

ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH

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Sunday 14th December 2025 – Sunday 21st December 2025

Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 14 Dec	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Special Intention (family) Parish family Carlos & Auréa de Almeida Furnkranz (RIP)
Monday	Ferial St Winefride's Carol Concert	9.00 am 10.00 am	Mary 'Elizabeth' Sherratt (RIP) KS2 Carol concert rehearsal
Tuesday	Ferial	7.00 pm	Stella O'Connor (recently deceased) RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.00 am	Mary Moffat (health)
Thursday	Ferial	9.00 am	John Lee (recently deceased) RIP
Friday	Ferial	7.00 pm	Ken Rodrigues (death anniv) RIP
Saturday	Ferial	12 noon	Winifred Topping (50 th death anniv) RIP
Sunday 21 Dec	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Day of special Prayer for Expectant Mothers Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Cristina & Norman Bickerstaff (RIP) Parish family Dorothy Ilott (death anniv) RIP

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.

Prayer for the month of December. For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

SUNDAY	13/14 December			20/21 December		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	D Loughie	AM Millar	M Unsworth	L Hannaway/ M Branch	Clark family/ M Corcoran	P Hemington/ A Neary
Welcomers	6pm B Roles		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC			8.45am K Hughes		10.30am S Fernkranz	
LITTLE CHURCH: Children's liturgy will take place during the family Mass at 10.30am.						
WEEKDAYS	Monday 9am	Tuesday 7pm	Wednesday 9am	Thursday 9am	Friday 7pm	Saturday noon
Readers	M Corcoran	A Volunteer	A Volunteer	A Volunteer	A Volunteer	P Hemington

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.


For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including: Patricia Davies, Frances Wright, Pat Cummins, Win Bayley, Joe Hemington, Judy Howard, Sr Suzan George SMMI, Eva Bennion, Paul Wallace, Dorothy Strawson, Maureen Knox, Joseph Kennedy, Gerald Sanderson, Fr Paul, Mary Gilbert, Michael Rowlands, Kay Minto, Susan Trowell, Margaret Maw, David Eva, Peter Roca, Stephanie Archibald, Margaret Gould, Joan Burkmar, Dawn Stevenson, Cormac Davis, 5 year old Dottie, Rachel Branch, Annabelle Narey, Alan Blackwood, Mary, Richard Fowler, Ann Kelly, Ruth Pisarek, Roger Gardener, Pat Leadbetter, Ann & Paul Flanagan, Stacey Hemington, David Wallace, Laurie Walsh, Yvonne Mckeown, Alan Hughes, Laura Eason, Maureen Morris, Michael Sheridan, Martin Penfold, Bill Penfold, Val Higgins, Clem Haimes, Cath and Chris Jones

Anniversaries of our departed (15 Dec – 21 Dec)

Elizabeth Williams, Carolyn Mary Descotes, Renata Maria Dodd (15/12) Canon Rudoph Luczka (16/12) John Caffrey, Francis McKey, Lawrence Duggan, Gerald Dove Murphy, Christopher Bernard Hewitt, Eileen Scarratt (17/12) Norman Jones, Joyce Tennant, Larry Duggan (18/12) Kenneth George Rodrigues, Brian Docherty (19/12), Sarah Ann Bamford, Canon Thomas Hurley (20/12) Mary Catherine Davidson, Fr Kevin Molloy, Edna Gardner, Pat Standish, Dorothy (Dot) Davies, Patrick, Anthony (Tony) McDevitt (21/12)



The names of the dear ones are taken from the book of remembrance. Please inform parish priest or contact parish office to add to anniversaries or remove from the sick list.

Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 24th December – Children's Christmas Mass 4 pm & Christmas Vigil Mass 7 pm
Thursday 25th December – Christmas Morning Mass 8.45 am & Christmas Family Mass 10.30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Children preparing for their First Holy Communion will attend their third preparation session this Sunday, starting at **9:30 in the Church Hall**. The children are preparing for the **First Reconciliation** and will receive the sacrament in a service beginning **after the family Mass this Sunday**. Please pray for our First Holy Communion children and our catechists.

Funeral service: The funeral service for John Lee who died on the 28th November will be on Monday 5th January at 11.00am with committal at Blacon Crematorium Chapel. Please keep John's daughters Maria and Louisa and son John in your prayers

Children's Liturgy: This weekend is the last session of Children's Liturgy in Little Church before Christmas. Children's liturgy will start again on Sunday 4th January 2026.

St Winefride's Carol Concert: The rehearsal for the school carol concert is on Monday at 10.00am. Parishioners and parents are most welcome to attend. The evening performance at 6pm is reserved for parents/guardians and their family due to limited space in the church. **Morning Mass on Monday will be at the usual time of 9am.**

Christmas Tree: The Christmas tree is being decorated this **Monday 15th December**. If you can spare an hour or so on Monday from 11.30 am, then please come along and help. Thank you.

Christmas Masses - readers, welcomers and EMHC: There is a sign-up sheet in the porch to add your name to if you are here at Mass at Christmas and during Christmastide and are able to **VOLUNTEER**. You can also email the parish office. As church will be busy at the Christmas Masses, it is important we have two, if not three welcomers.

Reflection: "The Creed" is the new reflection from Tony Topping. There is a a copy online and some printed copies in the porch.

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

Piety stall: 'Religious Charity Christmas Cards including cards from CAFOD and ACN are now available in the back porch. There are also CTS publications for Advent including Sunday Missals for all Sunday Masses and prayers, for Year A (2025-6) at **£9.00**.

CWL Christmas hamper raffle tickets will be sold weekends this weekend 13/14th and 20/21st December. Priced at £1.00 each. The draw will take place in the hall after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 21st December

NDCT Christmas carols: This Saturday 13th December there will be Christmas Carols in the Market Square between 10.30 - 11.30am with St Winefride's school children. Poster on the noticeboard.

CWL: Christmas party this year is on **Friday 19th December at 4.30pm** in the church hall. All welcome.

Catholic Pic: The December issue has now arrived and copies are in the porch, do take a copy home with you.

Neston Community Centre: We would like to help support the food bank in the community centre by donating Christmas treats, such as mince pies, biscuits, sweets, Christmas cake/pudding etc. **Items collected are being taken to the centre next Wednesday.**

Parish Grounds and Gardens: Gardening group have now finished for winter and will resume again in spring on a Wednesday.

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

Advent collection: During advent there will be a joint donation box in the porch for the charities of Mary's Meals and Caritas. Both charities would be grateful for any donations you can give during advent leading up to Christmas.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 11 Dec; Instant mash, jam, curry sauce, custard and tinned spaghetti. Thank you.