



**ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH**  
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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

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

	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Parish family
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <i>Day of special prayer for the church</i>	<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
Monday	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Gregory Corcoran (health – operation)
Tuesday	<b>OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	John Crone (RIP)
Wednesday	<b>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Teresa Higginson (B'day anniv) RIP
Thursday	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Chris & Kirsty (marriage)
Friday	Ferial	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Brian Norry (recently deceased) RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	<b>12 Noon</b>	John Piccolo (death anniv) RIP
<b>Sunday 31 May</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Parish family
	<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>	Frank Jones (death anniv) RIP
		<b>10.30 am</b>	Edith O'Sullivan & Angela McDevitt (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	23/24 <sup>th</sup> May		
	6.00 pm	8.45 am	10.30 am
Readers	D Loughe	AM Millar	J Tunstall
EMHC	Deacon Mike	T McGlynn	H Jones
Welcomers	P Higgins/ B Roles	8.45am A & D Docherty	10.30am R Stacey

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

**During his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Leo XIV reflects on Vatican II's 1963 Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 'Sacrosanctum Concilium,'** underscoring that "the liturgy sustains the faithful" and that every Eucharistic Celebration becomes "a true epiphany of the Church in prayer." "Christ Himself is the inner source of the mystery of the Church, the holy people of God, born from His side pierced on the Cross. In the holy liturgy, through the power of His Spirit, He continues to act. He sanctifies and unites the Church, His bride, to His offering to the Father."

**The mystery of Christ** - The Holy Father recalled that in drafting this Constitution, the Council Fathers sought not only to undertake a reform of the rites, but to lead the Church to contemplate and deepen that living bond which constitutes and unites Her, namely, the mystery of Christ.

With this in mind, the Holy Father observed, "the liturgy touches the very heart of this mystery: it is at once the space, the time, and the context in which the Church receives her very life from Christ."

For in the liturgy, he recalled, "the work of our redemption is accomplished," which, he reminded, makes us a chosen lineage, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people whom God has acquired for Himself.

"As manifested by the threefold renewal—biblical, patristic, and liturgical—that the Church underwent through the course of the twentieth century, the Mystery in question," he noted, "does not designate an obscure reality, but God's salvific plan."

**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 (25 May – 31 May)**

Fr George Evans, Herman Onstein, George Hennessy, Christina Rose Davies (Tina) (25/5) Agnes Griffiths, Bernard McGuinness (26/5), Emma Christina Hughes, Celia Hickey (27/5) John Narey, Sheila Trimmer (28/5) Leo Brenninkmeyer, Norman Braidwood, Fr Robert Abbott, Peter Robert Durrant (29/7) John Piccolo (30/5) Francis Jones, William Moreton Taylor, Angela McDevitt (31/5)

**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 this coming week, 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.

**Funeral Service:** 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.

**World Communications Day:** Last Sunday was World Communications Day and the theme for this year's World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Leo, is 'Preserving Human Voices and Faces'. "In today's communication ecosystems, technology influences interactions more than ever before – from algorithms curating news feeds to AI authoring entire texts and conversations." You can read Pope Leo's message on the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leos-message-for-world-communications-day-2026/> There will be second collection after all Masses this weekend. Or via <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-world-communications-day/>

**NDCT:** Pentecost Prayer & Praise at the Methodist Church in Little Neston is at 6.30pm this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Poster in porch.

**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 information is on the noticeboard.

**Piety stall:** Please have a look at the selection of cards that are for sale on the stand at the back of church.

**Word on Fire books:** There are some additional "Word on Fire books" on the back table- "*What Do Their Deaths Demand? Christian Persecution Today.*" These were recently written by Bishop Robert Barron in response to the urgent crisis of Christian martyrdom, persecution and discrimination affecting millions on a global scale. More Christians have been martyred in the last 100 years than in all the previous centuries of Church history combined. Robert Barron brings this tragic reality into focus, sharing the stories of modern martyrs. Suggested donation of £3 each or four for £10.

**Hour of prayer for Peace:** You are warmly invited to come and pray on the first Friday of every month at Our Lady and St John's, Heswall for an hour of prayer for Peace in Reparation to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Next on Fri 5th June at 2:30pm.

**Community Banking Hub:** See noticeboard for more info re **public meeting at 5pm on Tuesday 26th May** in Town Hall.

**Church cleaning:** A new rota has been compiled and copies are on the noticeboards and online. **We really need a couple more cleaners to join the current team.** If you can spare an hour once a month and would like to join the current volunteers, then please contact the office or have a chat to one of the volunteers.

**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.

**Knot just knitters:** A new format for the group is being considered and details, date/time to follow in due course.

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

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

**Food Bank: Urgent items** as at 21 May, UHT milk long life juice, tinned meat and fish, tinned spaghetti & curry sauce.