



ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH
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Sunday 22nd March 2026 – Sunday 29th March 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 22 Mar	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Bridget (Nan) Hetherington (RIP)
		Family Mass	8.45 am	Parish family
Monday	Ferial	Interment of Ashes	9.00 am	John Lee (RIP)
Tuesday	Ferial		9.30 am	John Lee (RIP)
Wednesday	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		7.00 pm	Joyce Higham (RIP)
Thursday	Ferial		9.30 am	School community
Friday	Ferial		9.00 am	Alan Clare (4 th death anniv) RIP
Saturday	Ferial	"Please remember the clocks go forward"	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 29 Mar	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD		7.00 pm	Mark Pullicino (80 th Birthday)
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	12 noon	Sick and Housebound
		Family Mass	6.00 pm	Harford family (RIP)
			8.45 am	Richard Wool (RIP)
			10.30 am	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 March. For disarmament and peace
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SUNDAY	21 st /22 nd Mar			28/29 th Mar		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	M Branch	T McGlynn	H Jones	DM, LH, SH	MC, MW, MJC	AN, WF HJ
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch, Peter Higgins		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		22 Mar - 8.45 am K Hughes		22 Mar - 10.30am A Cropper	

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

Pope Leo continues his catechesis on Vatican II's *Lumen Gentium*: The messianic people (LG, 9), receive from Christ the participation in the priestly, prophetic and kingly work office through which his salvific mission is carried out. The Council Fathers teach that the Lord Jesus, through the new and eternal Covenant, has established a kingdom of priests, constituting his disciples as a 'royal priesthood' (1 Pet 2:9; cf. 1 Pet 2:5; Rev 1:6). This common priesthood of the faithful is given with Baptism, which enables us to worship God in spirit and truth, and to "confess before men the faith which they have received from God through the Church" (LG, 11). Furthermore, through the sacrament of Confirmation, all the baptized "are more perfectly bound to the Church ... and the Holy Spirit endows them with special strength so that they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ" (*ibid.*). This consecration is at the root of the common mission that unites the ordained ministries and the lay faithful. [...] The exercise of the royal priesthood takes place in many ways, all aimed at our sanctification, first and foremost through participation in the offering of the Eucharist. Through prayer, asceticism and active charity, we thus bear witness to a life renewed by God's grace (cf. LG, 10). As the Council summarizes, "it is through the sacraments and the exercise of the virtues that the sacred nature and organic structure of the priestly community is brought into operation" (LG, 11). [...] From this unity, which the Magisterium of the Church safeguards, it follows that every baptized person is an active agent of evangelization, called to bear consistent witness to Christ in accordance with the prophetic gift which the Lord bestows upon His whole Church.

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 (23 Mar – 29 Mar)

Bill Smith (23/3) Florence Bridget Bowes, Mary Drennan, Leslie Stuart Gardner, Terry Lyonette, Frances Lyonette (24/3) Mary Cuthbert, Margaret Catherine Moore, Beatrice Barker, Patrick Brian Byrne, Frances (Fran) Byrne (25/3) Billy Parry, Matthauss Goldie Mclver, Fr George Barrett, Margaret (Peggy) Belcher, Alan Clare (26/3) Hannah Shaw Davies, Margaret Howley, Winifred Owen (27/3) Biddy Davies, Joan Downey (28/3) William Postlethwaite, Mary Donnelly, Theresa Ward (29/3)

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

Sacramental Preparation: This **Sunday at 9.00** am in the church hall the catechists will be helping the parents to support their children grow in their love and appreciation for the Eucharist. We invite all children preparing for their First Holy Communion to consider becoming an Altar Server as it is an important ministry in our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday. Mass at 10.30am.

Mass at 9.30am: On Wednesday the whole school will be joining for Mass in church and will be involved with readings, singing and the offertory. Mass will be at **9.30am** to allow the children to register in school and walk to church.

Holy Week Mass times: Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm, Good Friday 3.00 pm, Easter Vigil 8.15 pm and Easter Sunday Masses at usual times of 8.45 am and 10.30 am.

Stations of the Cross: Readers will lead for the last session on **Friday 27th March at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm.

Piety Stall: Thank you for your support. Religious Charity Easter Cards are no in the porch. Most will be packs of 5 at £3.00-£3.50. Though there will be some smaller packs at £2.50 and some single cards as well. The Piety Stall has still has some free prayer cards following National Dementia Week.

House plants: We are looking to for some temporary donations of houseplants to place by the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday. If you can help, then let Fr Tom know or contact the office. Thank you

Children's Christian books: We are looking to start a collection of Christian books for our youngest parishioners (ages 6 months to 7 years), in order to provide engaging, faith-filled resources that children can borrow to enjoy during Mass. If you have any used children's Christian board books, prayer & Mass books, picture bibles, stories of the Saints, etc., please consider donating to our new parish children's library. Please leave **donations** on the **bookcase** as you come into church.

Youth Matters: The Ascent Programme is a highly recommended three-year discipleship process for young Catholics in Years 10 - 13 who want to "embrace their faith in Jesus and learn how to share it with others". A mostly online programme with three residential weekend retreats per year. Please see www.theascentuk.co.uk

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 Please see the posters in the porch. Spaces for accommodation are limited.

Health & Safety officer position: A vacancy has arisen due to retirement. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000 **Hours:** 25 per week, term time only, Please send CV & covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date** 10 April. For more information visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

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 on Wednesday 8th 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

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 next Wednesday 25th March at 9.30 -12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

Church and grounds spring tidy up: Next **Saturday 28th March at 9.30 – 11.30am** there will be an extra session to give church a SPRING clean before Easter and tidy the grounds. Please come along, extra volunteers would be fantastic.

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

Offertory envelopes: There are a few boxes of envelopes to be collected. If you can check and pick yours up. Thank you.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 19th March, crackers and Jam, UHT juice, tinned meats and fish and curry sauce.

Easter - Food bank would also welcome items to **help families at Easter** such as Easter eggs, bars of chocolate, cakes, hot cross buns, jelly, long life custard and tins of fruit. Thank you.