The Parish
			8.45 am	TG: Sadie Douglas
25 May	SUNDAY	Baptism To pray for Pope Francis & Peace in the Holy Land	10.45 am	Allan & Monica Storey
			11.45 am	Jack Rowlands
			3-4 pm	Adoration
26 May	MONDAY	St Philip Neri	10.00 am	Michael Saunders
27 May	TUESDAY	St Augustine of Canterbury	9.00 am	James Nickson
28 May	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Int: Mary Henesy
29 May	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Peter Durrant
30 May	FRIDAY		9.00 am	John M Piccolo
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#### Message from Bishop Mark...

I am sure you are aware that later this month our Holy Father Pope Francis will be making an apostolic visit to the Holy Land. It has been proposed by the Friends of the Holy Land that this will be an opportunity to be united in prayer with Pope Francis for all the people of the Holy Land. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May I would invite you to join Pope Francis specifically in prayer perhaps organising an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the parishes between 3pm and 4pm. I am conscious this is the time when Pope Francis will be visiting Bethlehem and so is an especially appropriate moment for us to be united across the Diocese in prayer with the Holy Father and intercession for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

**World Communications Sunday:** World Communications Day takes place this year on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 - the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. This is the day when Catholics are asked to reflect on the necessity of fulfilling the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. A key to communicating with "the whole world" is the world of the media and its demands for news relating to every aspect of the life of the Church and its people. We are delighted to welcome Helen Jones from the BBC to talk to us at some of our masses next weekend about the role of the media in her life and her experience of communicating the faith.

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**Music Rehearsal:** Please note there will NOT be a rehearsal today (25<sup>th</sup> May). The next rehearsal for confirmation mass will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4pm in church.

**Piety Stall:** Due to holidays the piety stall, for this week only, will not have its usual full display but items can be bought from the display cabinet after Sunday mass as normal. Cards of all kinds will continue to be available from the unit in the back porch.

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**RCIA:** The RCIA group will be attending a Thanksgiving mass to be celebrated by Bishop Mark on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Hale Barnes. The fellowship meal last Wednesday to celebrate the presence of five candidates who were welcomed into the Church at Easter, was attended by everyone. Special thanks to the 'leading lights' who accompanied them in their journey.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** Many thanks to Gillian Barber who has been our rep for this year. Veronica Cuthbert will be the St Winefride's rep for the next World Day of Prayer in March 2015. We are sure that she will well supported by us all. ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

**Seder (Passover) Meal:** Photos from our evening on 14<sup>th</sup> May are now online in the Gallery Section.

**NW Justice and Peace Network:** The May edition of the E-bulletin is available online in the Parish Life section.

**Website:** Thank you to all who are regularly accessing our site, those who occasionally dip in and for your useful feedback. Some statistics: we currently get approximately 120 to 160 visitors weekly. It is gratifying that so many are returning visitors, mostly viewing our most popular pages: newsletter and rotas. There is a wealth of information on the website and it is our St Winefride's community that we are supporting - please do take time to visit the site if you haven't yet done so. We hope we manage to cater for all age groups from our younger ones (with our Mini Winnie's pages) to our more senior members. As ever, we welcome anyone to lend a hand to the webteam.

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### EASTER WEEK V

May 18th 2014

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18 May	SUNDAY	First Communion Children	8.45 am	Fr Gerry Courell
			10.45 am	David Rowlands
19 May	MONDAY	St Milburga School Funeral Service	9.00 am 9.10am 10.00am	Int: Joan Cleary Fr Gerry Courell Mary Leadbetter
20 May	TUESDAY	St Bernadine of Siena	9.00 am	Int: Elizabeth Roebuck & Family
21 May	WEDNESDAY	Dedication of Shrewsbury Cathedral	9.00 am	Int: Ann-Marie Courell
22 May	THURSDAY	St Rita of Casia	9.00 am	Bill Davis
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**RIP:** Mary Leadbetter, Bill Davis

#### Passover Meal - Report from Fr Denis...

Those of us who were lucky enough to be at the Passover meal on Wednesday were delighted with the occasion. The hall was decorated with flowers and candles; as soon as we walked in we knew it was a festive occasion. I have never seen the hall looking so welcoming. David and Teresa were excellent guides; for all of us it was a unique occasion. I would like to offer my thanks and the thanks of all who attended to the team who planned the occasion and cooked the baked potatoes and prepared the salad. The Passover has been around for *thirty-five centuries* which explains why it is complicated and celebrated in different ways in various countries.

The core message is that God saved his people from slavery in Egypt, so it is a service celebrated *at home* with thanksgiving and praise of God. We ate parsley dipped in salt water to remind us of the tears of the Israelites in their slavery – and many other symbols... the offering of a Pascal lamb, which is no longer part of the service, and the unleavened bread may well go back to the time when the Israelites were nomadic shepherd, before the Exodus. The service starts with the mother of the household lighting the candles – as she does every Friday evening. This is soon followed by the youngest child asking four questions: Why is this night different from other nights? - and the father of the household tells the Exodus story – both in words and symbols. There are four toasts; a cup for Elijah is filled and the door opened for him; and we say “next year in Jerusalem!” The service finishes with psalms and songs.

Both David and Teresa were invaluable in explaining the symbols to us. Having a practicing Jew leading us made all the difference. Thanks to both of them it was a night we shall always remember. Virginia Bowes gave us the vote of thanks.

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**Church Cleaners:** L Dolley, P Higgins

**Holy Father:** Pope Francis will be making an apostolic visit to the Holy Land this week and we have been asked to pray with him for Peace in the Holy Land. Whilst the Holy Father is in Bethlehem, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here in church to pray for peace in the world.

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**Well done** to YSVP members Zoe, Dominic, Jonathan, Emily, Rachael and Elinor for giving up their Saturday morning to bag pack for Clatterbridge Cancer Centre: £280.55 collected.

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**Part-Time National Director** for the SVP to lead, facilitate and co-ordinate all the services of the Vincentian Volunteer Programme. Salary: £25,000 (pro-rata). For full details and to apply contact Sr Susan Molloy, St Matthew's Presbytery, Worsley Road, Winton, Eccles, Manchester, M30 8BL; susan.molloy@hotmail.co.uk, 07708314996. Applicants apply in writing, including a full CV. Closing date: Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May; interviews Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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**Foodbank:** Shortages currently are as follows: Meat (luncheon meat, spam, corned beef, ham); Table sauces (brown sauce, ketchup); Chocolate (any chocolate bars, chocolate treats); Crackers; Fruit cordials; Toiletries (any toiletries that are sealed and in date). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**Dementia Awareness Week 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May:** As part of our efforts to raise awareness we have arranged four one-hour Dementia Friends sessions, as part of Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends programme, an initiative launched in February 2013 to help members of the public understand what it might be like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action. Alzheimer's Society is aiming to have one million Dementia Friends by 2015, to help make England more dementia friendly and improve the lives of the 670,000 people currently living with the condition.

Sign up at [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)  
 Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May 7pm: Burton & Puddington Sports & Social Club  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May 9:30am: Ness Gardens  
 Frid 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10am: Burton & Puddington Sports & Social Club  
 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June 10am: Neston Cricket Club, Parkgate

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### EASTER WEEK IV

11<sup>th</sup> May 2014

10 May	SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Prayer for Vocations	6.30 pm	Gerry Cummins
11 May	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
12 May	MONDAY	Ss Nereus & Achilleus	9.00 am	David Weston
13 May	TUESDAY	Our Lady of Fatima	9.00 am	John M Piccolo
14 May	WEDNESDAY	St Matthias	9.00 am	Rena Jones
15 May	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Margaret Harris
16 May	FRIDAY		9.00 am	Gerry Cummins
17 May	SATURDAY		9.00 am	In Thanksgiving
17 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	Peta Snell
18 May	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish – Fr Gerry Courell
		First Communion Children	10.45 am	David Rowlands
<p><b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30 am and 5.45-6.10 pm  <b>RCIA:</b> Tuesday 6.45 pm to 8.00 pm</p>				

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**RIP:** Mary Leadbetter

#### Vocation Sunday: From Pope Francis...

How does one become a Priest? This is an initiative which the Lord takes. The Lord calls. He calls each of those whom he wills to become Priests. Perhaps there are some young men present here who have heard this call in their hearts... If some of you have heard this call in your heart, it is Jesus who has placed it there. Pay attention to this invitation and pray that it might grow and bear fruit for the whole Church.

#### A Prayer for Vocations from Bishop Mark...

Eternal Father, we thank you for every priest who has faithfully given his life for the salvation of his brothers and sisters. We give thanks for those priests who have brought to us your Word of truth, the grace of the Sacraments and, above all, the supreme gift of the Holy Eucharist. Father through your Son Jesus Christ, who called the Apostles to follow him, we ask you to raise up new and generous vocations to the priesthood in our time. Send forth the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of a new generation to your call and enable them not to be afraid but to recognise the joy of giving the whole of their lives in love through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** W Morgan and AM McLean.

**May Procession:** We thank St Winefride's School for their wonderful singing and for reading so beautifully on Friday and for the support of their teachers, parents, siblings and friends.

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**Confirmation:** Our next sessions will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> May with our rehearsal on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> (for candidates and sponsors at 7pm). Bishop Mark will preside at the Confirmation celebration on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**Music Rehearsal:** We will be meeting this Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> May) at 4pm in church. We will be practising for the forthcoming Confirmation Mass. All candidates and their parents/sponsors are most welcome to join our regular singers.

**From Fr Denis - Passover (Seder) Meal:** This will take place this coming Wednesday (May 14<sup>th</sup>) at 6:45pm for 7:00pm. Apologies for not giving you earlier notice of this! Both David and Sr Teresa are coming from Manchester so we need a prompt start to help them avoid a late arrival back in Prestwich. We are very fortunate in having David, a Jew, to assist us at the Passover meal. He knows how to recapture the spirit of Passover: it's in his blood. **Please sign up today if you would like to be part of this unique occasion.** Our numbers are limited to 38 places. A small offering of £2.00 to cover basic costs, including wine is requested.

**CWL Meeting:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

**SPUC:** Next Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All welcome. Many thanks to those who came to our coffee morning and to all who gave donations. We raised £140 for our pro-life work.

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**N.E. Singers Spring Concert:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Ss Mary & Helen's at 7:30pm. Entrance £7.00. Children under 13 free. Contact Irene 336 8426

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**Christian Aid Week:** 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May: Bucket Collection at Gordale on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - 4:00pm; Service in Neston Methodist Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm; Bag Pack in Sainsbury's on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May between 9:30am - 8:00pm. If you can help with these activities, be involved with the house to house collection, or volunteer to be the St Winefride's rep, please contact the Neston Christian Aid Organiser Lynne Vaughan on lynnevneston@gmail.com 336 8920/ 07752967963

**NDCT Prayer Breakfast:** URC May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

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### EASTER WEEK III

4 May 2014

3 May	SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.30 pm	TG: Maureen & Trevor Green (Silver Wedding)
4 May	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates Wedding	8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am 3.30 pm	Dennis Othick Philippa Jones & Christopher Norman
5 May	MONDAY		10.00 am	Health: Amal and Nirmal
6 May	TUESDAY		9.00 am	Mary & Julie Mulligan
7 May	WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Tom Sellers
8 May	THURSDAY		9.00 am	Ellen Sellers
9 May	FRIDAY	May Procession	9.00 am	Reg Gilbert
			2.00 pm	
10 May	SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Prayer for Vocations	9.00 am	Ken Bayley Martha Doyle
			12 noon	
10 May	SATURDAY	Next Weekend 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Prayer for Vocations	6.30 pm	Gerry Cummins
			8.45 am	The Parish
11 May	SUNDAY		10.45 am	Terry Bartley
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#### From Fr Ravi... Spring Blossoms

As we enjoy the beauty of nature with new leaves and spring flowers delighting our eyes and spirits, I am pleased to let you know that our invitation to the community to share in the life and mission of the parish is bearing fruit. Many of you are coming forward to accept responsibilities for various ministries, as was powerfully seen when our choir was in such good voice during our Holy Week liturgies.

I am grateful to Denise and Tony Barry who have generously volunteered to be our Health and Safety Officers. I have assured them of our help and cooperation in keeping our church and surroundings safe and secure for everyone and specifically for those who need extra care and support. For contact: healthandsafety@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

Based on the positive response to our parish Christmas dinner last year, it was felt that a stable Social Committee was needed to foster unity and fellowship in our Parish. Accordingly, Barbara & Simon Ety, Cathy & Kieron Grace and Carmel & Tony Wright have happily agreed to coordinate our community social events. For contact: socials@stwinefridesneston.org.uk

To them and to all who contribute in very many ways, often invisibly 'behind-the-scenes' - a big thank you from us all. We enrich each other in different ways and most of all with our gentle and loving presence in our church that we all love so much!

May God bless us all!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Cleaners:** Brian and Veronica Casey.

**CWL Congratulations:** On behalf of the parish we congratulate the Catholic Women's League as they celebrate 50 years of their glorious history at St Winefride's Neston. Besides the number of Charities they support, their active contribution to the life of the parish is immense. We are happy for them and are indeed proud of them! We thank Fr Lucas Ngwa for celebrating mass and for his illuminating reflections on the Church in Cameroon.

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**Confirmation:** Our dynamic young candidates have been preparing intensely for the Sacrament of Confirmation and we thank them for their active participation in various liturgical ministries at 8.45am mass this Sunday. The next session will be on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Bishop Mark will preside at the Confirmation celebration on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**Bible Study:** The next meeting will be at 2 Allan's Meadow on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please read Chapters 62 - 63 of the study book.

**Music Rehearsal:** We will be meeting next Sunday, 11th May, at 4.00pm in church and will be practising for the forthcoming Confirmation Mass. All confirmation candidates and their parents/sponsors are most welcome to join our regular singers.

**YSVP:** Easter Raffle: £96 raised for Sylvia Wright Trust. Thank you for your support. We will continue to collect any loose change you would like to donate in aid of a local charity for the homeless until Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Ceilidh Band and Dance Night** at the Civic Hall - fundraising for CAFOD and MIND. Tickets on sale after every mass (or contact Barbara 336 2972) - Adults £6, Children £3. Please buy or reserve your tickets asap. Donations for Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

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**SPUC:** The Pro-Life Times will be handed out after all Masses this weekend. There will be a Coffee Morning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May after 10 am Mass, all are welcome. Any items for Raffle and Bring and buy would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

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**Website:** A reminder that the "Mini Winnies" section for our younger congregation members is now live on our website - do have a look!

**Foodbank:** The amount of food donated in April amounted to 200kg. Thank you for your continued support. SVP wish to thank everyone who supported the cake sale and raffle in total the sum of £126.00 was raised. SVP raffle tickets will continue to be sold for the next few weeks to win a NEW VW car generously donated by a Shrewsbury parishioner, the number of tickets in circulation is limited and are only be sold in the Shrewsbury SVP Conferences, closing date is the 28<sup>th</sup> June and the Raffle is being held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

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### EASTER WEEK II

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2014

26 April	SATURDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
27 April	SUNDAY		8.45 am	The Parish
			10.45 am	Sandra Sally
28 April	MONDAY	St George	9.00 am	Mr Cheung
29 April	TUESDAY	St Catherine of Siena	9.00 am	Health Harold Prett
30 April	WEDNESDAY	St Pius V	9.00 am	Health: Anne Marie Fletcher
1 May	THURSDAY	St Joseph the Worker CWL	9.00 am 7.00 pm	TG: Mary Henesy Mass – 50 <sup>th</sup> year of Founding
2 May	FRIDAY	St Athanasius	9.00 am	Margaret Harris
3 May	SATURDAY	Ss Philip & James Wedding	9.00 am 12.00 pm	Angela Clark Veronique Pye & Lee Oldfield
3 May	Next Weekend SATURDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Confirmation Candidates	6.30 pm	TG: Maureen & Trevor Green (Silver Wedding)
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RIP Gerry Cummins, Denis Othick

**Church Cleaners:** Wendy Morgan & Anne-Marie McLean

**Live Coverage:** The canonisation celebrations of Pope John XXIII & Pope John Paul II will be shown in the parish hall on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am. All welcome.

**First Communion & Confirmation:** Next session for First Communion is on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Meeting for Confirmation candidates in the parish centre this afternoon (27<sup>th</sup> April).

**CWL:** Celebrating 50 years with Mass at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. AGM to follow in Church Hall.

**CWL and URC Women's Guild:** Fashion Show Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Civic Hall. Tickets £5 from Veronica Cuthbert.

**SPUC:** Coffee morning after 10am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday (5<sup>th</sup> May). Bring & buy stall and raffle.

**May Procession:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Parishioners are welcome to join the children of St Winefride's School in their annual procession around the Church and its grounds, in honour of Our Lady. The procession and service, which includes the children sharing readings and prayers and singing hymns to Our Lady, starts at 2pm and lasts about 45 minutes.

**SVP:** Coffee morning after 10.45 mass 27<sup>th</sup> April (today), celebrating their founder's birthday: Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

**YSVP:** We are collecting loose change in aid of a local charity for the homeless. Ceilidh Band and Dance night at Civic Hall, 17<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets Adults £6 Children £3. Contact Barbara 336 2972

**Rota's:** Readers and EMHC; in sacristy and online.

**Website:** Mini Winnies page now live; especially for our younger parishioners. Please do go and visit!

## PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP MARK

On the Canonisations of Saint John XXIII & Saint John Paul II

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today in Rome two, great Saints will be recognised by the whole Church. Two saints whose lives belong, not to a distant era, but to our own times: Saint John XXIII who died little more than half a century ago, and Saint John Paul II who died just nine years ago on the eve of this Divine Mercy Sunday. I am aware that much will be said this weekend of the historic events of which they were part. However, I would like us to reflect on how both of these men - from different times and places - responded wholeheartedly to their calling. I want us to glimpse in what their greatness really consisted and how we can hope to imitate the faithfulness of these two new Saints.

I have no doubt history will give to Saint John Paul II the title 'John Paul the Great' in recognition of his part in the momentous events which shaped both the world and the mission of the Church at the end of the last century and the beginning of this Third Christian Millennium. I am sure many miracles will continue to flow from his prayer for us. However, one of his closest collaborators said the greatest miracle of Pope John Paul's life was the way he lived each day: how he worked and used his time, his constant good humour, even during times of stress and suffering (Interview with Dr Joaquin Navarro Valls, 4th April 2014).

"We see the saints praised for their great works," a spiritual writer observed (Dom Eugene Boylan) but the only greatness which mattered to them was to live everyday in union with Christ "by faith, by love, by humility, and by a complete abandonment to His will". It is in such everyday faithfulness that the "miracle" of true holiness is always to be found. The Acts of the Apostles reminds us that it was by such daily faithfulness that the first Christians made so great an impression on a hostile world (Acts 2: 42-47).

After Pope John XXIII's death, his Secretary recorded not a list of public achievements, but rather Pope John's "radical humility ... superhuman trust sustained by intense prayer ... unquenchable and burning faith and I came to the conclusion" he wrote, "that only with Christians, priests made in this mould could the Second Vatican Council carry out its work, avoid the pitfalls, recognise the voice of the Spirit and light new Pentecostal fires" (Cardinal Loris Capovilla, 'Reflections on the Second Vatican Council').

The words of the Apostle Peter could be repeated of both our new Saints: their faith was indeed "tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold ..." (1 Peter 1: 7). It was surely in the faithful living of their vocation that we can glimpse their true greatness. Our Lord's words in the Gospel have echoed down the centuries, and been heard anew in many hearts:

"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you" (John 20: 21).

Angelo Roncalli, who was to become Pope John, could never remember a time when he did not want to give his life in the Priesthood. Karol Wotyla, who became Pope John Paul, had other plans; he hoped for marriage, becoming an academic and a teacher. Gradually, however, he recognised amidst the terrors of the Nazi occupation of Poland that God was calling him to the Priesthood. Today we must give thanks that these two men responded wholeheartedly to their vocation.

This Sunday, I ask you to pray for the priests of the future, the priests on whom the future of our Diocese depends. I hope that in our time many young men will - like Saint John and Saint John Paul - be ready to respond wholeheartedly to this wonderful calling. This Easter I have sent prayer cards to all the parishes with some words of Pope Francis and my own prayer for this intention. I announced at the Chrism Mass last week the plan to establish at Shrewsbury Cathedral a 'house for discernment' for men considering a vocation to the priesthood. This house will open its doors in September 2015 creating a community at the heart of our Diocese where the vocation to the Priesthood can be discerned in a year-long programme.

It is, I have been reminded, a brave plan in present conditions. However, it is a venture I entrust to the prayer of Our Lady, Help of Christians and of St John Vianney. Today I also entrust all our hopes for the new evangelisation of our country, for a new generation of priests and for a renewed faithfulness in all our vocations to the prayer of two Popes many of us knew and loved: Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, pray for us! Amen.

Wishing you the great joy of Easter,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

**Catechists Day:** Catechists are encouraged to attend a meeting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at St Columba's Chester.

**Holy Family Pensby:** Divine Mercy Celebrations on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30pm onwards.

**CAFOD Novena for Peace:** Mass at St Clare's Chester on 29<sup>th</sup> April. More information on notice board.

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### EASTER WEEK 1

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2014

19 <sup>th</sup> April	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Vigil - Baptism: Michael Gibbs Reception: Jayne Peet, Kate, Jennifer &amp; Rosie Williams</i>	7.30 pm	The Parish
20 <sup>th</sup> April	SUNDAY	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8.45 am 10.45 am	Eddie Remond Don Miller
21 <sup>st</sup> April	MONDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	10.00 am	Bill Murray
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	TUESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Int: Jayne Peet
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	WEDNESDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Rena Jones
24 <sup>th</sup> April	THURSDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Bill Owen
25 <sup>th</sup> April	FRIDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00 am	Michael Halley
26 <sup>th</sup> April	SATURDAY	<i>Easter Octave</i> <i>Wedding</i>	9.00 am 1.30 pm	Fr Gerry Courell Heather France & Mark Jevons
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Stanley & Agnes Jones
27 <sup>th</sup> April	SUNDAY		8.45 am 10.45 am	The Parish Sandra Sally
<b>Weekdays:</b> Adoration from 8.00 am; Morning Prayer 8:40 am; Rosary following 9.00 am Mass <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 11.00-11.30am and 5.45-6.10pm				

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**Thank You:** To our Altar Servers, readers, flower arrangers, cleaners and all who helped make this Holy Week so special. And not forgetting our choir and musicians who really lifted our spirits (and the roof!) during our Easter liturgies.

**Church Cleaners:** L Wilkinson, T Davies

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**Readers:** please note new rota will be available from the sacristy from the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

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**Foodbank:** Donations in April 47kg. Since the Foodbank started nationally 15 months ago the number of people helped has risen from 700,000 to 1.2 million. Many thanks for your continued support.

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**Holy Family Pensby:** Divine Mercy Celebrations on Sunday 27th April from 2.30pm onwards.

**CAFOD Shrewsbury Diocese Novena for Peace:** Masses at St Clare's (Chester) 29th April & St Mary's (Madeley) 9th May.

**Thanks:** To Roy Gerrard who has been our Health and Safety Representative in the parish for many years. If anyone would like to take on this role, please get in touch.

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
3. But the pains that he endured, alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

### GLORIA

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 HYMN

#### In Bread We Bring You, Lord

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.  
In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.  
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?  
But stand united now, one in belief.  
Oh, we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,  
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.  
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,  
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,  
and it becomes for us our spirits' food.  
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;  
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.  
Take all that daily toil plants in our hearts' poor soil,  
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,  
the chances we have missed, the graces we resist,  
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

### COMMUNION HYMN

#### Alleluia, alleluia

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
He is the King of creation
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth  
Jesus has died and has risen
3. We have been crucified with Christ  
Now we shall live forever
4. God has proclaimed the just reward  
Life for us all, alleluia!
5. Come let us praise the living God  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour

#### Be Still and Know I am With You

1. Be still, and know I am with you,  
Be still, I am the Lord.  
I will not leave you orphans.  
I leave you with my world. Be one.
2. You fear the light may be fading,  
You fear to lose your way.  
Be still, and know I am near you.  
I'll lead you to the day and the sun.
3. Be glad the day you have sorrow.  
Be glad, for then you live.  
The stars shine only in darkness,  
and in your need I give my peace.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Shine Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

**May the peace and joy of the risen Christ be with you all this Easter Season!**





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**Holy Week**

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

12 Apr	SATURDAY	<i>Holy Week Passion (Palm) Sunday</i>	6.30pm	The Parish
13 Apr	SUNDAY		8.45am	Mary McLoughlin
			10.45am	May Williams 102 <sup>nd</sup> B'day
14 Apr	MONDAY	<i>Sac. of Reconciliation (Confession)</i>	9.00am	Mary & Julie Mulligan After Mass till 10am
15 Apr	TUESDAY	<i>Sac. of Reconciliation (Confession)</i>	9.00am	Christopher Finigan After Mass till 10am
16 Apr	WEDNESDAY	<i>Sac. of Reconciliation (Confession) Requiem St Anthony's, Wythenshawe</i>	9.00am	Trevor Heywood
			1.30pm 7.00pm	After Mass till 10am Veronica Mary Carragher Mass of Chrism
<b>Paschal Triduum</b>				
17 Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY	<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7.30pm	Led by Fr Denis, Fr Jack
		<i>Adoration at the Altar of Repose</i>	till Midnight	
18 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY – Fasting & Abstinence	<i>Confessions Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion Collection: Holy Places</i>	9.00am	Fr Brendan Fr Chris
			10.00am	
			3.00pm	
19 Apr	HOLY SATURDAY	<i>Sacraments not celebrated today RCIA</i>	10.00am	
19 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	<i>Easter Vigil – Baptism: Michael Gibbs, Reception: Jayne Peet, Kate, Jennifer &amp; Rosie Williams</i>	7.30pm	The Parish
20 Apr			SUNDAY	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>

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**RIP:** Veronica M Carragher, Tony Dalton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Altar Servers Meeting:** Monday at 6:30pm to arrange servers for Holy Week and Easter Masses. If you are intending to serve at any of these services but cannot attend please contact Deacon Mike.

**Easter Music Rehearsal:** Our final rehearsal of the music for our Easter services will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm in Church.

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**Lent 2014:** We thank our catechists and Deacon Mike for leading us in the Stations of the Cross last Friday. Canon Hoban will lead us in the Way of the Cross on Good Friday at 10am.

**Eucharistic ministers and readers:** Came together in preparation for Holy Week and were joined by the RCIA group. We watched a very inspiring film about the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass. It discussed why we need to go to Mass, how we can learn more about the Mass and how we can get the most from the Mass. We attend Mass not as spectators but as participants. We become part of the Body of Christ, part of the family of the church. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ nourishes us and helps us to grow in faith. Our faith helps us to cope with the trials and difficulties of life. After the film we looked forward to the year ahead. On Maundy Thursday, at the Mass of the Last Supper, Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment to serve the parish and to serve the sick and the housebound. On the feast of Corpus Christi new Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned. Later in the year readers will celebrate a special day, Bible Sunday, which we hope will become an annual event, details to follow. If there is anyone who would like to participate in these ministries, please talk to Fr Ravi.

**Marriage Preparation:** Last Saturday St Winefride's 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage Preparation course took place. Sessions focused on 'Communication', 'Conflict Awareness' and 'Commitment'. 'Communication' enabled couples to explore how they communicate with each other, with particular attention being paid to body language and the effects it can have on effective communication. In doing this couples were able to examine and discuss their own gestures and expressions, paying particular attention to how they are interpreted by their partner. During the topic of 'Conflict Awareness' couples were encouraged to look beyond their wedding day towards issues that can cause conflict in a relationship and explore how, through discussion and effective communication, they could both recognise and deal with conflict situations as they arise. During the topic of 'Commitment' couples were encouraged to contemplate and discuss their reasons for choosing to get married. Statements such as: 'Because our relatives are keen for us to marry.' 'Because I'm the right age now' and 'Because our relationship will be blessed by God' were examined. In doing this, couples were encouraged to consider their own individual reasons for choosing to make a commitment to each other, whilst placing these values in the context of a lifelong, sacramental Christian union. Many thanks go to all the couples who attended the course and whose commitment made the sessions so meaningful. As a Parish, we offer them our prayers and best wishes for their futures together.

**Explore 2014:** For all in Year 11 to those in their 20s and 30s, today [13/4] from 2pm to 5.30pm at St Chad's Catholic High School, Runcorn WA7 5YH. Contact: lukeneedham@outlook.com

**'ACTS' Day of Reflection:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April for all aged 20-35. Fr Edmund Montgomery on, "Jesus and Social Media". Contact Siobhan 0161 4772783 or 07761 138947 or siobhanbc@talktalk.net

**Easter Messiah "Selection":** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm at Ss Mary and Helen's. Free entry, collection for Somerset flood victims.

**Neston & District Churches Together:** Easter Service at Hinderton Mount Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for a half hour service. Contact ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or see Deacon Mike. Prayer Breakfast Saturday St Michael's Church April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

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**Friends of the Holy Land:** From Patrick D. Revans: Dear Parishioners, The appeal last Sunday allowed me to meet and come into closer contact with you at all three weekend masses. Many thanks from me, the people of the Holy Land and the trustees of FHL.

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**Lent V**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

5 Apr	SATURDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Holy Land Sunday	6.30pm	Chris Farley
6 Apr	SUNDAY	Confirmation Candidates Holy Communion Children	8.45am	The Parish
			10.45am	Thomas Sargent
7 Apr	MONDAY	St John the Baptist de la Salle	9.00am	TG: J Mulligan
8 Apr	TUESDAY		9.00am	Jim Clarke
9 Apr	WEDNESDAY		9.00am	Alfonso Torrents del Prattts
10 Apr	THURSDAY	St Stanislaus School	9.00am 9.10am	Joe Maher
11 Apr	FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross – Catechists	9.00am	Matty
12 Apr	SATURDAY	St Vincent Ferrer	9.00am	Ken Bayley
12 Apr	Next Weekend SATURDAY	Passion (Palm) Sunday	6.30pm	The Parish
13 Apr	SUNDAY	Holy Week	8.45am	Mary McLoughlin
			10.45am	Int: May Williams (102 <sup>nd</sup> B'day)
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**From Fr Ravi... Refreshed, Enlightened for Fullness of Life!**

I would like to remind you of our Liturgical plan for the most important moments of the Year: Holy Week. I welcome you to our celebrations and many have been working hard - choir, liturgy sheet producers etc - for many days to help the parish community in our prayer, reflection and celebration.

**Passion (Palm) Sunday:** At our regular weekend masses we will have the blessing of palms and, weather permitting, a simple procession. **Maundy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm with Fr Denis presiding, Fr Jack preaching and I will be symbolically repeating Jesus' action of washing of feet. Those who would like to be part of this meaningful action, please do let me know. After mass will be adoration at the altar of repose until midnight. If possible, I encourage you to spend at least one hour in prayer at the Altar of Repose - those interested can sign up for the three time slots: 9 to 10pm, 10 to 11pm and 11 to 12pm on the porch notice boards. **Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 10am will be led by Canon Brendan Hoban and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm will be conducted by Fr Chris. **Easter Vigil:** As last year, we shall have the blessing of fire outside with a solemn procession of the Paschal candle followed by the magnificent Easter liturgy, which I shall lead. Michael will be baptised while Jayne, Kate, Jen and Rosie will be received into the Church at this mass. Our Easter Sunday masses will be at regular times.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** During Holy Week, a priest will be available in the Confessional on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday till 10am and on Good Friday from 9 to 10am. Our recent Sunday readings have reminded us of Water, Light and Life - symbols of baptism and the new life we begin with Christ. Refreshed by streams of living water and enlightened by the light of Christ, may we experience fullness of life in God's presence.

May God bless us all.

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**Church Cleaners:** Liz Dolley, Peter Higgins.

**Reconciliation Sunday:** We thank Mgr Jack Kennedy for his enriching presence and preaching last weekend and for developing the theme of 'being reconciled' in a meaningful way, helping us to understand God's merciful love in our lives. If you would like to send a note of thanks, please do leave your cards in Presbytery by Friday, which can then be posted together to Father Jack.

**Holy Land Sunday:** We welcome the 'friends of Holy Land' who are with us this week to raise awareness on the situation of those subject to untold miseries in the land considered Holy to three major faiths. The Lenten season invites us to listen to the cries of those suffering in our midst and respond to them in meaningful and appropriate ways.

**Marriage Preparation:** We thank our coordinators - Pam Nicholson and Karl Ankers - for successfully organising the Second Marriage Preparation programme in our Parish on 5th April and appreciate all the participants for their cooperation.

**First Communion and Confirmation:** We thank our candidates preparing for these Sacraments who also helped us meaningfully celebrate Sunday's liturgies at 8.45am and 10.45am. Our Confirmation candidates also led the Stations of the Cross on March 28<sup>th</sup> which was fairly well attended and much appreciated by everyone present. It is important that our young people are encouraged to read at mass, say prayers and involve themselves in various ministries. In this way we help our children to learn the language of the Church, which is the mass and who knows, this may also sow seeds of priestly or religious vocations.

Our gratitude to all the catechists involved in various faith-formation activities and also to our parents who cooperate generously in all our events.

After today's session, the Confirmation candidates will have their next preparation meeting on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm to 3pm.

The First Communion children will celebrate their First Forgiveness during Holy Week, (14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April) after our daily mass.

**Lent 2014:** We thank our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for leading us in the Stations of the Cross on Friday and to Deacon Mike for leading on Friday evenings. The next Stations will be led by our parish catechists. Canon Hoban will lead the Stations on Good Friday at 10am.

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**Music Rehearsal:** The next rehearsal for our Easter Services will be at 4pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April. It's still not too late to join us if you would like to practise our Easter hymns and psalms.

**CWL:** Committee Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in the church hall.

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**Ceilidh Band and Dance night at Civic Hall 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Charity Fundraising for CAFOD and mental health charity MIND. Tickets on sale after mass (or contact Barbara 336 2972) Adults £6 Children £3

**Christian Aid Sponsored Walk:** Congratulations to Adam Warren, Jordan Henshaw and Jonathan Connolly for completing their 3rd annual 7 mile walk - between them they have now walked 63 miles for Christian Aid. Please show your support: collection box available after Mass.

**SPUC:** meeting next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the presbytery. "Right to Life" meeting next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at St Catherine and Martina's Church Hall, Hoylake. Guest Speaker is MP David Alton, who will be taking about current abortion and end of life issues including the latest attempt to legalise assisted suicide. See notice in new porch.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:** All are invited to a gathering for reflection and prayer in our parish hall at 7pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Plans for our Easter 2014 celebrations will be included. On Maundy Thursday, our Eucharistic Ministers will renew their vows and we will welcome new Eucharistic Ministers on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**Piety Stall:** Easter cards, Easter Mass cards and prayer cards are now available on the library book case in the rear porch of the church and are available at all times when the church is open.

**Mission Today:** Free magazine now available in each porch. One per family.

**NDCT:** "Easter Service" Hinderton Mount nursing home. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday) from 4:00 - 4:45pm. ndct@stwinefridesneston.org.uk or contact Deacon Mike.

Prayer Breakfast Saturday St Michael's Church, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

**The NE Singers** present 'A Salute to Tommy' at Parkgate and Neston URC Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. Tel: 336 8426.

**Foodbank:** Neston distribution centre, opening at Ss Mary and Helen's, Neston on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, at 7pm. The Foodbank wish to thank the parishioners for their continued support, the amount donated in March amounted to 187kg.

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