



ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH
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Sunday 1st March 2026 – Sunday 8th March 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 1 Mar	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Winifred Bayley (recently deceased) RIP
		Family Mass	8.45 am	Moira Ainsworth (RIP)
Monday	Ferial		10.30 am	Parish family
Tuesday	Ferial		9.00 am	Eddie McKenna - Ireland
Wednesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Sick and housebound
Thursday	Ferial		9.00 am	Win Bailey (recently deceased) RIP
Friday	Ferial		9.30 am	School community
Saturday	Ferial		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		DAY OF REFLECTION	7.00 pm	Women of the parish
Sunday 8 Mar	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		11.00 am	Talk at 11am, Mass at noon, Talk at 4pm
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	12 noon	Margaret Riding (RIP)
		Family Mass	6.00 pm	Fr Paul O'Grady (RIP)
			8.45 am	Parish family
			10.30 am	Moira Ainsworth (RIP)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday & Friday from 6pm and Saturday from 11am.
Rosary: Mon/Wed/Thurs after 9am Mass & 9.45 am on Sunday or join via Zoom at 7pm **passcode 252387114, password: AveMaria.**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.15 pm-5.45 pm and Monday to Friday after 9.00 am Mass on request.
Private Prayer: Church will remain open after morning Mass during the week for private prayer until 4 pm
Baptism: Please contact parish priest and collect Baptism application form after Mass. **Marriage:** 6 months' notice to be given.

Pope Leo's Prayer for the month of March. For disarmament and peace
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SUNDAY	28 th Feb/1 st Mar			7 th /8 th Mar		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	J Shakespeare	M Corcoran	W Fryer	K Ankers	AM Millar	J Tunstall
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch, Peter Higgins		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		1 st Mar - 8.45 am T McGlynn		1 st Mar - 10.30am W Fryer	

LITTLE CHURCH: Children's liturgy will take place during the family Mass at 10.30am

From Pope Leo's homily for Ash Wednesday: Lent remains a powerful time for community: "Gather the people. Sanctify the congregation" (Joel 2:16). We know that it has become increasingly difficult to gather people together and make them feel like a community — not in a nationalistic and aggressive way, but in a communion where each of us finds our place. Indeed, during Lent, a people is formed that recognizes its sins. These sins are evils that have not come from supposed enemies, but afflicts our hearts, and exist within us. We need to respond by courageously accepting responsibility for them. Moreover, we must accept that while this attitude is countercultural, it constitutes an authentic, honest and attractive option, especially in our times, when it is so easy to feel powerless in the face of a world that is in flames. Truly, the Church exists as a community of witnesses that recognize their sins. [...] Today, we are reflecting precisely on the possibility of repentance. Indeed, it is no coincidence that, even in secularized contexts, many young people, more than in the past, are open to the invitation of Ash Wednesday. Young people especially understand clearly that it is possible to live a just lifestyle, and that there should be accountability for wrongdoings in the Church and in the world. We must therefore start where we can, with those who are around us. "Now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!" (2 Cor 6:2). Let us therefore embrace the missionary significance of Lent, not in a way that distracts us from our individual efforts, but in a way that introduces this season to the many restless people of good will who are seeking authentic ways to renew their lives, within the context of the Kingdom of God and his justice.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including, Pat Cummins, Win Bayley, Joe Hemington, Judy Howard, Maureen Knox, Ann and Paul Flanagan, Laurie Walsh, Maureen Morris, Barbara & Richard Debemham. Eva Bennion, Dorothy Strawson, Dottie, Joseph Kennedy, Peter Roca, Margaret Gould, Joan Burkmar, Cormac Davis, Rachel Branch, Mary & Richard Fowler, Ann Kelly, Ruth Pisarek, Roger Gardener, Pat Leadbetter, Yvonne Mckeown, Laura Eason, Michael Sheridan, Bill & Richard Penfold, Val Higgins, Clem Haines, Cath & Chris Jones, Irene Steele, Sue & Mary Trowell, Stephanie Archibald, Rosa in Russia, Kyle Ho, Stuart Morgan, Parry family, Edith O'Sullivan, Pat Clare, Angela Gill, Jean Hurst, Marie T, Elaine Parson

Please inform parish priest or contact parish office to add to the anniversaries or remove from the prayer list. Thank you.

Anniversaries of our departed (2 Mar – 8 Mar)

Fr Paul Turner, Annie Weedon, John Webb (2/3) Olive Isherwood, Isabella Josephine (Jo) Freeman (3/3) Harry Howard, Charles Benson Carron (4/3) John Burrell, John & Eva (Meg) Firth, Ernan Parry, John Francis Firth, Patricia Swann (5/3) Christine Bickerstaff, Sheila Harkins, Veronica Phelan (6/3) Desmond Joseph Kennedy (7/3) Mildred Almond, Mary Philomena Veronica Kirby, Agnes Jones (8/3)



The names of your dear ones are taken from the Book of Remembrance.

Day of Reflection: Next Saturday 7th March Fr Neill Robb from St Werburgh's Chester will lead a Day of Reflection here at St Winefride's church – **"Prefer nothing for the Love of Christ"**. There will be a talk at 11am, Immensity of God's love for us followed by Mass at 12 noon. Then at 4pm a second talk, Conversion of Life (our love for Christ).

Mass at 9.30am: On Thursday Year 6 and Reception will be joining for Mass in church. Mass will therefore be at **9.30am**.

Funeral: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred (Win) Bayley who died on 17th February aged 91. Please keep her son Chris, family and friends in your prayers. The Requiem Mass for Win will be on Monday 16th March at 11.00am followed by burial in the graveyard in the family grave.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation Classes for children from Year 9 onwards will start this Easter in Pensby. Please contact the office or speak to Fr Tom to enrol your child on the programme. Confirmation Mass is 10th June at Holy Family.

Stations of the Cross: SPUC will lead on **Friday 6th March at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm. Next group is Music

Piety Stall: At present the Piety Stall material, except for the card stand, will be in the porch, as will donation boxes, including for cards. A small selection of Religious Easter Cards will be available in the porch from w/e 3rd Sunday in Lent. There is a CTS pamphlet 'The Meaning of Lent' on the porch table which has just arrived and is FREE. Please do take one. It's a helpful little booklet. There are also FREE cards on preparing for Sacrament of Reconciliation and going to Confession.

Word on Fire books, written by Bishop Robert Barron are available to purchase at the back of church, near the Piety card stand with a box for suggested donations of £3 per book.

SVP: On **Wednesday 4th March at 7:30pm at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight.** Bebington Dramatic Society are performing Shakespeare in Love. Tickets are £12 and can be purchased from Mark Branch (07780 225995) or Peter Higgins (07754 086244) all proceeds are for the Holiday Home in North Wales.

World Day of Prayer: There is a service on **Friday 6th March at 2pm in Willaston Methodist Church.** The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria, and the Theme is 'I will give you rest, come.' (All are welcome)

Pilgrimages: Sadly the Lourdes charity Across has now closed and there will be no further pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance. Tony Murphy would like to thank all those associated with the Chester Across Group since he organised it in 1994 and more recently the Wirral Across Group. **Pope Leo** has declared 2026 as a Jubilee Holy Year for St Francis. Maria Fryer from St John's, New Ferry is organising a special pilgrimage to Assisi on 28th June to 3rd July. The cost is £995 and 20 people are required to make the pilgrimage viable. If you would like to know more, please see the poster on the noticeboard or telephone Maria on 07576 243343.

Parish Grounds and Gardens: Gardening group are now meeting on a Wednesday morning after Mass, 9.30am until Noon. It would be great to have **more volunteers** as they are very much needed. Come along, meet the others and get involved.

Bereavement Group/tea and a chat: Next meeting is **Wednesday 4th March** from 1.00 pm in the church hall.

Knot just knitters: The group will meet again on Wednesday 11th March at 9.30-12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

Church and grounds spring tidy up: On **Saturday 28th March at 9.30 – 11.30am** there will be an extra session to give church a SPRING clean before Easter and tidy the grounds. If you can help, please come along, the more volunteers the better.

Tea/Coffee: The parish hall is open for **refreshments after the 10.30am Mass.**

CAFOD: Thank you for any donation you make to the Family Fast Day Collection this weekend in church. Please do read on cafod.org.uk of the great practical uses the fund goes to support projects that aid struggling families in 39 countries around the world suffering from effect of war, man-made disasters and climate change.

Offertory Collections: Thank you, as ever, for the generous support.

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 26th Feb, meat paste, small jars of coffee, UHT juice, tinned fruit, potatoes & veg.