



ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH
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Sunday 29th March 2026 – Sunday 5th April 2026

Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 29 Mar	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Harford family (RIP) Richard Wool (RIP) Parish family
Monday	Monday of Holy Week In School	9.15am	Mo Bentley (health)
Tuesday	Tuesday of Holy Week	7.00 pm	Sick and housebound
Wednesday	Wednesday of Holy Week	7.00 pm	Wyn Bayley (recently deceased) RIP
HOLY THURSDAY	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00 pm	For Priests
GOOD FRIDAY	The Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10.00 am 3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY	Easter Vigil Mass	11.00 am 8.15 pm	Office of Readings Fr Gerry Courell (RIP)
Sunday 5 Apr	EASTER SUNDAY Family Mass	8.45 am 10.30 am	Parish family Michael Povey (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 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 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	28/29 th March		
	6.00 pm	8.45 am	10.30 am
Readers	Passion Narrator Deacon Mike L Hannaway / S Hannaway	Passion Narrator – M Corcoran M Whitehead / M J Corcoran	Passion Narrator – A Neary W Fryer / H Jones
Welcomers	6pm P Higgins, B Roles	8.45am A & D Docherty	10.30am R Stacey
EMHC	Deacon Mike	29 Mar - 8.45 am M J Corcoran	29 Mar - 10.30am A Williams

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

Pop Leo continues his catechesis on the Documents of the Second Vatican Council: The Council teaches that the hierarchical structure [of the Church] is not a human construct, functional to the internal organization of the Church as a social body (cf. *LG*, 8), but a divine institution whose purpose is to perpetuate the mission given by Christ to the Apostles until the end of time. [...] The fundamental structure of the Church, received from God the Father through the Son and brought to fulfilment by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Council Fathers did not want to present the institutional elements of the Church, as the noun "constitution" might imply if understood in the modern sense. The Document concentrates instead on the "ministerial or hierarchical priesthood", which differs "in essence and not only in degree" from the common priesthood of the faithful, recalling that the latter are "nonetheless interrelated: each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ" (*LG*, 10). The Council thus addresses the ministry conferred upon men endowed with *sacra potestas*, sacred power (cf. *LG*, 18) for service in the Church: it focuses in particular on the episcopate (*LG*, 18–27), then on the priesthood (*LG*, 28) and the diaconate (*LG*, 29) as degrees of the one sacrament of Holy Orders. By the adjective "hierarchical", therefore, the Council intends to indicate the sacred origin of the apostolic ministry in the action of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as well as its internal relationships. [...] Dear sisters, dear brothers, let us pray to the Lord that He may send to His Church ministers who are ardent with evangelical charity, dedicated to the good of all the baptized, and courageous missionaries in every part of the world.

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 (30 Mar – 5 Apr)

Gerard Elcock, Colette & Tom McGrath (30/3) Bernard Bell, Raymond Young, Edward Phillips, John Holden, Christopher Smith (31/3) Priscilla Connelly, Fr Michael Lloyd, Deacon George Crespini, Win Gordon, Michael Warhan, Mary Henesy (1/4) Edward Howe, Sidney Crisp, Pope John Paul II, Maureen Hothersall, Freda Mary Greer, Anthony Hewitt (2/4) Gertrude Clark, Elsie Chubb, Sam Chubb, Peter Hughes (3/4), Fr Thomas Osbyrne, Joseph Ellis, Jean Mary MacDonald, Marie Jones (4/4) John Edward Richardson, David Gouldson, Aiden Postlethwaite, Joan Perkins, Linda McDonnell (5/4)

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

Mass in School: On Monday, Mass will be celebrated in St Winefride's school at 9.15am. Please note the venue and time change. Parishioners are most welcome to join the Mass in school.

Entrance chant for 10.30am Mass: *Laudate omnes gentes, laudate dominum (x2)*

Chrism Mass: On Wednesday Fr Tom will be attending the Chrism Mass at which the Holy Oils for the Sacraments used in the parishes across the diocese are blessed and priests renew their priestly vows. It will be celebrated at 12 noon at the Cathedral.

Holy Week Mass times: *Maundy Thursday* 7.00pm, *Good Friday* 10.00am Stations of the Cross and Lord's Passion at 3.00pm, *Holy Saturday* Office of Readings at 11.00am, *Easter Vigil* 8.15pm and *Easter Sunday* Masses at 8.45am & 10.30am.

Confirmation Classes: There is a meeting on Sunday at 6pm in Holy Family Church, Pensby for parents and children. The preparation sessions then begin Sunday 12th April. If you want your child to take part this year, then please attend the meeting this Sunday 29th March and also contact our parish office.

House plants: We are looking 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

Piety Stall: Thank you for your support. Religious Charity Easter Cards are 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.

Children's Christian books: There is a small bookcase at the back of church near the piety stall with a few books that children can borrow during Mass. If you have any books that are suitable for ages 6 months to 7 years, in order to provide engaging, faith-filled resources that children can enjoy, then please leave on the bookshelf. Thank you.

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.

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

St Winefride's School: Children in KS2 recently enjoyed a visit to the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool to enjoy a concert by the world-famous orchestra called 'Citizens of the Earth: Music for What Matters'. It was a musical journey around the Earth and included pieces such as the 'Hebrides Overture' by Mendelssohn and 'Summer' by Vivaldi.

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 8th April at 9.30 -12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

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

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

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 26th March, tinned tomatoes, UHT juice, tinned meats and fish and curry sauce.

Neston Community Centre: If you are able to donate an Easter egg or perhaps Easter cakes or hot cross buns etc (in good date) tins of fruit, jelly etc for Neston Foodbank then please leave this weekend. Separate box in the porch. Thank you.