ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Cleaners: B and V Casey

First Communion: Preparation meetings for children who do not attend St Winefride’s school are on Thursdays at 4:00-5:00pm in the Church Hall: 27/02, 13/03, 27/03, 01/05, 15/05, 12/06. First Communion children will animate our 10.45am masses on the following Sundays: 16/02, 09/03, 06/04, 18/05 and the First Communion celebrations will be on Saturday 14th June.

Confirmation: Candidates will be animating 8:45am Sunday mass on 2/3, 6/4 and 4/5. Our next meeting is on Saturday 9th February at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Please check the website for all important dates (under Sacraments).

Marriage Preparation: The first marriage preparation course for this year will be on Saturday 5th April, 10-12 in the church hall. Please confirm your participation by emailing: marriageprep@stwinefridesneston.org.uk The next session will be in the second half of the year.

Home Masses in Lent: If any group of families living in the same area would like to have Mass celebrated in their home on Wednesday evenings (March 12th, 19th, 26th; April 2nd, 9th) during Lent, please contact Fr Ravi.

Masses with St Winefride’s Primary School: Children from school will come to church for mass at 9:10am on 5th (Yrs 3 to 6), 13th (Yrs 3, 4, 5), 20th (Yrs 4, 6), and 27th of March (Yrs 3, 5), and 3rd of April (Yrs 4, 6). Mass will be celebrated at school at 9.10am on Thursday 10th April.

Bible Study: The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 12th February at 2 Allan’s Meadow. Please read chapters 53 - 54 of the study book.

Easter Play: We are planning to put on another “Easter Extravaganza” on Palm Sunday (April 13th) this year. All those interested in taking part in “The Bunny’s Easter” should come to the Parish Hall on Sunday February 9th at 4:30pm. We will need high school aged actors/singers for the main parts as well as primary aged children for additional involvement. The script is online in the resources section. Rehearsals will be Saturdays at 4:30pm in the parish hall. Contact: Katharine Powell 336 1328 kathbutterfield@dial.pipex.com

SPUC Annual White Flower Appeal: will take place next Sunday 15th/16th February. Our talk this year will be about the two brave Glasgow Midwives. Please give generously to this very worthy cause. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February at 7:30pm in the church hall. After our appeal at the Volunteering Weekend, please come along along to our meeting to see if you want to join us in our pro life work. You will receive a very warm welcome.

CWL – “Milestones in Jewish-Catholic relations since Vatican II”; Speaker: Sister Theresa Brittain. Thursday 20 February at 7.30 pm, church hall. This is a follow up to the excellent talk on Holocaust Memorial Day given by David Arnold, Co-chair of the Council of Christians and Jews in Manchester last month. All welcome!

Women’s World Day of Prayer: Prayer slots to join with worldwide prayer on March 7th are 9:30am - 9:45am and 9:45am -10:00am for our contribution. If anyone is willing to hold the WWDP in prayer at these times please contact me. Also if anyone is interested in taking part of an ancient Egyptian at the evening service in the Parish Church would they contact Gillian Barber on 336 1746.

Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth are organising a day at St Chad’s High School, Runcorn for young people 16+ on Palm Sunday (April 13th) from 2pm - 5:30pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life: Noon on Saturday 15th February at St Columba’s, Chester with Bishop Mark Davies presiding.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bookings for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in July are such that the plane is over half full already. Anyone wishing to fly is asked to send their booking form in as soon as possible. Our greatest need at the moment is for more nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals to accompany the pilgrimage. Details for medical staff can be found on the pilgrimage website: www.shrewburypilgrimage.co.uk or contact Matron Nuala Fitzmaurice (Medical Office) 07970 943940.


Anti-Human Trafficking Forum - 29th March 2014: promoted by Justice and Peace Commission - led by Major Anne Read, the Salvation Army National Anti-Trafficking Response Coordinator. If you think you may like to attend or find out more, please contact Frodsham Churches Together frodshamcc@talktalk.net

Last Sunday’s Offering: Thank you for your generous support

Please pray for the sick, especially:

Alan Jones, Pam Grace, Fr Fred Robinson, Laura Growney-Stone, Kevin Bradford, James Rourke, Molly Hopkins, Claire Hererin, Paula Tunstall, Jane Haines, Karl Smith, Vincent Marmion, Marie-Claire, Margaret Maw, Stacey Leadbetter, Louisa Johnson, James Mulligan Jnr., Francesca Grace Peet, Gerry Cummins, Fr Joe Carney, Jeanie Carledge, Angela Williams, Karen Dawson, Fiona Hardman, Silvia Saddler, Julie Jones, William Davies, Bernie Phelan, Lara Ellis, Margaret Harris, Joanne Cleary.

RIP: Victor Bernard Clynomides, Brian Gerard Haggart, Vera Hennessy

POPE FRANCIS TO RECEIVE QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On 3 April 2014 Pope Francis will receive in audience Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This was made public by Buckingham Palace and confirmed last Tuesday (4th February) afternoon by the Holy See Press Office.

Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by Prince Philip of Edinburgh, will be in Rome upon invitation by the president of the Republic of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano. It will be the first encounter between Pope Francis and the Queen, as at the Holy Mass at the beginning of his pontificate the United Kingdom was represented by Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester.

On her last visit to Rome, in 2000, the Queen was received by Blessed John Paul II. The Queen met with Benedict XVI during his apostolic visit to the United Kingdom in September 2010.

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