



St Winefride's RC Church

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Liturgical Calendar of the Week Sunday 5 th December – Sunday 12 th December			
Sunday 5 th Dec	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass</i>	6.00pm	Sick and housebound
		9.30am	Alex Hughes (RIP)
	Family Mass	11.00am	Parish family
Monday	Ferial	10.00 am	Stephen Steele (RIP)
Tuesday	St Ambrose	10.00 am	Ronnie Phelan (health)
Wednesday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Solemnity</i>	10.00 am	Special Intention (health)
Thursday	Ferial	10.00am	For all deceased
Friday	Ferial	10.00 am	John Henesy (RIP)
Saturday	Ferial	10.00 am	NHS staff and private carers
Sunday 12 th Dec	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass</i>	6.00pm	Parish family
		9.30am	Peter Osbyrne (RIP)
	Family Mass	11.00am	Mary Schofield (RIP)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Friday at 9.00am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 9.35am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm and Monday to Friday 9am to 9.45am

<u>Readers</u>	4 th /5 th December			11 th /12 th December		
Sunday	6.00pm (Vigil)	9.30am		6.00pm (Vigil)	9.30am	11.00am
	I Robinson	M Corcoran	M Unsworth	P & A Flanagan	Clark family	H Jones
Weekdays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	A Cropper	K Powell	F Byrne	J Tunstall	T McGlynn	J Tunstall
Welcomers	Saturday 6.00pm P Higgins J Shakespeare		Sunday 9.30am C Wright		Sunday 11.00am Adonis family	

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
(*striking breast*)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
(*at the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including:

Dorothy Barber, Patricia Davies,
Frances Wright, Rosemary Southwell,
Pat Cummins, Sarah Alouane, Tony
McDevitt, Ruth Murray, Ted Henesy,
Dorothy Robinson, Shella Burrell,
John Swann, Pat Hemington, Bill
Williams, Joyce & Maurine McAsey,
Judy Howard, Fr Paul O'Grady,
Maureen Grace, Maureen Adams,
Betty Davies, Barbara Evans, Eva
Bennion, Sharon Wallace, Greg
Cropper, Dorothy Strawson, Ronnie
Phelan, Maureen Knox, Louise
Dickinson.

*Please inform Parish Office
if anyone needs to be put on
or taken off this list.*

Christmas Masses: Mass times for 24th, 25th and 26th December are detailed below. **Due to COVID we will need to restrict numbers and therefore a booking system is in place for 24th/25th.** Many booking forms have already been received and we are currently allocating benches. All booking forms need to be in by next Sunday 12th December.

Parish Social and Community (PSC) Group: It was heartening to see some new faces at our meeting last Wednesday. For the following year Helen Jones and Louise Wilkinson have kindly agreed to facilitate and take minutes respectively together with Jacinta Adonis and Mark Branch supporting them. Our main focus was on Christmas and the Universal Synod. We created a working group to support the forthcoming Synod and we will look to hold conversations in the new year. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Family Mass & Children's Liturgy: We continue to welcome the children enrolled in the sacramental programme who are regularly attending the Family Mass and participating in the Children's Liturgy. We are blessed to have such committed families and thank them for their active involvement during Mass. We look forward to seeing the Christmas tree in the parish hall decorated by the children attending Little Church.

Christmas Decorations: We invite parishioner to join us – especially tall people (!) - to prepare our beautiful church and parish hall for the Christmas season. We will be meeting on **Sunday 12th December between 2 and 4pm: All are welcome!** Thank you to Premier Plants of Ledsham who supplied our parish Christmas tree.

CWL Christmas Hamper Raffle: CWL will be selling raffle tickets this weekend at Mass. Tickets are priced £1.00 each.

Art and Bereavement Groups: First meetings for both groups start this week in the parish hall. Art group is on **Monday** (6/12) and Bereavement Group **Wednesday** (8/12), both between 1-3pm. Any questions please ring Joe Tunstall on 336 1261.

Church Yard Tidy-Up: Thanks to those who continue to help each week. If you can assist, please come along on Friday between **1pm - 3pm** weather permitting. The next dates planned are 10th and 17th December, then a Christmas Break. Starting again Jan 4th.

Carol singing: Children from St Winefride's School will be coming to church on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons to practice for their carol concert on Monday 13 December at 9.45am and 6pm

Readers' Rota: A few adjustments have been made to the readers rota and it is now available to all on the website. Thank you to those who have also confirmed they are happy to share details, a contact list has been issued.

Book of Remembrance: We are about to re-introduce our parish book and invite anyone to write to the office with the name and date they wish to be included in our book. All those who died in the last 12 months will automatically be included.

Rosary: The rosary group continues on Monday - Friday at 8pm on Zoom: Access as before 252387114 with password AveMaria or phone 079824 76559 to join by phone. For more information, speak to Joe Tunstall.

SVP: The next meeting will be on **Monday 6th December at 7pm** in the church hall.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: 12th December 2021 - Mass to Celebrate 70 years of the Lourdes pilgrimage 3pm at St Vincent's Knutsford, WA16 6HR celebrated by Bishop Mark followed by refreshments in the parish centre.

CARITAS at Christmas Appeal 2021: Your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations across the Diocese. Please place it in an envelope marked 'Caritas at Christmas' and post it through the presbytery door or in the weekend collection basket. Or you can donate online. please visit: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. Thank you for donations received so far.

Neston and District Churches Together: Carol signing in Neston Market Square, Saturday 18th December, 10.30 – 11.30am.

Neston Singers: Neston singers Carol Concert at URC Church, Parkgate Road on Saturday 18th December @ 7:30PM, tickets £6.

Catenians: The Birkenhead Circle provide a range of social activities and events for members and their families, and visitors. Membership is open to Catholic men, 18 and over. Contact Paul Davenport p.davenport.123@btinternet.com or 07739 883426.

Mary's Meals: Donations made to Mary's Meals from now until 31 January 2022 will be doubled thanks to a group of generous supporters who have promised to match donations. Funds raised will allow us to reach hungry children around the world.

Christian Aid: will be holding a bucket collection at **Gordale 10am - 9pm on Thu 16 Dec and Sainsbury's 9am – 8pm on Sat 18 Dec** and looking for volunteers (**1 hour slots**). Contact Lynne Vaughan 336 8920 or Margaret Heibel 336 6305 if you can help.

Collection: We want to restart the offertory collection during Mass. If you would like to be involved in this at weekend Masses, then speak to Fr Francis or let the office know.

Health and Safety: May we ask everyone coming to Mass or other services, to continue using hand sanitiser and face coverings. We still need to maintain distancing in the church. Please either sit or stand during the Mass but do not kneel. **Please take your newsletter with you when you leave the church.**

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Friday 24 December: Children's Carols & Christmas Mass **4pm**
Vigil Mass (Carols 6.45pm); Mass **7pm**

Christmas Day - Saturday 25 December: **9.30am and 11am**

Holy Family - Sunday 26 December: **9.30am and 11am** (NB: no Saturday vigil Mass)