

ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH

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Sunday 21st December 2025 – Sunday 28th December 2025

Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 21 Dec	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Day of special Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Cristina & Norman Bickerstaff (RIP) Parish family Dorothy Ilott (death anniv) RIP
Monday	Ferial		9.00 am	Davidson family (death anniv) RIP
Tuesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Sick and housebound
Wednesday	Ferial	Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Mass Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	9.00 am 4.00pm 7.00pm	Michael Halley (RIP) All in the CWL (thanksgiving) Parish familiy
Thursday	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Dawn Mass Mass of Christmas Day	8.45am 10.30am	Edith O'Sullivan (health) Gail 'O' (intention health)
Friday	ST STEPHEN		NO MASS	NO MASS AT ST WINEFRIDE'S
Saturday	ST JOHN		NO MASS	NO MASS AT ST WINEFRIDE'S
Sunday 28 Dec	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY	Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Parish family Hilda Davidson (RIP) Michael Devlin (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	20/21 December			27/28 December		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	L Hannaway/ M Branch	Clark family/ M Corcoran	P Hemington/ A Neary	S Davies	T McGlynn	C Kingsland
Welcomers	6pm P Higgins, M & M Branch		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike	8.45am T McGlynn	10.30am F Rimmer	Deacon Mike	K Hughes	W Fryer

LITTLE CHURCH: Children's liturgy will resume again on Sunday 4th January 2026

WEEKDAYS	Monday 9am	Tuesday 7pm	Wednesday 9am	Thursday	Friday 7pm	Saturday noon
Readers	A Neary	C Kingsland	M Whitehead	SEE ROTA	NO MASS	NO MASS



A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL MEMBERS OF
THE PARISH,
YOUR FAMILIES AND OUR
VISITORS.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December
Children's Christmas Mass 4.00pm
Christmas Vigil Mass 7.00pm
Carols from 3.45pm and 6.45 pm

Christmas Day - Thursday 25th December
The First Mass 8.45am
Family Mass 10.30am

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, Rachel Branch, 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, Irene Steele

Anniversaries of our departed (22 Dec – 28 Dec)
Murtagh Davies, Dorothy Ilott (22/12) Winefride Anderson, Brian Hurley, James Thomas Nolan RNR (23/12) Fr William Corcoran, Laurence Binns, Mary Winifred Nyland, Jean Thomas (24/12) Alan Walmsley, Olive Byrne, Rhonda Evelyn Jacques (25/12) Mary Theresa Donnelly, Paddy Finneran (26/12) Fr Lawrence Watson, (27/12) Rt Rev William Grasar, Liz McHugh, June Sands (28/12)

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.

New Archbishop of Westminster: Please pray for Bishop Richard Moth of Arundel & Brighton who has been named by Pope Leo as the next Archbishop of Westminster.

Message from Fr Tom: Thank you so much for the many cards and gifts that I have received from members of the parish in the run up to Christmas. Your generosity is typical of the welcome I have received here over the past 4 months. I wish you and your families every blessing in the precious festive days ahead.

Church decorations: A very big thank you to everyone who came and helped decorate church either on Monday or the week before. The nativity scene outside, crib on the altar, Christmas tree and church decorations all look fantastic, so thank you.

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

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. As church will be busy at the Christmas Masses, it is important we have two, if not three welcomers.

Mass on 26th & 27th December: As detailed opposite we will not be celebrating Mass at St Winefride's on the 26th December at 7pm or at 12 noon on the 27th December. Mass will be said on the feast of St Stephen at 10.00am at St Werburgh's Chester, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester, CH1 1QJ and at 12.15pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 2a Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY.

SPUC: Thank you to all who supported our Pro-Life work this year and have bought Christmas cards from us. We still have some cards left, please see Margaret in the hall after the 10.30am Mass, or if you need me to bring them to you phone Margaret on 07552 188031. Date for the diary, the January winter warmer coffee morning will be on Saturday 17th January, details to follow.

Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform: Please take one of the CBR UK cards reminding us of Christ's humanity this Christmas and the vulnerability of life in the womb. These can be found on the table in the porch. If you would like to know more about CBR UK and/or would like to take more cards to give to others, please contact Anne Neary on nearythere@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Piety stall: Most Christmas cards have now gone but general cards are in the stand at the back of church. There are also still a few CTS publications for Advent including a Sunday Missal for all Sunday Masses and prayers, for Year A (2025-6) at £9.00.

Cleaning rota: A new cleaning rota has been compiled and is on the noticeboards and will also be available online. It would be helpful to have a couple of extra cleaners. At the moment it is only woman on the rota, but men are also welcome to be involved. If you can spare one hour a month, then contact the office or let one of the other volunteer cleaners know. Thank you.

CWL Christmas hamper raffle tickets: This weekend is the last weekend for buying tickets. Tickets are priced at £1.00 each. The draw will take place in the hall after 10.30am Mass this Sunday 21st December

Neston Community Centre: A big thank from Neston Community Centre to all of you who kindly gave donations. A fantastic amount of Christmas food items have been donated and are now with the NCC. Thank you also to Judith for organising.

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. What gives us life and energy as a Parish is when we come together spiritually and socially.

Advent collection: During advent there will is 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.

St Anthony's Bread: We have collected throughout the year via the box in church £185.00 and this money will be split and given to Mary's Meals and Caritas along with the money collected from the Advent collection box in the porch.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 18 Dec; crackers, meat paste, cereal bars curry sauce and tinned spaghetti. Thank you.

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Livestream/webcam is used in this church: See the privacy notice on the porch noticeboard.