



ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH
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Sunday 22nd February 2026 – Sunday 1 March 2026

Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 22 Feb	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Parish family Maureen (death anniv) & Tony Bainbridge RIP Phil Challis (RIP)
Monday	St Polycarp	9.00 am	Gladys Moreton (RIP)
Tuesday	Ferial	7.00 pm	Sheamus O'Hare (recently deceased) RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.00 am	The intention of Archbishop Richard Moth
Thursday	Ferial	9.00 am	Monica, Noreen, Francis McKey (death anniv) RIP
Friday	Ferial <i>Day of Prayer for the Needy & Hungry</i>	6.30pm 7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross Michael & Julia Fox (RIP)
Saturday	Ferial	12 noon	Dave Topp (recently deceased) RIP
Sunday 1 Mar	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Winifred Bayley (recently deceased) RIP Moira Ainsworth (RIP) Parish family

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	21/22 nd Feb			28 th Feb/1 st Mar		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	C Kirshen	T McGlynn	C Kingsland	J Shakespeare	M Corcoran	W Fryer
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch	8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey		
EMHC	Deacon Mike	22/2 - 8.45 am M J Corcoran		22/2 - 10.30am M Unsworth		

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

From Pope Leo's message for Lent: Dear brothers and sisters, Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. [...] This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through *listening*. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone. [...] If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour. [...] Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways [...] our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation.

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

Anniversaries of our departed (23 Feb – 1 Mar)

Walter Cuthbert, Ellenor Narey, Norman Perryman, (23/2) John Jones, Gordon Hartley (24/2) Edward James Harris, James Graves, Lily Quilliam, Maureen Catherine Adams (25/2) George Willian Jagar Davidson (26/2) Leonard John Gornall DFC Dorothy Barber, Ian Stuart Taylor (27/2) Fr Henry E G Rope, Fr Bernard Lyons, Fr Henry E G Rope, Fr Bernard Lyons, Jack Robinson (1/3)

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

Please inform parish priest or contact parish office to add to the anniversaries or remove from the prayer list. Thank you.

Father Paul: Father Paul's mortal remains will be received into St Werburgh's, Birkenhead at 7.00pm this Sunday evening. On Monday the Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at **St Werburgh's, at 12 noon**, then burial will be in Manchester.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred (Win) Bayley who died earlier this week. Please keep her son Chris, family and friends in your prayers.

Day of Reflection: A date for your diary. On Saturday 7th March Fr Neill Robb from St Werburgh's Chester will lead a Day of Reflection – **"Prefer nothing for the Love of Christ"**. There will be a talk at 11am, Immensity of God's love for us followed by Mass at 12 noon. Then at 4pm a second talk, Conversion of Life (our love for Christ).

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: CWL will lead on **Friday 27th February at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm. Next group is SPUC.

CAFOD says Thank you: For many years, the start of Lent, sees the Cafod Family Fast Day. Cafod wishes to thank Parishioners for their generous support over many years. It hopes people in our community will be able to learn more about how Cafod is financing projects, that have, and are, supporting farming communities to survive and thrive in Sudan. There, long term flooding, as a result of climate change, have made traditional farming impossible. However some brilliant innovations, including gardening on boats, have given people the chance to rebuild their lives. To learn more go to CAFOD.org.uk and see for yourself the good news story, or pick up a leaflet in the porch or speak to Michael Corcoran for more information.

Piety stall: As we enter the season of Lent, and listen to the call to take time daily, to read and reflect on the 'Word of God' as one of our Lenten Tasks, so the Piety Stall has a number of booklets to encourage and support such activity. These will include copies of the **'Walk with Me'** booklets produced every year to help understand and reflect simply on the daily readings. These can be found in the porch. Please take one and if you can make a donation of £1 to the parish funds, it would be appreciated.

Word on Fire books, written by Bishop Robert Barron are available to purchase at the back of church, near the Piety Stall with a box for suggested donations of £3 per book or £10 for a set of the 4 books.

"Unpacking the Paschal Mystery", A Day of Renewal at St Clare's Church, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH, next **Saturday 28th February**, 10 am - 4 pm, led by Spiritan Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy. (See poster on noticeboard for more details.)

SVP: On **Wednesday 4th March at 7:30pm at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight**. Bebington Dramatic Society are performing Shakespeare in Love. Tickets are £12 and can be purchased from Mark Branch (07780 225995) or Peter Higgins (07754 086244) all proceeds are for the Holiday Home in North Wales.

World Day of Prayer: 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)

Johann Sebastian Bach - St John Passion: Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Oxton. See poster for info.

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 this Wednesday 25th February at 9.30-12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

Bereavement Group/tea and a chat: Next meeting is **Wednesday 4th March** from 1.00 pm in the church hall.

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

CAFOD: It is **CAFOD Family Fast Day next Friday 27th February**. There will be a retiring collection in church next weekend. Envelopes are available to take home this weekend and return next weekend. Do take one home with you.

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

Food Bank: **Urgent items** needed as at 19th Feb, meat paste, small jars of coffee, UHT juice, tinned tomatoes, potatoes & veg.