



ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH
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Sunday 8th March 2026 – Sunday 15th March 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 8 Mar	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		6.00 pm	Fr Paul O'Grady (RIP)
		Family Mass		8.45 am	Parish family
Monday	Ferial		9.00am	Joyce Higham (recently deceased) RIP	
Tuesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Lisboa family (intention)	
Wednesday	Ferial		9.00 am	Teresa Keogh (death anniv) RIP	
Thursday	Ferial		9.30 am	Sick and housebound	
Friday	Ferial		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
			7.00 pm	Marian Morris (RIP)	
Saturday	Ferial	Wedding Mass	12 noon	Laura Lisboa & Matt Reilley	
Sunday 15 Mar	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		6.00 pm	Parish family
		Family Mass		8.45 am	Louis O'Sullivan (death anniv) 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	7 th /8 th Mar			14 th /15 th Mar		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	K Ankers	AM Millar	J Tunstall	D Loughie	M Whitehead	A Neary
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch, Peter Higgins		8.45am K Garrod/D McNulty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		8 th Mar - 8.45 am M J Corcoran		8 th Mar - 10.30am M Slater	

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

Pope Leo on Vatican II and the Church: The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying towards heaven (LG, 8; CCC, 771). The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other; thus, the Church lives in this paradox. She is a reality that is both human and divine, which welcomes the sinful man and leads him to God. To illuminate this ecclesial condition, *Lumen Gentium* refers to the life of Christ. In fact, those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice. Those who decided to follow him were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing. At the same time, however, by following that Man, the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ's flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God. In the light of the reality of Jesus, we can now return to the Church: when we look at her closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However, it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ's presence and his saving action are manifested. As Benedict XVI said, there is no opposition between the Gospel and the institution; on the contrary, the structures of the Church serve precisely for the "realization and concretization of the Gospel in our time". An ideal and pure Church, separated from the earth, does not exist; only the one Church of Christ, embodied in history. This is what constitutes the holiness of the Church: the fact that Christ dwells in her and continues to give himself through the smallness and fragility of her members.

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 Haimes, 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 (9 Mar – 15 Mar)

David Stringer, Clare Pentall (9/3) Henry May, Mary Apter (10/3), R McNance (11/3) Harold Bainbridge, Joan Edith Kay, Rodger Haird Hemington (12/3), David Miller, Delia McGrath, Louis Maurice O'Sullivan, James Davis, Carol Baker (13/3) Gracy Cheru Konikare (14/3) Canon Joseph Howe, Violet Sheridan, Sid Adams, Harry Page Netherton, Eugenia Sheila Ellis (15/3)



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

Mass at 9.30am: On Thursday children in Years 2, 3 & 4 will be joining for Mass in church. Mass will therefore be at **9.30am.**

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Higham who died in Arrowe Park hospital on the 22nd February aged 101 after a short illness. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Joyce's funeral is on the 24th March at St John's Church in Poulton-le-Fylde at 12.30pm

Funeral: The Requiem Mass for Winifred Bayley will be on **Monday 16th March at 11.00am** followed by burial in the graveyard in the family grave. Please keep her son Chris and family and friends in your prayers. There will not be a Mass at 9am.

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: Music group will lead on **Friday 13th March at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm. Next group is CWL.

Piety Stall: Thank you for your support. Religious Charity Easter Cards will be arriving from this weekend. Most will be packs of 5 at £3.50. Though there will be some smaller packs at £2.50 and some single cards as well.

Reflection: Tony Topping's latest reflection "Weapons of Christ" is available online and a small amount of copies are in the porch.

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.

Youth matters: Please see the notices and accompanying leaflets & posters on the noticeboard in the porch. You are also invited to add any information about current or future events/initiatives/material which may be of interest.

Missio: The spring edition of Missio Today has arrived and there are copies in the porch. Do take one home.

School newsletter: Copy available on the noticeboard or visit www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423

Mouthpeace: The spring newsletter is now available, so follow the link to <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/shrewsbury/>

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.

Knot just knitters: The group will meet again next 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.

Lost property: There is a large amount of items in the drawer in the back porch. Please take a look and see if anything belongs to you and please take it home. Thank you.

Tea/Coffee: The parish hall is open for **refreshments after the 10.30am Mass.** What gives us life and energy as a Parish is when we come together spiritually and socially.

CAFOD: A fantastic **£807** was donated last weekend for the CAFOD collection. That you for your kind generosity. If you still have an envelope they can be handed in during the weekend offertory collection. There are a large number of prayer and other resources on the CAFOD website including daily and weekly prayers during Lent. A prayer we can share this week: *Good Lord, source of all creation, help us in our parish to have the strength and ability to play our part in making the world a better place for all to live together in peace and harmony and where your goodness, justice and love prevails. Amen.*

Offertory envelopes: The Envelopes for the new tax year are available for collection by the welcomers bench. If you would like a box of envelopes or are interested in setting up a standing order and/or gift aiding your contributions, please contact Jayne in the parish office. Gift aid leaflets are available in the porch.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 3rd March, crackers and Jam, UHT juice, tinned meats and curry sauce.