



**ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH**  
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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

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

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| <b>Sunday 26 Apr</b> | <b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b><br><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><i>Day of Prayer for Vocations worldwide</i> <b>Family Mass</b> | <b>6.00 pm</b><br><b>8.45 am</b><br><b>10.30 am</b> | Parish family<br>Mark Jones (50 <sup>th</sup> birthday)<br>Deirdre Devlin (recently deceased) RIP |
| Monday               | Ferial   | <b>9.00 am</b>                                      | Edith O'Sullivan (recently deceased) RIP  |
| Tuesday              | Ferial   | <b>7.00 pm</b>                                      | Patricia Fehily (RIP)   |
| Wednesday            | ST CATHERINE OF SIENA – <i>Day of prayer for Europe</i>  | <b>9.00 am</b>                                      | Tony & Gladys Moreton (RIP)   |
| Thursday             | Ferial   | <b>9.00 am</b>                                      | Thanksgiving (M & K U)  |
| Friday               | Ferial   | <b>7.00 pm</b>                                      | Sick and housebound   |
| Saturday             | <b>ST ATHANASIUS</b><br><b>Baptism</b>   | <b>12 Noon</b><br><b>1.00 pm</b>                    | Yates family<br>Isaac, Florence and Finley Yates  |
| <b>Sunday 3 May</b>  | <b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b><br><b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>Family Mass</b>   | <b>6.00 pm</b><br><b>8.45 am</b><br><b>10.30 am</b> | Health, Strength, Hope & Healing<br>Edith O'Sullivan (RIP)<br>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 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    | 25/26 April             |                              |                         |
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|           | 6.00 pm                 | 8.45 am                      | 10.30 am                |
| Readers   | I Trotman               | Clark family                 | P Hemington             |
| EMHC      | Deacon Mike             | M J Corcoran                 | F Rimmer                |
| 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

**From Pope Leo's homily to the People of Angola:** We become Christians through Baptism, receiving the same light, that is, the same faith through which we read the Word of God: to reflect on the prophecies, to pray the psalms, to study the Law and to proclaim the Gospel through our lives. All the texts of Scripture, in fact, reveal their true meaning in faith, because they were written and handed down to us through faith. Reading them, therefore, is always both a personal and an ecclesial act; it is never something done in isolation or in a merely mechanical way. Together we read Scripture as the shared heritage of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, who inspired its composition, and by Apostolic Tradition, which has preserved and transmitted it throughout the world. [...] As Christ himself said, "No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God" (Jn 6:46). In the Son, the Father himself reveals his glory: God makes himself seen, heard and touched. Through the actions of Jesus, the Redeemer, he brings to fulfilment what he has always done: giving life. He creates the world, saves it and loves it forever. [...] In Jesus, we are given an astonishing prospect: God gives himself for us. Do I trust that his love is stronger than my death? By deciding to believe in him, each of us chooses between inevitable despair and the hope that God offers. Our hunger for life and justice is then satisfied by Jesus' words: "The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh"

**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 (26 Apr – 3 May)**

Fr Michael Barry, Sandra Sally (27/4) Thomas Smith, Martin Clark, Joseph Sheridan, Mr Cheung (28/4) Carmel Sumner, Elizabeth Mclver, Marita Gerrard, Elsa Margaret McLelland, Eileen Noonan (29/4) Norah Power, Pauline Ann McNulty (30/4) Monica Ellis (1/5), Ray Evans, Anastasia Corbett (2/5) Edward Aloysius Webb, Nellie Stringer, Fr Eugene Pinnington, Margareta Muslaini Chandra, Josie Tunstall, Alma Edwards (3/5)

**The names of the dear ones are taken from the book of remembrance. Please inform Fr Francis or contact parish office to add to anniversaries or remove from the sick list.**

**Advanced notice – Fr Tom holiday and conference plans 6<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Fr Tom will be away from the Parish for much of the first three weeks of May taking a ten-day holiday and attending an annual conference for canon lawyers in Glasgow. Fr Tom has arranged his break so that he will only be absent from the Parish for one weekend (16/17<sup>th</sup> May) and we are grateful to Fr Neill Robb - who has kindly agreed to supply Mass that weekend and also on Ascension Thursday – and to other Priests who will ensure that Mass will be offered on most days during that three week period.

**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.

**Reflection:** "Truth" is the latest reflection from Tony Topping. You can find a copy online and paper copies in the porch.

**Requiem Mass:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edith O'Sullivan who died last Thursday aged 93. The requiem Mass for Edith 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 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.

**Parenting Teenagers:** Please see <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting> for info about 2 webinars: Weds, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm on supporting teenagers in a digital world; Tues, 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 Lancs 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.

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

**Lost property:** Existing items have now been removed. Any future lost property will be put in the drawer in the porch.

**SPUC:** The next meeting is on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.00** in the church hall. All welcome.

**Christian aid:** Christian Aid week is 10/16<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:** 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, and get involved.

**Knot just knitters:** The group will meet again on 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 from Mary's Meals was delighted with both the welcome she received here at St Winefride's last Sunday and the £638 raised for the charity. This doesn't include all the foreign notes and coins that we also passed to her.

**Offertory Collections:** Weekend of 18/19<sup>th</sup> April Loose Plate: £419.90 Envelopes: £138.00 Total: £557.90 Plus average weekly standing orders of £570. Thank you, as ever, for the generous support.

**Food Bank: Urgent items** needed as at 23<sup>rd</sup> April, smash, jam, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables and biscuits.