



**ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH**  
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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II**

<b>Sunday 3 May</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Health, Strength, Hope & Healing
	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>	Edith O'Sullivan (RIP)
	<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Parish family
Monday	<b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Survivors of sexual abuse
Tuesday	Ferial	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday	Ferial	<b>10.00 am</b>	Myrtle Rhodes (birthday)
Thursday	Ferial	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>12 noon</b> Edith O'Sullivan (RIP)
Friday	Ferial	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Sick and housebound
Saturday	Ferial	<b>12 Noon</b>	Sarah & John Hogan (RIP)
		<b>Baptism</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b> Dylan Knott
<b>Sunday 10 May</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Health, Strength, Hope & Healing
	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>	Edith O'Sullivan (RIP)
	<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	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 **5 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 May. *That everyone might have food***

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

SUNDAY	2/3 <sup>rd</sup> May		
	6.00 pm	8.45 am	10.30 am
Readers	C Kirshen	M Whitehead	W Fryer
EMHC	Deacon Mike	T McGlynn	C Kingsland
Welcomers	P Higgins, M & M Branch	<b>8.45am</b> A & D Docherty	<b>10.30am</b> R Stacey

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

**This week marks one year since Pope Leo's election to the Holy See, and so we remind ourselves of his words in his first homily as Pope:** Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for *a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.* In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalises the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: *in the one Christ, we are one.* This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns! This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

**Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including,** Pat Cummins, 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, Pat Clare, Angela Gill, Jean Hurst, Marie T, Elaine Parson, Jeanne Hughes, Baby Ronnie, Christine Rhodes

**Anniversaries of our departed (4 May – 10 May)**

John Monaghan, Sandie Marie Davies (4/5) William Howley, John Joseph Waring, Anthony Paul Daintree (5/5) Ivor Roberts, George Sowden, Estella White, Alan McBride, Esther Lambert (6/5) Fred Knight, Rt Rev Joseph Gray (7/5) John Southwell, Marie Whyte (8/5) David Phillips, Reg Gilbert, Brian Johnson, James Gordon, Jacqueline Williams (9/5) May Corbett, Fr Thomas Morton (10/5)

**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.**

**Daily Mass during May:** Please pay particular attention to the changes in our daily Mass schedule over the next few weeks, when Frs Neill Robb and Anthony Wilde will kindly be supplying daily Mass for us. This week there will be NO Mass on Tuesday, Mass Wednesday will be at 10 am and Thursday a Requiem Mass at 12 Noon.

**Walsingham pilgrimage:** Derek Pover is going on the pilgrimage and has offered to take prayer petitions from parishioners along with him. If you would like Derek to take your petition, then leave in the box by the welcomers bench by 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Requiem Mass:** The requiem Mass for Edith O'Sullivan is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon followed by burial in the graveyard. The family have said that at their Mum's request bright colours are acceptable and wearing black is optional.

**Diocesan Marriage Mass 2026:** This will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA.** If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2026 or were married within the last year you can apply for an invitation from the Bishop. Please send your details to the parish office including names, address and which anniversary you are celebrating. The closing date to receive an invitation is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.

**St Winefride's School – Forest School** takes place weekly in our beautiful school grounds and it is wonderful to see the children embracing the opportunity to enrich and deepen their learning in the outdoors. Lessons range widely from maths to design technology and our core values of excellence, resilience and happiness shine brightly in this special space.

**Children's Library.** A reminder for parents of young children about the books (on the bookcase near the piety stall) which are available to borrow during Mass. Thank you for the donations received so far.

**Parenting Teenagers:** Please see <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting> for info about their webinars: the next one being 2<sup>nd</sup> June on raising teenagers in a Catholic family.

**Youth Matters:** 18 – 25 years' old and looking for a gap year within a vibrant community of young Catholics? Applications are now open to join the Kenelm Youth Ministry Team at Alton Castle and Soli in Staffordshire. Develop your faith alongside training in leadership skills, outdoor pursuits and ministering to young people. See <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/youthministryteam.html>

**Applications** are also now open for 18-25 year olds to join the Lincs Diocese Youth Ministry Team, based at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick. The 'Internship' scheme comes with training, experience and gaining qualifications. Contact Jack Regan via [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) Please see the updated notice, 'Youth Matters' in the porch and feel welcome to request an emailed copy from the office if you would like easy access to the website links.

**SPUC: Update and thanks** - The Assisted Dying Bill has failed because it ran out of time in the House of Lords. The Scottish Parliament has also rejected their assisted dying bill. Many thanks to all who wrote to our MP and House of Lords.

**Christian aid:** Christian Aid week is 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May – There is an ecumenical service at St Mary & St Helen's Church Neston on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.** All welcome at the service and there will be refreshments afterwards.

**Parish Grounds and Gardens:** The parish has engaged with a professional contractor who will be concentrating on the grass cutting around the site. Can we especially thank all our volunteers who help maintain the grounds and who will continue to work alongside the contractor. The volunteers meet here on Wednesdays 9.30am – 12 noon. All welcome.

**Knot just knitters:** The group will meet again this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 - 12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

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

**Mary Meals:** Sue Donovan has given us an update of the total money she received during her appeal, which was £1,047. This includes the Lenten Alms money (£297) collected at Easter. The money will feed more than fifty two children for a whole year.

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

**Food Bank: Urgent items** needed as at 30 April, smash, jam, tinned potatoes & tomatoes, cup of soups and biscuits.