



**ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH**  
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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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

		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday			
<b>Sunday 17 May</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Day of prayer for World Communications</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Parish family	<b>8.45 am</b>	Fred Dutton (death anniv 12/5)
	<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Sick and housebound		
Monday	Ferial	<b>10.00 am</b>	Michael Povey (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) RIP		
Tuesday	<b>ST MILBURGA</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Wednesday	Ferial	<b>10.00 am</b>	Valerie Wood (100 <sup>th</sup> birthday anniv)		
Thursday	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Friday	Ferial	<b>10.00 am</b>	Fr Gerry Courell (death anniv 19/5)		
Saturday	Ferial	<b>12 Noon</b>	Edith O'Sullivan (RIP)		
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <i>Day of special prayer for the church</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Parish family	<b>8.45 am</b>	Kenneth Bursby (death anniv)
	<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Irene Pover (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv) 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 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	16/17 <sup>th</sup> May		
	6.00 pm	8.45 am	10.30 am
Readers	M Branch	M Corcoran	M Unsworth
EMHC	Deacon Mike	M J Corcoran	M Slater
Welcomers	M & M Branch, P Higgins	8.45am D McNulty & K Garrod	10.30am R Stacey

**LITTLE CHURCH: THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEKEND**

**During his weekly General Audience, and on the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Pope Leo XIV emphasizes how the Blessed Virgin Mary is the perfect model, member and mother of the Church;** How she teaches all the faithful to love and serve the Church.

"The mystery of the Church is also reflected in the Virgin Mary: in Her, the people of God find the representation of their origin, their model and their homeland," he said in his catechesis during the Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square.

"In the Mother of the Lord, the Church contemplates her own mystery, not only because she finds in Her the model of virginal faith, maternal charity and the spousal covenant to which she is called, but also and above all because in Her she recognizes her own archetype, the ideal figure of what she is called to be."

Pope Leo XIV continued his catechesis series on the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, reflecting again on the 1964 Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*, whose last chapter focuses on the Virgin Mary.

Do I ask Mary for help?

In emphasizing how Our Lady can be a model for the Church, the Pope called the faithful to "ask Her to help us, through Her intercession, to respond to what is asked of us through Her example."

**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. 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, Gail Taylor

**Anniversaries of our departed (18 May – 24 May)**

David Rowlands, Mosignor Christopher Lightbound, Michael J Povey (18/5) William Finn, Ian Ilott, Deacon John Brady, Fr Gerry Courell (19/5) Fr Francis Yates (20/5) Johanna Southwell, Molly Smith, Irene Pover (21/5) Myles Byrne, Fr Benedict Fenlon (22/5) James Gerard Donnelly, Mary Percy, Kenneth Bursby (23/5) Joseph Tunstall, George Edward Smith (24/5) Fr George Evans, Herman Onstein, George Hennessy, Christina Rose Davies (Tina) (25/5)

**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.**

**Relics Tour:** "In the last week of May, our diocese will be privileged to host the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died aged 29. There will be four locations across the Diocese; **The Cathedral, Chester, New Brighton, and Stockport.** St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession." Please see the poster on the noticeboard for further details.

**Daily Mass during May:** Please pay particular attention to the changes in our daily Mass schedule when Frs Neill Robb and Anthony Wilde will kindly be supplying daily Mass for us. This week there will be **No Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** Mass Monday, Wednesday, & Friday will be at **10.00 am.** Mass as normal from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon.

**Children's liturgy:** There will be NO children's liturgy this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eva Mary Bennion who died on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May aged 92. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Eva's funeral will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30 am followed by committal at Landican Crematorium Centre Chapel at 1.00 pm.

**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.**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage on the 30/7 – 7/8 is now full for travel by plane but there are some places still available for travel by coach. For more information visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/lourdes2026/>

**Missio Mass:** Shrewsbury Diocesan Mission Mass is on Saturday 6th June at 12.15pm in the Cathedral. Invite on noticeboard.

**St Winefrides School:** Children have been engaging in the opportunity to pray the Rosary during May in lunchtimes at school. They set up their own space with a blue cloth, a candle, an image of Our Lady and the words of the Hail Mary. All of the children enjoy using one of the many rosary sets available to them and they pray with such reverence and joy together. We pray for the parish, please do continue to pray for the children and staff of our wonderful school. A copy of the **school newsletter** is available on the noticeboard or visit [www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423](http://www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423)

**Thank you:** Kathleen, Shelagh and Margaret and their families would like to express how comforted they have been by everyone who sent their sympathy and condolences on their mother Edith O'Sullivan's recent passing. They are truly grateful for all the Masses that have requested, plus a special thanks to the choir and organist during the Requiem Mass. The family have chosen the charity "Mary's Meal" in memory of Edith, if desired, you can donate via Charles Stephens.

**Church cleaning:** A new rota is due to be compiled starting from June, if you can spare an hour once a month and would like to come and join the current volunteers, then please contact the office. **Extra cleaners very much needed!!**

**Parish Grounds and Gardens:** Gardening group are currently 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 and get involved.

**Cemetery Waste:** Please ensure that any waste from the grave you attend is taken home with you. Thank you.

**Knot just knitters:** The group will meet again this Wednesday 20<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.**

**World Communications Day:** Is this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May and there will be a second collection after all Sunday Masses **next weekend, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May** or you can donate online at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leos-message-for-world-communications-day-2026/>

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

**Food Bank: Urgent items** needed as at 14 May, tinned fruit, custard, tinned meat & fish, instant pasta and sauce.