

ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH

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Sunday 29th November 2026 – Sunday 6th December 2026

Mass Readings: **Sunday Year B, Weekday Cycle Year I**

Sunday 29th Nov	**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**	**6.00 pm**	Deceased family/friends of Wood family
	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	**8.45 am**	Jack & Mary Henesy (RIP)
	Family Mass	**10.30 am**	Parish family
Monday	**ST ANDREW**	**9.00 am**	Terenia Gosney (RIP)
Tuesday	Ferial	**7.00 pm**	Aileen Mary Sheridan (death anniv) RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	**9.00 am**	Michael Dickman (health)
Thursday	**ST FRANCIS XAVIER**	**9.00 am**	Robert Dunn (recently deceased) RIP
Friday	Ferial	**7.00 pm**	Deceased family members of Braidwood and Bickerstaff
Saturday	**Ferial**	**12 Noon**	Sick and housebound
Sunday 6th Dec	**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**	**6.00 pm**	Roy Saunders (RIP)
	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	**8.45 am**	Parish family
	Bible Sunday **Family Mass**	**10.30 am**	Expectant mothers

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 December. For single-parent families

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

SUNDAY	**28/29th Nov 2026**		
	6.00 pm	**8.45 am**	**10.30 am**
Readers	I Trotman	Clark family	M Unsworth
EMHC	Deacon Mike	T McGlynn	F Rimmer
Welcomers	M Branch & P Higgins	**8.45am** K Garrod & D McNulty	**10.30am** R Stacey

LITTLE CHURCH: Children's liturgy is on this weekend at the **10.30am** family Mass

From Pope Leo's homily on the feast of the dedication of St Peter's Basilica, Rome: At the heart and foundation of [The Church's] mission there is always the one cornerstone: Jesus Christ crucified and risen. He is the foundation stone rejected by the powerful of this world, yet for the peoples he remains the stone that is "chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame" (*1 Pet* 2:6; cf. *Is* 28:16). The Dedication of the Basilica, which we commemorate today, solemnly seals this correspondence. It is an act that concerns us all, because the life of Jesus always dwells in this church through the most important event that takes place here: the Eucharistic celebration. Indeed, this sacrament is the greatest masterpiece that can be contemplated, whether at Saint Peter's or in the smallest church in the world. In the Eucharist, Jesus is always present to us as our contemporary. He truly is Emmanuel, the Lord of history who dwells in the "house of prayer for all peoples" (*Is* 56:7). [A]t the consecration of the bread and wine, our eyes and hearts will be fixed on the Lamb who was slain and is risen: the whole Church converges in that act. This splendid Basilica was built to bear witness to him, the Son of the living God. The Church exists and journeys through history in order to serve him in every man and woman. Moreover, against the Church "the gates of Hades will not prevail" (*Mt* 16:18). War will not prevail. as long as we proclaim peace. Poverty will not prevail as long as we bear witness to charity. Error will not prevail as long as we teach the truth. Despair will not prevail as long as we proclaim salvation to all in the name of Jesus.

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, Barbara & Richard Debemham. Dorothy Strawson, Dottie, Joseph Kennedy, Peter Roca, 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, Angela Gill, Jean Hurst, Marie T, Elaine Parson, Jeanne Hughes, Baby Ronnie, Gail Taylor, Peter Jones, Allison Grer, Mary McDermott, Imogen

Anniversaries of our departed (30 Nov – 6 Dec)

Mary Agnes Jones, Catherine Southwell, William "Hugh" Schofield, Carlos Ferreira Furnkranz (30/11) Mabel Preston, Fr Joseph Russell, Elvira Omeara, Jayne Gwendoline Norman (1/12) Fr John O'Sullivan (2/12) Mgr Terence Welch, Fr Patrick J O'Brien (3/12) James Connelly, Fr Gary Walsh SSS (5/12), Dolly Sherlock, Anthony Cecil J Brogden, Phyllis Challis, Aurea De Almeida Furnkranz, Terence Michael Foster (6/12)

Christmas Masses: Thursday 24th December – Vigil Christmas Mass 5 pm & Christmas "Midnight" Mass 8 pm
Friday 25th December – Christmas Morning 9.30 am

Christmas decorations: The Christmas tree and church are going to be decorated on **Monday 14th December.** If you can spare an hour or two on Monday from 11.30 am, then please come along and help. The more volunteers the better!! Thank you.

Heating in church: Work installing the new boiler continues so please be careful when coming to church with groundworks still taking place outside. Work is progressing well so hopefully the disruption will not be for too much longer.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rebecca Moreton who died on Friday 20th November aged 105. Rebecca is mum to Barrie, Kathleen and John Please keep Rebecca's family and friends in your prayers.

Please also pray for the family of Roy Gerrard. Roy died on Tuesday aged 78 at his home in Kelsall Please keep his daughter Anna and son Nathan in your prayers. Roy was greatly involved in church life before moving to Kelsall, some years ago.

Thank you: The soup lunch last Saturday raised £250 for Aid to the Church in Need which was fantastic. A big thank you to all who came and gave generously. Also thank you to those parishioners who have also left items for the shoe boxes. All filled shoe boxes and extra items have been taken to the centre in Wrexham now to be processed.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027: As preparations for our 76th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now well underway, you are warmly invited to join the Management Team and other members of the pilgrimage for a launch event on Saturday 5th December 2026 at St Hugh & St John parish in Timperley (WA14 5HL is the car park postcode). Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon in church, followed by refreshments in the hall where there will be info about our 2027 pilgrimage.

Advent Retreat Day for Young Adults (Age 18-35 ish): on Saturday 5th December, a day of recollection for young adults at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport, led by Fr Joseph Fawcett-Wood and Fr Sean Davidson. Please bring a packed lunch. See poster on noticeboard for more information. No need to register, but for more info - stockportshrine@gmail.com

St Winefride's School newsletter: Copy on the noticeboard or at https://www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters

EMHC: A new rota has been compiled. If you would like to become a EMHC then please speak to Fr Tom or the office.

Piety stall: Christmas Card packs have finally arrived from SVP. Packs of 10 from Cafod, Mary's Meals, ACN and SVP are on the table at the back of Church. On porch table are sets of single cards mainly from ACN and Mary's Meals and individually priced plus there are a small selection of advent calendars priced at £3.50. **BIBLE ALIVE** 'Walk with Me' prayer booklets for Advent 2026, based on daily readings, are available on table in porch. A suggested donation is £1. Please take one either for own use or for someone who can't get to church easily.

Reflection: "Poor in Spirit" in the latest reflection from Tony. A copy will be available online and paper copies in the porch.

Neston Community Centre: We would like to help support the food bank in the community centre by donating Christmas treats, such as mince pies, biscuits, sweets, Christmas cake/pudding etc. Donations to be left in the box marked community centre.

CWL Christmas hamper raffle tickets will be sold weekends of the 5/6th, 12/13th and 19/20th December. Priced at £1.00 each. The draw will take place in the hall after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20th December.

SPUC: Christmas cards will be available in the church hall after Mass on Sundays. Price for cards is £4.50 for a pack of ten. SPUC'S Youth and Student Conference is the 26th-28th February 2027 in Stone, Staffordshire if anyone in the parish would like to go, or you know a student at University, SPUC are happy to fund them for the weekend.

Missio Red Boxes: The boxes have now been emptied and counted. Thank you so much for your generosity. £318 has been raised and £148 from the boxes given in earlier in the year. Missio 2027 calendars are in the porch, do take one home.

Advent collection: During advent there will be a joint donation box in the porch for the charities of Mary's Meals and Caritas. Both charities would be grateful for any donations you can give during advent leading up to Christmas.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 26th Nov, UHT milk, long life juice, custard, tinned meat, tinned potatoes and veg.