



**ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH**  
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**Sunday 5 April 2026 – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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

<b>Sunday 5 Apr</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	<b>8.15 pm</b>	Fr G Courell (RIP)
		<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>	Parish family
			<b>10.30 am</b>	Michael Povey (RIP)
Monday	<b>Monday of the Easter Octave</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY AT ST WINEFRIDES</b>	
Tuesday	<b>Tuesday of the Easter Octave</b>		<b>7.00 pm</b>	Jonathan Ward (recently deceased) RIP
Wednesday	<b>Wednesday of the Easter Octave</b>		<b>9.00 am</b>	Frank Challis (RIP)
Thursday	<b>Thursday of the Easter Octave</b>		<b>9.00 am</b>	Family in need
Friday	<b>Friday of the Easter Octave</b>		<b>7.00 pm</b>	Sick and housebound
Saturday	<b>Saturday of the Easter Octave</b>		<b>12 Noon</b>	James Mongan (RIP)
<b>Sunday 12 Apr</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	The Shaw family (special intention)
	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>	Parish family
			<b>10.30 am</b>	Joe Hemington (thanksgiving) 50 <sup>th</sup> in Jan

**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 April. For priests in crisis**

**Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.**

SUNDAY	4/5 <sup>th</sup> April		
	8.15 pm	8.45 am	10.30 am
Readers	R1 – C Kirshen R2 – H Jones R3 – L Hannaway R4 – M Slater	Reading 1/psalm – J Shakespeare Reading 2/Seq/BP – AM Miller	Reading 1/psalm – A Cropper Reading 2/Seq/BP – I Trotman
Welcomers	<b>8.15pm</b> P Higgins	<b>8.45am</b> A & D Docherty	<b>10.30am</b> R Stacey
EMHC	Deacon Mike	5 Apr - 8.45am K Hughes	5 Apr - 10.30am A Williams

**LITTLE CHURCH:** No Children's liturgy this weekend and will resume again on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**From Pope Leo's homily for Palm Sunday:** *Dear brothers and sisters,* As Jesus walks the Way of the Cross, we place ourselves behind him, following in his footsteps. As we walk with him, we contemplate his passion for the sake of humanity, his broken heart, and his life as a gift of love. We turn our gaze to Jesus, who reveals himself as *King of Peace*, even as war looms around him. He remains steadfast in meekness, while others are stirring up violence. He offers himself to embrace humanity, even as others raise swords and clubs. He is the light of the world, though darkness is about to engulf the earth. He came to bring life, even as plans unfold to condemn him to death. *King of Peace.* Jesus' desire is to bring the world into the Father's arms, tearing down every barrier that separates us from God and from our neighbour, for "He is our peace" (*Eph 2:14*). [...] As we set our gaze upon him who was crucified for us, we can see a crucified humanity. In his wounds, we see the hurts of so many women and men today. In his last cry to the Father, we hear the weeping of those who are crushed, who have no hope, who are sick and who are alone. Above all, we hear the painful groans of all those who are oppressed by violence and are victims of war. Christ, King of Peace, cries out again from his cross: God is love! Have mercy! Lay down your weapons! Remember that you are 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, Edith O'Sullivan, Pat Clare, Angela Gill, Jean Hurst, Marie T, Elaine Parson

**Anniversaries of our departed (6 Apr – 12 Apr)**

Margaret Ann Barry, Peter Carragher, Thomas Sargent, Veronica M Carragher, Jane Haimes, John O'Brien (6/4) Cecilia McKinley, Pauline Clare Cassidy, Maria Christina Frances (Fran) Flocks (7/4) Joseph James Loughie, Canon Alfred McNally, Fr Kevin Daley, Sheila Ann Shields, Gilbert Foster (8/4) Joseph Whyte (9/4) Marie Patricia Matthews, Fr Wilfrid Kelly, Arthur Sharp, Fr Paul F Sidoli, John Roberts, Ethel Melhado, Maureen Aland (10/4) Patricia Mary Raybone, Antoinette Kelly, Michael Anthony Dalton, Maureen Jones, (11/4) Fr John T Daley, Bee Greenwood (12/4)

**Easter Monday:** Please note that there will **not be a Mass** at 9am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**Our Paschal Candle:** In our practice of our Faith, we often light candles as 'sacramentals'; that is signs which signify spiritual effects. The light of a candle signifies the Light of Christ. When we light the candles burning at the altar or flanking the book of the Gospels, we are using that sign to emphasise for us the truth that 'Christ is here'! Just lighting a candle should not be taken to be an act of prayer in itself, but in using this Sacramental, we point ourselves towards the prayer the candle signifies: our desire for Christ's presence in our lives and in the lives of those we love and pray for. If this is true of every candle lit in a Church or a Christian home, it is particularly true of the Paschal Candle which is the focus of the first part of our celebration of the Easter Vigil each year. Burning in the darkness and lit from the Easter fire, the paschal candle is a powerful and multivalent sign. It speaks of God's first act of Creation; "Let there be light"! It speaks of the pillar of cloud and fire with which Exodus tells us God led his people out of slavery. It hints at the tongues of flame to come at Pentecost. Most of all, since a candle must burn itself away to give light and warmth, it speaks of Christ's sacrifice for us pouring away his life as an offering. For this reason, we light the Paschal candle not only throughout the Easter Season, but at every baptism and at every funeral.

This year, at Fr Tom's suggestion, our Paschal Candle is decorated with designs and colours drawn from the beautiful architecture and especially the windows of our venerable Church building. Many thanks to Joe Tunstall and, particularly, Winnie Fryer who painted the design of this year's Paschal Candle personalised to our Parish.

**Piety Stall:** Thank you for your support. There are still some Easter cards in the porch, do take a look and the general card stand is at the back of church.

**Mary's Meals:** Sue Donovan will be coming to St Winefride's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April to speak to parishioners at the 10.30am Mass about Mary's Meals. There will also be retiring collection after the Mass.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026:** The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July-7 August and by air 31 July-6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking system.

**Children's Christian books:** Please take a look at the area at the back of church which now has a small supply of books. If you have any books you would like to donate to the small library, then please leave on the bookcase. Thank you.

**Family Catholic Charismatic conferences:** NEW DAWN weekend at All Saints, Urmston, Manchester in May <https://princeofpeace.org.uk/new-dawn> and CELEBRATE with residential & camping accommodation at Worth Abbey in August: [www.celebratefestival.org](http://www.celebratefestival.org) Please see the posters in the porch. Spaces for accommodation are limited.

**Shoe Box:** Neston MU are having a talk by Dave Cook the founder of Teams4U to talk about his charity that includes the Christmas Shoe Box Appeals. It is next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm at St Michael's Church, top of Marshlands Road.

**School newsletter:** Copy available on the noticeboard or visit [www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423](http://www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423)

**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 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30 -12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

**Bereavement Group:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm in the church hall. Come along and have a chat.

**Tea/Coffee:** The **hall will not be open for refreshments** after the 10.30 am Mass on Easter Sunday.

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

**Food Bank: Urgent items** needed as at 1<sup>st</sup> April, instant pasta with sauce, UHT juice, tinned meats and fish and curry sauce.

**Neston Community Centre:** Thank you for your kind response for Easter themed items, which were delivered to NYNC on Monday. Four boxes of 'treats', around 100 items about half were Easter eggs, a few quite large. There were various other items including cakes, tins of fruit and children's jellies.