



ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH
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Sunday 15th February 2026 – Sunday 22nd February 2026

Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

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| Sunday 15 Feb | Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday | | 6.00 pm | Gerry Courell (B'day anniv) RIP |
| | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | | 8.45 am | Greg (special intention) |
| | <i>Day of Prayer for the unemployed</i> | Family Mass | 10.30 am | Parish family |
| Monday | Ferial | | 9.00 am | Corcoran family |
| Tuesday | Ferial | | 7.00 pm | Jack & Dot Roper (wed anniv 11/2) RIP |
| Wednesday | ASH WEDNESDAY | | 9.00 am | Ellen Saunders (death anniv 8/2) RIP |
| | <i>Day of fasting and Abstinence</i> | | 7.00 pm | Parish family |
| Thursday | Thursday after Ash Wednesday | | 9.00 am | David Nash (RIP) |
| Friday | Friday after Ash Wednesday | | 6.30pm | Stations of the Cross |
| | | | 7.00 pm | Elizabeth Tobin (recently deceased) RIP |
| Saturday | Saturday after Ash Wednesday | | 12 noon | Povey (Thanksgiving) |
| Sunday 22 Feb | Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday | | 6.00 pm | Parish family |
| | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | | 8.45 am | Maureen (death anniv) & Tony Bainbridge RIP |
| | | Family Mass | 10.30 am | Phil Challis (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 February. For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

| SUNDAY | 14/15 th Feb | | | 21/22 nd Feb | | |
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| | 6pm | 8.45am | 10.30am | 6pm | 8.45am | 10.30am |
| Readers | S Davies | Clark family | P Heminton | C Kirshen | T McGlynn | C Kingsland |
| Welcomers | 6pm M & M Branch, P Higgins | | 8.45am A & D Docherty | | 10.30am R Stacey | |
| EMHC | Deacon Mike | | M Corcoran | | C Kingsland | |

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

From Pope Leo's catechesis this week: In today's catechesis we will look at the profound and vital link that exists between the Word of God and the Church, a bond expressed by the Conciliar Constitution Dei Verbum, in the sixth chapter. The Church is the rightful home of Sacred Scripture. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Bible arose from the people of God, and is destined for the people of God. In the Christian community it has, so to speak, its habitat: indeed, in the life and the faith of the Church it finds the space where it can reveal its meaning and manifest its power.

Vatican Council II reminds us that "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body". Furthermore, "she has always maintained them, and continues to do so, together with sacred tradition, as the supreme rule of faith" (Dei Verbum, 21). The Church ardently desires that the Word of God may reach every one of her members and nurture their journey of faith. But the Word of God also propels the Church beyond herself; it opens her continually to the mission towards everyone. Indeed, we live surrounded by so many words, but how many of these are empty! At times we even listen to wise words, which do not however affect our ultimate destiny. On the contrary, the Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning, for the truth about our life. It is the only Word that is always new: revealing the mystery of God to us, it is inexhaustible, it never ceases to offer its riches.

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

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 (16 Feb – 22 Feb)

Laurence Lovelady, Anne Elizabeth Haimes, William Fletcher Povey (16/2) Elsie Macdonald, Robert (Alan) Jones, Patrick Joseph Oxton (17/2) Henry White, Dorothy Robinson (19/2) Catherine Jones, Jim Grace, Laura Patricia Growney-Stone (20/2) Charlotte, Cottingham Davies, John Sherlock, Fr Brendan McDonald (21/2) Ingeborg O'Leary, Maureen Veronica Griffiths, Maureen Josephine Bainbridge, John Andrew Hughes (22/2)



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

Father Paul: We pray for the repose of Father Paul O'Grady who very sadly died on Friday 30th January. Father Paul's mortal remains will be received into Saint Werburgh's, Birkenhead on Sunday 22nd February at 7.00pm. On **Monday 23rd February**, the Requiem Mass for Father Paul will be celebrated by the Bishop at **Saint Werburgh's, Birkenhead at 12 noon**, then burial will be at Southern Cemetery, Manchester.

Ash Wednesday: There will be two Masses this Wednesday for the start of lent, one at 9.00am and one at 7.00pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation Classes for children from Year 9 onwards will start this Easter in Pensby (further details to follow). If you are interested in enrolling your child for the classes, please either contact the parish office or speak to Fr Tom. The Mass of Confirmation this year is booked for Wednesday 10th June at Holy Family, Pensby.

Stations of the Cross: This will start on Friday 20th February at 6.30pm, before Mass at 7pm and will be led by Fr Tom. Next week it will be led by CWL. See noticeboard with the dates and groups leading future weeks.

Reflection: Tony Topping latest reflection "Spreading the word" is available on the website and there are also copies in the porch.

Piety stall: Please have a look at the selection of cards that are for sale on the stand at the back of church.

Word on Fire books, written by Bishop Robert Barron will be available to purchase from this weekend onwards. They can be found near the Piety Stall with a box for suggested donations of £3 per book or £10 for a set of the 4 books:

Lenten Gospel Reflections (a journey towards Resurrection); **An Introduction to Prayer** (to inspire us to seek out a deeper relationship with God); **This is My Body** (to deepen our desire for the power & presence of Jesus in the Eucharist); **What Christians Believe** (an outline of the essentials of our Faith).

Marriage & Family Ministry volunteers: Are you interested in supporting the vocation of Marriage and Family Life by joining our Marriage and Family Life Apostolate? To find out more, please contact Jane Deegan at jane.degan@dioceseofshrewsbury

World Day of Prayer Friday: 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)

SVP: There is a job vacancy for a part-time Centre Officer at the St Vincents Support Centre, Birkenhead. See following link for more information. Centre Officer | SVP Careers

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

Johann Sebastian Bach - St John Passion: The concert is on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Oxton. Poster with full information is on the noticeboard.

Parish Grounds and Gardens: Gardening group are now meeting on a Wednesday morning after Mass, 9.30am until Noon. A gentle return of tidying pathways and clearing any debris. New volunteers very welcome to come and help.

Knot just knitters: The group will meet again on Wednesday 25th February at 9.30-12 noon in the church hall. All welcome.

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

Lloyds Bank: Where possible can we ask that cheques are not used and any payments to church are made via BACS. The post office will no longer process them and we would have to take to Lloyds in Heswall. Lloyds also charge a fee of £1.00 per cheque.

Offertory envelopes: The new envelopes for 2026/27 have arrived and will be available to collect from church next weekend.

Caritas: We have received a thank you poster from Caritas for our generosity at Christmas. See poster on the noticeboards.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 12th Feb, meat paste, small jars of coffee, UHT juice, pasta in sauce (microwave).