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Sunday 11 January 2026 – Sunday 18th January 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 11 Jan	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Christine Loughe (birthday wishes)
	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8.45 am	Parish family
	Family Mass	10.30 am	Family and friends of Hewitt & Crinyon families (RIP)
Monday	Ferial	9.00 am	Fr Tom (season greetings)
Tuesday	Ferial	7.00 pm	Special intention
Wednesday	Ferial	9.00am	Health, strength, hope and healing
Thursday	Ferial	9.00am	Esme Rose Weir (RIP) & family
Friday	Ferial	7.00 pm	Nick and Pat Lord (death anniv)
Saturday	ST ANTHONY	12 noon	Sick and housebound
Sunday 18 Jan	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Chris Booley (RIP)
	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45 am	Parish family
	Day of Prayer for World Peace	10.30 am	Frank Carol (RIP) and family

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Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SUNDAY	10/11 th January			17/18 th January		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	J Shakespeare	AM Millar	J Tunstall	C Kirsan	Clark family	A Neary
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch/ P Higgins		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		T McGlynn		H Jones	

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

From the beginning of a new and important cycle of catechesis from Pope Leo: After the Jubilee Year, during which we focused on the mysteries of the life of Jesus, we will begin a new cycle of catechesis which will be dedicated to Vatican Council II and a re-reading of its Documents. It is a valuable opportunity to rediscover the beauty and the importance of this ecclesial event [...] it will be important to get to know it again closely, and to do so not through "hearsay" or interpretations that have been given, but by rereading its documents and reflecting on their content. Indeed, it is the Magisterium that still constitutes the guiding star of the Church's journey today. [...] At the beginning of the Council, Monsignor Albino Luciani, the future Pope John Paul I, as Bishop of Vittorio Veneto, wrote prophetically, "As always, there is a need to achieve not so much organizations or methods or structures, but a deeper and more widespread holiness. ... It may be that the excellent and abundant fruits of a Council will be seen after centuries and will mature by laboriously overcoming conflicts and adverse situations". Rediscovering the Council, then, as Pope Francis remarked, helps us to "restore primacy to God, to what is essential: to a Church madly in love with its Lord and with all the men and women whom he loves" [...] As we approach the documents of Vatican Council II and rediscover their prophetic and contemporary relevance, we welcome the rich tradition of the life of the Church and, at the same time, we question ourselves about the present and renew our joy in running towards the world to bring it the Gospel of the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love, justice and peace.

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Anniversaries of our departed (11 Jan – 18 Jan)

Mary Anne Raybone, Aine Radford, Marceline Phyllis Hewitt (11/1), Rebecca Quick, Harold Thelwell, Samuel 'Sammy' Meadows, Michael Almond (12/1) Alma Ryan (13/1) Evelyn Knight, Odilla Beardsworth (14/1) Elizabeth Foley, Michael Francis Halley, Esme Rose Weir (15/1) Valerie Margaret Law, Fr Thomas FEE (16/1) Josephine Bridget Rowlands (17/1) Sheila Stephens, Magdalen Ounsworth (18/1),

Fr Tom writes Christmas 2025 – A 'thank you': As we come to the end of the Christmas Season, I wanted to repeat my thanks to all those who did so much to make our celebrations at Christmas so fulsome and beautiful. This was, of course, my first Christmas here as Parish Priest and I am so very grateful to everyone who contributed so much to making our Parish and our Church building a place of welcome expressing the joy of the Nativity. You will see, from this newsletter that the offerings to the Parish over the festive period were particularly generous along with the charity collection. Thank you.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: As we start the New Year, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 6pm on a Tuesday and Friday evening and from 11am on Saturday morning. Details also now on the left of the newsletter.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terrence (Terry) McGowan who died on Christmas day aged 80. Please keep his wife Freda and their family in your prayers. Terry's funeral will be on the 26th January.

SPUC: It's January so come and be cheered up by our Winter Warmer Coffee Morning next Saturday the 17th January, 9 30am till 12 Noon in the church hall. We will have coffee/tea, plus Gaelic Coffee, hot tea cakes and crumpets. There will also be a Bring & Buy, a raffle (prizes gratefully received) and a quiz. All money raised will be used to sponsor young people to this year's Youth and Student Conference. All very Welcome.

NDCT: The Ecumenical service for Christian Unity will be held next Sunday 18th January at 6.30pm at Parkgate & Neston URC, Moorside Lane. All very welcome to attend, the service will last around an hour. There will be the AGM in the hall afterwards.

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

Cleaning rota: A new cleaning rota has been compiled and is on the noticeboards and will also be available online. It would be helpful to have a couple of extra cleaners. At the moment it is only woman on the rota, but men are also welcome to be involved. If you can spare one hour a month, then contact the office or let one of the other volunteer cleaners know. Thank you.

Graveyard rubbish: Over Christmas there has been a great deal of cemetery waste found dumped in the graveyard. All waste should be taken home as "garden recyclable waste" isn't being collected over the winter months. The green bin collection starts again in March. Non-recyclable material **should always be removed** from site.

Parish Grounds and Gardens: Gardening group have now finished for winter and will resume again in spring on a Wednesday.

Tea/Coffee: The parish hall is open for refreshments after the 10.30am Mass. What gives us life and energy as a Parish is when we come together spiritually and socially.

Priests' Retirement Fund: Next weekend, 17/18th January the annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Advent Charity collection: During advent £387.00 was collected for Caritas and Mary's Meals. This money will be split between both charities and sent to them along with the St Anthony's money that was collected during the year.

Christmas offering: From the four Christmas Masses an amazing £1910.80 was given, which was extremely generous.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items needed as at 8th Jan; pot noodles, cereal bars, meat paste, pasta in sauce (microwave) and long life juice. Thank you. They have plenty of pasta and cereal.



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	Day of Prayer for World Peace		10.30 am	Frank Carol (RIP) and family
Monday	Ferial	Family Mass	9.00 am	Terrence (Terry) McGowan (RIP)
Tuesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Kyle Ho & Rosa in Russia
Wednesday	ST AGNES		9.00am	Carol Saunders (B'day anniv) RIP
Thursday	Ferial		9.00am	Theresa (Terry) Gilbertson (RIP)
Friday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Jeremy Conlon (recently died) RIP
Saturday	ST FRANCIS DE SALES		12 noon	Ann Fairgrieve (health/scan)
Sunday 25 Jan	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		6.00 pm	William Hannaway (death anniv) RIP
	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		8.45 am	Parish family
	Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God		10.30 am	Daniel McKenna (RIP) & family

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EMHC	Deacon Mike		K Hughes		C Kingsland	

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Pope Leo continues his new cycle of catechesis: We have started the cycle of catechesis on Vatican Council II. Today we will begin to look more closely at the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, on the divine Revelation. It is one of the most beautiful and important of the Council [...] This is a fundamental point of Christian faith, which *Dei Verbum* reminds us of: Jesus Christ radically transforms man's relationship with God, which is henceforth a relationship of friendship. Therefore, the only condition of the new covenant is love. The God of *Genesis* already conversed with our first parents, engaging in dialogue with them (cf. *Dei Verbum*, 3); and when this dialogue was interrupted by sin, the Creator did not cease to seek an encounter with his creatures and to establish a covenant with them. In the Christian Revelation, that is, when God became man in his Son in order to seek us out, the dialogue that had been interrupted is restored in a definitive manner: the Covenant is new and eternal, nothing can separate us from his love. The Revelation of God, then, has the dialogical nature of friendship and, as in the experience of human friendship, it does not tolerate silence, but is nurtured by the exchange of true words. [...] The Word possesses a revelatory dimension that creates a relationship with the other. In this way, by speaking to us, God reveals himself to us as an Ally who invites us into friendship with Him. From this perspective, the first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what He already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including, Pat Cummins, Win Bayley, Joe Hemington, Judy Howard, Fr Paul, 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, Dottie, Sheamus O'Hare, 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

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 Fr John Stanislaus Wilkinson, Fr Henry M Leay, Joan Schofield, Margaret Penfold (19/1) Marie Trotman (20/1) Fr Peter Pears, Henry Joseph Hewitt, John Henry Scofield, Valerie Wood, Mike Whitworth (21/1) Dorothy Stewart (22/1) Fr J A Quinn, Vera Roberts, Francis (Frank) Bennett (23/1) Mgr Francis McGuinness, Patricia Hughes (24/1) Gerrard Moreton, Canon Hugh McHugh, Jean Lucas, Kate Spencer (25/1)

First Holy Communion: This Sunday at 9.45am parents and children preparing for the First Holy Communion will take part in the fourth session of the sacramental preparation. The focus of the session will be how we can live our lives closer to Jesus by using the Beatitudes as our guide. May we remind the families preparing for the first Holy Communion that the participation in the Eucharistic celebration on Sundays is an essential part of a child's preparation for the First Holy Communion.

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Gilbertson who died on Monday 12th January aged 95. Her funeral will be on Thursday 29th January at 1.45pm followed by cremation at 3pm at Landican. Please keep her children Keith, Clive and Kim in your prayers. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda Anderson who died on the 8th January aged 94 in Solihull. Brenda moved a few years ago to be near family. Her funeral will be in February.

Funeral Mass: The requiem Mass for Terrence (Terry) McGowan who died on Christmas day aged 80 will be on Monday 26th January at 11.30am followed by cremation at Blacon at 1.20pm. Please keep his wife Freda and their family in your prayers.

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New arrival: Congratulations to Sarah and John Graham-Brown who have a new addition to the family. Holly was born last Saturday weighing 7lb, 12 oz. Young Robert is now a very proud older brother.

Housekeeper vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for a Housekeeper at St Anne's presbytery, Rock Ferry for 12 hours per week £13.45 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, email recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org by Friday 20th February. For more information, visit the Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latestvacancies>

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

School newsletter: Copy available on the noticeboard or visit www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423

Catholic Pic: The January edition has arrived and copies are in the porch. Do take a copy home with you before they go.

Graveyard waste: Please take all graveyard waste home with you when visiting the cemetery. Thank you.

Parish office: The parish office hours have changed. Jayne will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Sunday 25 Jan	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		6.00 pm	William Hannaway (death anniv) RIP
	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD</i>	Family Mass	8.45 am 10.30 am	Parish family Daniel McKenna (RIP) & family
Monday	SS Timothy & Titus		9.00 am	Isabelle & Joseph Loughe (death anniv)
Tuesday	Requiem Mass		11.30 am	Terrence (Terry) McGowan (RIP)
Wednesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Mary Agnes & Laurence Binns (death anniv)
Thursday	ST THOMAS AQUINAS		9.00am	Brenda Anderson (recently deceased)
Friday	Ferial		9.00am	Michael Sheridan (Thanksgiving)
Saturday	ST JOHN BOSCO		1.45 pm	Theresa Gilbertson (recently deceased)
Sunday 1 Feb	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		7.00 pm	Geoff Russell (health)
	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</i>	Family Mass	12 noon	John Williams (recently deceased) RIP
	Parish family		6.00 pm	Parish family
	John & Barbara Healy (RIP)		8.45 am	John & Barbara Healy (RIP)
	John & Cath, Kath & Eileen Molloy (RIP)		10.30 am	John & Cath, Kath & Eileen Molloy (RIP)

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From Pope Leo's Wednesday audience last week: We will continue the catecheses on the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, of Vatican Council II, on divine Revelation. We have seen that *God reveals himself in a dialogue of covenant*, in which he addresses us as friends. It is therefore a *relational* knowledge, which not only communicates ideas, but shares a history and calls for communion in reciprocity. The fulfilment of this revelation takes place in a historical and personal encounter in which God himself gives himself to us, making himself present, and we discover that we are known in our deepest truth. This is what happens in *Jesus Christ*. The Document states: "*The deepest truth about God and the salvation of man shines out for our sake in Christ, who is both the mediator and the fullness of all revelation*" (DV, 2). *Jesus reveals the Father to us by involving us in his own relationship with Him*. In the Son sent by God the Father "*man might in the Holy Spirit have access to the Father and come to share in the divine nature*" (*ibid.*). We therefore reach full knowledge of God by entering into the Son's relationship with his Father, by virtue of the action of the Spirit. [...] It is not only the death and resurrection of Jesus that saves us and calls us together, but his very person: the Lord who becomes incarnate, is born, heals, teaches, suffers, dies, rises again and remains among us. Therefore, to honour the greatness of the Incarnation, it is not enough to consider Jesus as the channel of transmission of intellectual truths. If Jesus has a real body, the communication of the truth of God is realized in that body, with its own way of perceiving and feeling reality, with its own way of inhabiting and passing through the world. Jesus himself invites us to share his perception of reality.

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David Stoddart (24/1) Isabelle Loughe, Barbara Healy, Deacon Donnan Baron, Jack Kirby, Audrey (Heswall) Beryl Messenger (26/1) Mary Agnes Binns, Mgr Percival Rees, Fr James Matthews, Hywel Phillips, Stan Grieve, Eleanor "Ellie" Finn, William Hannaway (27/1) Catherine Frances Murphy, Elsie Sumner, Margaret Kinsella, Alison Gabriel, Francis Joseph Macadam, Elizabeth Ann Macadam (28/1) Mildred Brogden, Michael McDowell, Theresa Duncon (29/1) Alma Teresa Donnelly, James Wilson, Fr John Thompson, Monica Little (30/1) Jenny White, Catherine Georgeiou, Josephine Margery Price Christopher, Cynthia Anne Wainwright (1/2)

Recently deceased Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda Anderson who died on the 8th January aged 94 in Solihull. Brenda moved a few years ago to be near family. Her funeral will be in Solihull in February and burial here. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Sheamus O'Hare who died recently and was 53, cousin to Mark Branch. Please keep his wife Fiona and children in your prayers.

Funeral Mass: The requiem Mass for Terrence (Terry) McGowan who died on Christmas day aged 80 will be on Monday 26th January at 11.30am followed by cremation at Blacon at 1.20pm. Please keep his wife Freda and family in your prayers.

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School newsletter: Copy available on the noticeboard or visit www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423

Bereavement Group/tea and a chat: On the first Wednesday of every month at 1pm in the church hall is the monthly bereavement group for those whose loved ones are no longer with us. It is a safe space to come and have a drink and a chat, especially for those who are lonely or struggling with the grief or loss. Come and find a friendly face and good company. It is open to everyone and if you don't want to come alone, bring a friend.

SPUC: The Annual White flower Appeal will take place next weekend 31st/1st February. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. Our Society is actively leading the fight in the courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Your support means everything to us, please be as generous as you can.

Winter Warmer Coffee morning: The coffee morning was a great success and raising a magnificent £350. The money raised together with funds in the SPUC account means we have been able to sponsor four young people to attend this years Youth and Student Conference. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Theresa Higginson: On Saturday 14th February, Fr Michael McCormick will celebrate a special Mass here at 12 Noon in honour of Teresa Higginson on her death anniversary and later prayers at her graveside. More details to follow nearer the time.

Craig Lodge Retreat Centre: Craig Lodge in Dalmally, Scotland is inviting young adults aged between 18-30 years' old to join their new Mission House on a nine month programme, from Sept. '26 to June '27, which aims "to form Spirit-filled evangelisers for the renewal of our Church". For further details: <https://www.craiglodge.org/ministries/mission>

SVP: Take a look at the SVP posters in the porches, asking for volunteers, donations of clothes, details of the community café in Birkenhead and café connect where digital support is available. Or for more info contact MarkB@svp.org.uk.

Parish Grounds and Gardens: Gardening group will resume again on Wednesday 11th February after Mass, 9.30 am to Noon. A gentle return of tidying pathways and clearing any debris. New volunteers very welcome to come and help.

Graveyard waste: Please take all graveyard waste home with you when visting the cemetery. Thank you.

Tea/Coffee: The parish hall is open for refreshments after the 10.30am Mass. What gives us life and energy as a Parish is when we come together spiritually and socially.

Priests' Retirement Fund: Thank you as usual for your kind generosity £432.00 was raised last weekend.

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

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Monday	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.00 am	Ann Fairgrieve (health results)
Tuesday	ST WERBURGH	NO MASS	NO MASS
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Cecily Roberts (nee Flint) RIP
Thursday	ST AGATHA	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday	ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	7.00 pm	Sick and housebound
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	12 noon	Terry Gilbertson (recently deceased) RIP
Sunday 8 Feb	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</i> Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Michael Burke (RIP) Parish family Michael Halley (RIP)

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Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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Pope Leo continues his reading of the Constitution *Dei Verbum*: today we will reflect on the relationship between Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We can take two Gospel scenes as a backdrop. In the first, which takes place in the Upper Room, Jesus, in his great discourse-testament addressed to the disciples, affirms: "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (*Jn* 14:25-26; 16:13). The second scene takes us instead to the hills of Galilee. The risen Jesus shows himself to the disciples, who are surprised and doubtful, and he advises them: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (*Mt* 28:19-20). In both of these scenes, the intimate connection between the words uttered by Christ and their dissemination throughout the centuries is evident. [...] In the light of Christ's words, quoted above, the Council affirms that "this tradition which comes from the Apostles develops in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit" (*Dei Verbum*, 8). [...] In short, "the Church, in her teaching, life and worship, perpetuates and hands on to all generations all that she herself is, all that she believes" (*ibid.*). [...] The "deposit" of the Word of God is still in the hands of the Church today, and all of us, in our various ecclesial ministries, must continue to preserve it in its integrity, as a lodestar for our journey through the complexity of history and existence.

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Anniversaries of our departed (2 Feb – 8 Feb)

Ellen Morris nee Donnelly, John Healy, Michael Farrelly (2/2) Thomas Andrew Jones, Philip Anthony Saunders, Bryan Donnelly, Canon John F McHugh, Frank Sidney James (3/2) James McNance, Jeffrey Stone, Janet Elizabeth McKeown (4/2) Michael Bowes, Canon William Griffin, Jean Caulfield, Paul Webber, Patricia Swann, Tony Coulson, Bill Forgarty (5/2) Fr James Molloy, Fr James Harding (6/2) Canon Henry Kelly (7/2) Fr John Lyons, Ellen Saunders (8/2)

Masses next week: Fr Tom will celebrate Mass on Monday at 9am and is then away for a few days but back here to celebrate Mass on Friday evening at 7pm. On **Wednesday at 9.30am** Fr Neil Robb will celebrate Mass for us but there will **NO MASS** on Tuesday or Thursday. The church will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for private prayer.

Recently deceased Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda Anderson who died on the 8th January aged 94 in Solihull. Brenda moved a few years ago to be near family. Her funeral will be in Solihull on Tuesday 10th February and burial in St Winefride's Churchyard on Wednesday 11th February at 9.45am.

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

School newsletter: Copy available on the noticeboard or visit www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423

SPUC: The Annual White flower Appeal will take place this weekend 31st/1st February. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. Our Society is actively leading the fight in the courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Your support means everything to us, please be as generous as you can.

Bereavement Group/tea and a chat: This Wednesday 4th February at 1pm in the church hall is the monthly bereavement group for those whose loved ones are no longer with us. It is a safe space to come and have a drink and a chat, especially for those who are lonely or struggling with the grief or loss. Come and find a friendly face and good company.

Our Lady and St John's, Heswall - Hour of Prayer for Peace: You are warmly invited to come and pray together at OLSJ for an hour of prayer for Peace in Reparation to The Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 6th February at 2:30pm.

Teresa Higginson: On Saturday 14th February, Fr Michael McCormick will celebrate a special Mass here at 12 Noon in honour of Teresa Higginson on her death anniversary and later prayers at her graveside. More details to follow nearer the time.

For the Young: Craig Lodge in Dalmally, Scotland is inviting young adults aged between 18-30 years old to join their new Mission House on a nine-month programme, from Sept. 26 to June 27, which aims "to form Spirit-filled evangelisers for the renewal of our Church". For further details: <https://www.craiglodge.org/ministries/mission-house>

One Hope Project is a young and vibrant Catholic worship group who also offer placements at their academy for young Catholic musicians: <https://www.onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy>, as recommended by Fr Frankie Mulgrew https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyQpA_vaJ-w

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Revelator magazine by Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries. Several free copies of the latest edition are on the porch table. Please ask Anne Neary if more copies are needed.

SVP: Take a look at the SVP posters in the porches, asking for volunteers, donations of clothes, details of the community café in Birkenhead and café connect where digital support is available. Or for more info contact MarkB@svp.org.uk.

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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 29nd Jan; pot noodles, meat paste, UHT juice, pasta in sauce (microwave).



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Sunday 8th February 2026 – Sunday 15th February 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 8 Feb	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Day of Prayer for victims of trafficking</i> Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Michael Burke (RIP) Parish family Michael Halley (RIP)
Monday	Ferial	9.00 am	Canon William Briscoe (death anniv) RIP
Tuesday	ST SCHOLASTICA	7.00 pm	Sister Anthony Wilson SND (b/day anniv)
Wednesday	Ferial (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)	9.00 am	Brenda Anderson (RIP)
Thursday	Ferial	9.00 am	Fr Paul O'Grady (recently deceased) RIP
Friday	Ferial	7.00 pm	Margaret Povey (b'day anniv) RIP
Saturday	Ss CYRIL AND METHODIUS <i>Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>	12 noon	The Cause of Teresa Higginson (Mass in honour of Teresa Higginson)
Sunday 15 Feb	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Day of Prayer for the unemployed</i> Family Mass	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Gerry Courell (B'day anniv) RIP Greg (special intention) 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.**
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Pope Leo's Prayer for the month of February. For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

SUNDAY	7/8 th Feb			14/15 th Feb		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	M Branch	AM Millar	M Unsworth	S Davies	Clark family	P Heminton
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From Pope Leo's Wednesday audience: During his weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV warns against "fundamentalist or spiritualist readings" of Scripture, and upholds the Church's mission to proclaim the Word of God in language that touches human hearts. Pope Leo concentrated again this week on the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* on Divine Revelation, which the Pope has called "one of the most beautiful and important" documents of the Council.

The Pope recalled that the Conciliar Constitution indicates that, in Sacred Scripture, the faithful find a "privileged space for encounter where God continues to speak to the men and women of every time, so that, by listening, they can know Him and love Him."

Accessible, out of God's great love The biblical texts, Pope Leo pointed out, "were not written in a heavenly or superhuman language, suggesting that God, out of great love, chooses to speak using human languages, and thus, various authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have written the texts of Sacred Scripture."

Dei Verbum, the Pope said, reiterates that "the words of God, expressed in human language, have been made like human discourse, just as the word of the eternal Father, when He took to Himself the flesh of human weakness, was in every way made like men."

Therefore, the Holy Father observed, not only in its content, but also in its language, "Scripture reveals God's merciful condescension towards human beings, and His desire to be close to them."

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Anniversaries of our departed (9 Feb – 15 Feb)
 Canon William Briscoe, Fr Frank Morgan, Patricia Ward, Derrick Nunn, Marion Morris, Brian Cooper (9/2) Canon Edward Coonan, Julie Miller, Gus Byrne, Lucia Deeney, Esther Joan Elcock, Margaret Mary Harris, James Patrick Nylan, Jack Henesy (10/2) Joseph (Joe) Kenolty, Peter Michael Thomas (11/2) Sheila Mary Turner (12/2) Fr Edward Carroll, Gerry McGrath (13/2) Robert Corbett, Fr Ernest Daly, Wilfrid Cecil Foley, Fr Ivan Burke, Fr Terry More, Christopher David O'Donovan, William Owen, Agnes Story (14/2) Tom Mullen, Helen Flooks, Peter Thomas (15/2)



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First Holy Communion: This weekend catechists, children and their parents will explore the wonderful power of prayer. Our faith and trust in God will grow strong if we listen to God's Word and pray every day. Meet in the church hall at 9.30am on Sunday morning. May we remind the families preparing for the First Holy Communion that the participation in the Eucharist on Sundays is an essential part of a child's preparation for the First Holy Communion in the parish.

Fr Paul: We pray for the repose of Fr Paul O'Grady who very sadly died on Friday 30th January. Fr Paul was parish priest here at St Winefride's from September 2016 before retiring in 2021 due to ill health. Please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers.

Funeral information: Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda Anderson who died on the 8th January aged 94 in Solihull. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 10th February at The Olton Friary in Solihull at 10:15am and it will be live-streamed. The link is <https://www.mcn.live/camera/olton-friary>. On Wednesday 11th February at 9.45am Brenda will be buried here at St Winefride's graveyard into the family grave. Family only in attendance.

Teresa Higginson: Next Saturday 14th February, Fr Michael McCormick will celebrate a special Mass here at 12 Noon in honour of Teresa Higginson on her death anniversary and later prayers at her graveside. See poster on the noticeboard.

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

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Catholic Pic: The February edition has arrived and copies are in the hall. Do take one home.

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SPUC: Thank you again for your kind generosity £454.50 was raised last weekend for the White Flower Appeal.

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Sunday 15th February 2026 – Sunday 22nd February 2026

Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 15 Feb	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		6.00 pm	Gerry Courell (B'day anniv) RIP
	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		8.45 am	Greg (special intention)
	<i>Day of Prayer for the unemployed</i>	Family Mass	10.30 am	Parish family
Monday	Ferial		9.00 am	Corcoran family
Tuesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Jack & Dot Roper (wed anniv 11/2) RIP
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY		9.00 am	Ellen Saunders (death anniv 8/2) RIP
	<i>Day of fasting and Abstinence</i>		7.00 pm	Parish family
Thursday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday		9.00 am	David Nash (RIP)
Friday	Friday after Ash Wednesday		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
			7.00 pm	Elizabeth Tobin (recently deceased) RIP
Saturday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday		12 noon	Povey (Thanksgiving)
Sunday 22 Feb	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday		6.00 pm	Parish family
	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		8.45 am	Maureen (death anniv) & Tony Bainbridge RIP
		Family Mass	10.30 am	Phil Challis (RIP)

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	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	S Davies	Clark family	P Heminton	C Kirshen	T McGlynn	C Kingsland
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch, P Higgins		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		M Corcoran		C Kingsland	

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

From Pope Leo's catechesis this week: In today's catechesis we will look at the profound and vital link that exists between the Word of God and the Church, a bond expressed by the Conciliar Constitution Dei Verbum, in the sixth chapter. The Church is the rightful home of Sacred Scripture. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Bible arose from the people of God, and is destined for the people of God. In the Christian community it has, so to speak, its habitat: indeed, in the life and the faith of the Church it finds the space where it can reveal its meaning and manifest its power.

Vatican Council II reminds us that "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body". Furthermore, "she has always maintained them, and continues to do so, together with sacred tradition, as the supreme rule of faith" (Dei Verbum, 21). The Church ardently desires that the Word of God may reach every one of her members and nurture their journey of faith. But the Word of God also propels the Church beyond herself; it opens her continually to the mission towards everyone. Indeed, we live surrounded by so many words, but how many of these are empty! At times we even listen to wise words, which do not however affect our ultimate destiny. On the contrary, the Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning, for the truth about our life. It is the only Word that is always new: revealing the mystery of God to us, it is inexhaustible, it never ceases to offer its riches.

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Anniversaries of our departed (16 Feb – 22 Feb)

Laurence Lovelady, Anne Elizabeth Haimes, William Fletcher Povey (16/2) Elsie Macdonald, Robert (Alan) Jones, Patrick Joseph Oxton (17/2) Henry White, Dorothy Robinson (19/2) Catherine Jones, Jim Grace, Laura Patricia Growney-Stone (20/2) Charlotte, Cottingham Davies, John Sherlock, Fr Brendan McDonald (21/2) Ingeborg O'Leary, Maureen Veronica Griffiths, Maureen Josephine Bainbridge, John Andrew Hughes (22/2)



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Father Paul: We pray for the repose of Father Paul O'Grady who very sadly died on Friday 30th January. Father Paul's mortal remains will be received into Saint Werburgh's, Birkenhead on Sunday 22nd February at 7.00pm. On **Monday 23rd February**, the Requiem Mass for Father Paul will be celebrated by the Bishop at **Saint Werburgh's, Birkenhead at 12 noon**, then burial will be at Southern Cemetery, Manchester.

Ash Wednesday: There will be two Masses this Wednesday for the start of lent, one at 9.00am and one at 7.00pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation Classes for children from Year 9 onwards will start this Easter in Pensby (further details to follow). If you are interested in enrolling your child for the classes, please either contact the parish office or speak to Fr Tom. The Mass of Confirmation this year is booked for Wednesday 10th June at Holy Family, Pensby.

Stations of the Cross: This will start on Friday 20th February at 6.30pm, before Mass at 7pm and will be led by Fr Tom. Next week it will be led by CWL. See noticeboard with the dates and groups leading future weeks.

Reflection: Tony Topping latest reflection "Spreading the word" is available on the website and there are also copies in the porch.

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, written by Bishop Robert Barron will be available to purchase from this weekend onwards. They can be found near the Piety Stall with a box for suggested donations of £3 per book or £10 for a set of the 4 books:

Lenten Gospel Reflections (a journey towards Resurrection); **An Introduction to Prayer** (to inspire us to seek out a deeper relationship with God); **This is My Body** (to deepen our desire for the power & presence of Jesus in the Eucharist); **What Christians Believe** (an outline of the essentials of our Faith).

Marriage & Family Ministry volunteers: Are you interested in supporting the vocation of Marriage and Family Life by joining our Marriage and Family Life Apostolate? To find out more, please contact Jane Deegan at jane.degan@dioceseofshrewsbury

World Day of Prayer Friday: There is a service on **Friday 6th March at 2pm in Willaston Methodist Church.** The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria, and the Theme is 'I will give you rest, come.' (All are welcome)

SVP: There is a job vacancy for a part-time Centre Officer at the St Vincents Support Centre, Birkenhead. See following link for more information. Centre Officer | SVP Careers

School newsletter: Copy available on the noticeboard or visit www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423

Johann Sebastian Bach - St John Passion: The concert is on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Oxton. Poster with full information is on the noticeboard.

Parish Grounds and Gardens: Gardening group are now meeting on a Wednesday morning after Mass, 9.30am until Noon. A gentle return of tidying pathways and clearing any debris. New volunteers very welcome to come and help.

Knot just knitters: The group will meet again on Wednesday 25th February at 9.30-12 noon in the church hall. All welcome.

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

Lloyds Bank: Where possible can we ask that cheques are not used and any payments to church are made via BACS. The post office will no longer process them and we would have to take to Lloyds in Heswall. Lloyds also charge a fee of £1.00 per cheque.

Offertory envelopes: The new envelopes for 2026/27 have arrived and will be available to collect from church next weekend.

Caritas: We have received a thank you poster from Caritas for our generosity at Christmas. See poster on the noticeboards.

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Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 22 Feb	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Parish family
		Family Mass	8.45 am 10.30 am	Maureen (death anniv) & Tony Bainbridge RIP Phil Challis (RIP)
Monday	St Polycarp		9.00 am	Gladys Moreton (RIP)
Tuesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Sheamus O'Hare (recently deceased) RIP
Wednesday	Ferial		9.00 am	The intention of Archbishop Richard Moth
Thursday	Ferial		9.00 am	Monica, Noreen, Francis McKey (death anniv) RIP
Friday	Ferial		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	<i>Day of Prayer for the Needy & Hungry</i>	FAMILY FAST DAY	7.00 pm	Michael & Julia Fox (RIP)
Saturday	Ferial		12 noon	Dave Topp (recently deceased) RIP
Sunday 1 Mar	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Winifred Bayley (recently deceased) RIP
		Family Mass	8.45 am 10.30 am	Moira Ainsworth (RIP) Parish family

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EMHC	Deacon Mike			22/2 - 8.45 am M J Corcoran		22/2 - 10.30am M Unsworth

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

From Pope Leo's message for Lent: Dear brothers and sisters, Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. [...] This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through *listening*. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone. [...] If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour. [...] Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways [...] our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation.

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Anniversaries of our departed (23 Feb – 1 Mar)

Walter Cuthbert, Ellenor Narey, Norman Perryman, (23/2) John Jones, Gordon Hartley (24/2) Edward James Harris, James Graves, Lily Quilliam, Maureen Catherine Adams (25/2) George Willian Jagar Davidson (26/2) Leonard John Gornall DFC Dorothy Barber, Ian Stuart Taylor (27/2) Fr Henry E G Rope, Fr Bernard Lyons, Fr Henry E G Rope, Fr Bernard Lyons, Jack Robinson (1/3)

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Please inform parish priest or contact parish office to add to the anniversaries or remove from the prayer list. Thank you.

Father Paul: Father Paul's mortal remains will be received into St Werburgh's, Birkenhead at 7.00pm this Sunday evening. On Monday the Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at **St Werburgh's, at 12 noon**, then burial will be in Manchester.
Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred (Win) Bayley who died earlier this week. Please keep her son Chris, family and friends in your prayers.

Day of Reflection: A date for your diary. On Saturday 7th March Fr Neill Robb from St Werburgh's Chester will lead a Day of Reflection – "**Prefer nothing for the Love of Christ**". There will be a talk at 11am, Immensity of God's love for us followed by Mass at 12 noon. Then at 4pm a second talk, Conversion of Life (our love for Christ).

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation Classes for children from Year 9 onwards will start this Easter in Pensby. Please contact the office or speak to Fr Tom to enrol your child on the programme. Confirmation Mass is 10th June at Holy Family.

Stations of the Cross: CWL will lead on **Friday 27th February at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm. Next group is SPUC.

CAFOD says Thank you: For many years, the start of Lent, sees the Cafod Family Fast Day. Cafod wishes to thank Parishioners for their generous support over many years. It hopes people in our community will be able to learn more about how Cafod is financing projects, that have, and are, supporting farming communities to survive and thrive in Sudan. There, long term flooding, as a result of climate change, have made traditional farming impossible. However some brilliant innovations, including gardening on boats, have given people the chance to rebuild their lives. To learn more go to Cafod.org.uk and see for yourself the good news story, or pick up a leaflet in the porch or speak to Michael Corcoran for more information.

Piety stall: As we enter the season of Lent, and listen to the call to take time daily, to read and reflect on the 'Word of God' as one of our Lenten Tasks, so the Piety Stall has a number of booklets to encourage and support such activity. These will include copies of the '**Walk with Me**' booklets produced every year to help understand and reflect simply on the daily readings. These can be found in the porch. Please take one and if you can make a donation of £1 to the parish funds, it would be appreciated.

Word on Fire books, written by Bishop Robert Barron are available to purchase at the back of church, near the Piety Stall with a box for suggested donations of £3 per book or £10 for a set of the 4 books.

"Unpacking the Paschal Mystery", A Day of Renewal at St Clare's Church, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH, next **Saturday 28th February**, 10 am - 4 pm, led by Spiritan Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy. (See poster on noticeboard for more details.)

SVP: On **Wednesday 4th March at 7:30pm at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight.** Bebington Dramatic Society are performing Shakespeare in Love. Tickets are £12 and can be purchased from Mark Branch (07780 225995) or Peter Higgins (07754 086244) all proceeds are for the Holiday Home in North Wales.

World Day of Prayer: There is a service on **Friday 6th March at 2pm in Willaston Methodist Church.** The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria, and the Theme is 'I will give you rest, come.' (All are welcome)

Johann Sebastian Bach - St John Passion: Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Oxton. See poster for info.

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 this Wednesday 25th February at 9.30-12 noon in the hall. All welcome.

Bereavement Group/tea and a chat: Next meeting is **Wednesday 4th March** from 1.00 pm in the church hall.

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

CAFOD: It is **CAFOD Family Fast Day next Friday 27th February.** There will be a retiring collection in church next weekend. Envelopes are available to take home this weekend and return next weekend. Do take one home with you.

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

Food Bank: **Urgent items** needed as at 19th Feb, meat paste, small jars of coffee, UHT juice, tinned tomatoes, potatoes & veg.



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Sunday 1st March 2026 – Sunday 8th March 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 1 Mar	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Winifred Bayley (recently deceased) RIP
	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45 am	Moira Ainsworth (RIP)
	Family Mass	10.30 am	Parish family
Monday	Ferial	9.00 am	Eddie McKenna - Ireland
Tuesday	Ferial	7.00 pm	Sick and housebound
Wednesday	Ferial	9.00 am	Win Bailey (recently deceased) RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30 am	School community
Friday	Ferial	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	Women's World Day of Prayer	7.00 pm	Women of the parish
Saturday	Ferial	11.00 am	Talk at 11am, Mass at noon, Talk at 4pm
		12 noon	Margaret Riding (RIP)
Sunday 8 Mar	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Fr Paul O'Grady (RIP)
	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45 am	Parish family
	Family Mass	10.30 am	Moira Ainsworth (RIP)

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Rosary: Mon/Wed/Thurs after 9am Mass & 9.45 am on Sunday or join via Zoom at 7pm **passcode 252387114, password: AveMaria.**
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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	28 th Feb/1 st Mar			7 th /8 th Mar		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	J Shakespeare	M Corcoran	W Fryer	K Ankers	AM Millar	J Tunstall
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch, Peter Higgins		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		1 st Mar - 8.45 am T McGlynn		1 st Mar - 10.30am W Fryer	

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

From Pope Leo's homily for Ash Wednesday: Lent remains a powerful time for community: "Gather the people. Sanctify the congregation" (Joel 2:16). We know that it has become increasingly difficult to gather people together and make them feel like a community — not in a nationalistic and aggressive way, but in a communion where each of us finds our place. Indeed, during Lent, a people is formed that recognizes its sins. These sins are evils that have not come from supposed enemies, but afflicts our hearts, and exist within us. We need to respond by courageously accepting responsibility for them. Moreover, we must accept that while this attitude is countercultural, it constitutes an authentic, honest and attractive option, especially in our times, when it is so easy to feel powerless in the face of a world that is in flames. Truly, the Church exists as a community of witnesses that recognize their sins. [...] Today, we are reflecting precisely on the possibility of repentance. Indeed, it is no coincidence that, even in secularized contexts, many young people, more than in the past, are open to the invitation of Ash Wednesday. Young people especially understand clearly that it is possible to live a just lifestyle, and that there should be accountability for wrongdoings in the Church and in the world. We must therefore start where we can, with those who are around us. "Now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!" (2 Cor 6:2). Let us therefore embrace the missionary significance of Lent, not in a way that distracts us from our individual efforts, but in a way that introduces this season to the many restless people of good will who are seeking authentic ways to renew their lives, within the context of the Kingdom of God and his justice.

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Anniversaries of our departed (2 Mar – 8 Mar)

Fr Paul Turner, Annie Weedon, John Webb (2/3) Olive Isherwood, Isabella Josephine (Jo) Freeman (3/3) Harry Howard, Charles Benson Carron (4/3) John Burrell, John & Eva (Meg) Firth, Ernán Parry, John Francis Firth, Patricia Swann (5/3) Christine Bickerstaff, Sheila Harkins, Veronica Phelan (6/3) Desmond Joseph Kennedy (7/3) Mildred Almond, Mary Philomena Veronica Kirby, Agnes Jones (8/3)



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Day of Reflection: Next Saturday 7th March Fr Neill Robb from St Werburgh's Chester will lead a Day of Reflection here at St Winefride's church – **"Prefer nothing for the Love of Christ"**. There will be a talk at 11am, Immensity of God's love for us followed by Mass at 12 noon. Then at 4pm a second talk, Conversion of Life (our love for Christ).

Mass at 9.30am: On Thursday Year 6 and Reception will be joining for Mass in church. Mass will therefore be at **9.30am**.

Funeral: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred (Win) Bayley who died on 17th February aged 91. Please keep her son Chris, family and friends in your prayers. The Requiem Mass for Win will be on Monday 16th March at 11.00am followed by burial in the graveyard in the family grave.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation Classes for children from Year 9 onwards will start this Easter in Pensby. Please contact the office or speak to Fr Tom to enrol your child on the programme. Confirmation Mass is 10th June at Holy Family.

Stations of the Cross: SPUC will lead on **Friday 6th March at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm. Next group is Music

Piety Stall: At present the Piety Stall material, except for the card stand, will be in the porch, as will donation boxes, including for cards. A small selection of Religious Easter Cards will be available in the porch from w/e 3rd Sunday in Lent. There is a CTS pamphlet 'The Meaning of Lent' on the porch table which has just arrived and is FREE. Please do take one. It's a helpful little booklet. There are also FREE cards on preparing for Sacrament of Reconciliation and going to Confession.

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World Day of Prayer: There is a service on **Friday 6th March at 2pm in Willaston Methodist Church.** The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria, and the Theme is 'I will give you rest, come.' (All are welcome)

Pilgrimages: Sadly the Lourdes charity Across has now closed and there will be no further pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance. Tony Murphy would like to thank all those associated with the Chester Across Group since he organised it in 1994 and more recently the Wirral Across Group. **Pope Leo** has declared 2026 as a Jubilee Holy Year for St Francis. Maria Fryer from St John's, New Ferry is organising a special pilgrimage to Assisi on 28th June to 3rd July. The cost is £995 and 20 people are required to make the pilgrimage viable. If you would like to know more, please see the poster on the noticeboard or telephone Maria on 07576 243343.

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

CAFOD: Thank you for any donation you make to the Family Fast Day Collection this weekend in church. Please do read on cafod.org.uk of the great practical uses the fund goes to support projects that aid struggling families in 39 countries around the world suffering from effect of war, man-made disasters and climate change.

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Sunday 8th March 2026 – Sunday 15th March 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 8 Mar	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Fr Paul O'Grady (RIP)
		Family Mass	8.45 am 10.30 am	Parish family Moira Ainsworth (RIP)
Monday	Ferial		9.00am	Joyce Higham (recently deceased) RIP
Tuesday	Ferial		7.00 pm	Lisboa family (intention)
Wednesday	Ferial		9.00 am	Teresa Keogh (death anniv) RIP
Thursday	Ferial		9.30 am	Sick and housebound
Friday	Ferial		6.30pm 7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross Marian Morris (RIP)
Saturday	Ferial	Wedding Mass	12 noon	Laura Lisboa & Matt Reilley
Sunday 15 Mar	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Parish family
		Family Mass	8.45 am 10.30 am	Louis O'Sullivan (death anniv) RIP Janet Dickman (3 rd anniv) RIP

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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	7 th /8 th Mar			14 th /15 th Mar		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	K Ankers	AM Millar	J Tunstall	D Loughie	M Whitehead	A Neary
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch, Peter Higgins		8.45am K Garrod/D McNulty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		8 th Mar - 8.45 am M J Corcoran		8 th Mar - 10.30am M Slater	

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

Pope Leo on Vatican II and the Church: The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying towards heaven (LG, 8; CCC, 771). The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other; thus, the Church lives in this paradox. She is a reality that is both human and divine, which welcomes the sinful man and leads him to God. To illuminate this ecclesial condition, *Lumen Gentium* refers to the life of Christ. In fact, those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice. Those who decided to follow him were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing. At the same time, however, by following that Man, the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ's flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God. In the light of the reality of Jesus, we can now return to the Church: when we look at her closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However, it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ's presence and his saving action are manifested. As Benedict XVI said, there is no opposition between the Gospel and the institution; on the contrary, the structures of the Church serve precisely for the "realization and concretization of the Gospel in our time". An ideal and pure Church, separated from the earth, does not exist; only the one Church of Christ, embodied in history. This is what constitutes the holiness of the Church: the fact that Christ dwells in her and continues to give himself through the smallness and fragility of her members.

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Anniversaries of our departed (9 Mar – 15 Mar)

David Stringer, Clare Pentall (9/3) Henry May, Mary Apter (10/3), R McNance (11/3) Harold Bainbridge, Joan Edith Kay, Rodger Haird Hemington (12/3), David Miller, Delia McGrath, Louis Maurice O'Sullivan, James Davis, Carol Baker (13/3) Gracy Cheru Konikare (14/3) Canon Joseph Howe, Violet Sheridan, Sid Adams, Harry Page Netherton, Eugenia Sheila Ellis (15/3)



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Mass at 9.30am: On Thursday children in Years 2, 3 & 4 will be joining for Mass in church. Mass will therefore be at **9.30am.**

Recently deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Higham who died in Arrowe Park hospital on the 22nd February aged 101 after a short illness. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Joyce's funeral is on the 24th March at St John's Church in Poulton-le-Fylde at 12.30pm

Funeral: The Requiem Mass for Winifred Bayley will be on **Monday 16th March at 11.00am** followed by burial in the graveyard in the family grave. Please keep her son Chris and family and friends in your prayers. There will not be a Mass at 9am.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation Classes for children from Year 9 onwards will start this Easter in Pensby. Please contact the office or speak to Fr Tom to enrol your child on the programme. Confirmation Mass is 10th June at Holy Family.

Stations of the Cross: Music group will lead on **Friday 13th March at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm. Next group is CWL.

Piety Stall: Thank you for your support. Religious Charity Easter Cards will be arriving from this weekend. Most will be packs of 5 at £3.50. Though there will be some smaller packs at £2.50 and some single cards as well.

Reflection: Tony Topping's latest reflection "Weapons of Christ" is available online and a small amount of copies are in the porch.

Word on Fire books, written by Bishop Robert Barron are available to purchase at the back of church, near the Piety card stand with a box for suggested donations of £3 per book.

Youth matters: Please see the notices and accompanying leaflets & posters on the noticeboard in the porch. You are also invited to add any information about current or future events/initiatives/material which may be of interest.

Missio: The spring edition of Missio Today has arrived and there are copies in the porch. Do take one home.

School newsletter: Copy available on the noticeboard or visit www.stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters/1423

Mouthpeace: The spring newsletter is now available, so follow the link to <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/shrewsbury/>

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Lost property: There is a large amount of items in the drawer in the back porch. Please take a look and see if anything belongs to you and please take it home. Thank you.

Tea/Coffee: The parish hall is open for **refreshments after the 10.30am Mass.** What gives us life and energy as a Parish is when we come together spiritually and socially.

CAFOD: A fantastic **£807** was donated last weekend for the CAFOD collection. That you for your kind generosity. If you still have an envelope they can be handed in during the weekend offertory collection. There are a large number of prayer and other resources on the CAFOD website including daily and weekly prayers during Lent. A prayer we can share this week: *Good Lord, source of all creation, help us in our parish to have the strength and ability to play our part in making the world a better place for all to live together in peace and harmony and where your goodness, justice and love prevails. Amen.*

Offertory envelopes: The Envelopes for the new tax year are available for collection by the welcomers bench. If you would like a box of envelopes or are interested in setting up a standing order and/or gift aiding your contributions, please contact Jayne in the parish office. Gift aid leaflets are available in the porch.

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Sunday 15th March 2026 – Sunday 22nd March 2026
Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekday Cycle Year II

Sunday 15 Mar	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 pm	Parish family
		Family Mass	8.45 am	Louis O'Sullivan (death anniv) RIP
			10.30 am	Janet Dickman (3 rd anniv) RIP
Monday	Ferial	Requiem Mass	11.00am	Winifred Bayley (RIP)
Tuesday	ST PATRICK		7.00 pm	James McCarron (1 st death anniv)
Wednesday	Ferial		9.00 am	Millicent Corcoran (RIP)
Thursday	ST JOSEPH, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30 am	Pat Cummins (Birthday)
Friday	Ferial		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
			7.00 pm	Young adults (18-35)
Saturday	Ferial		12 noon	Stella Turner (RIP)
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
			10.30 am	Win Bayley (RIP)

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SUNDAY	14 th /15 th Mar			21 st /22 nd Mar		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	D Loughie	M Whitehead	A Cropper	M Branch	T McGlynn	H Jones
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch, Peter Higgins		8.45am K Garrod/D McNulty		10.30am R Stacey	
EMHC	Deacon Mike		8 th Mar - 8.45 am T McGlynn		8 th Mar - 10.30am H Jones	

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Pope Leo continues his catechesis on Vatican II's *Lumen Gentium*: God, who created the world and humanity, and who wishes to save every man, carries out his work of salvation in history, choosing a real people and dwelling among them. For this reason, He calls Abraham and promises him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore (cf. *Gen* 22:17-18). With Abraham's children, after freeing them from slavery, God makes a covenant with them, accompanies them, cares for them, and gathers them together whenever they stray. [...] The Council affirms that "All these things, however, were done by way of preparation and as a figure of that new and perfect covenant, which was to be ratified in Christ, and of that fuller revelation which was to be given through the Word of God Himself made flesh" (*LG*, 9). Indeed, it is Christ who, in giving His Body and His Blood, unites this people in Himself and in a definitive way. It is a people now made up of members of every nation; it is united by faith in Him, by adherence to Him, by living the same life as Him, animated by the Spirit of the Risen One. This is the Church: the people of God who draw their existence from the body of Christ [1] and who are themselves the body of Christ; [2] not a people like any other, but the People of God, called together by Him and made up of women and men from all the peoples of the earth. Its unifying principle is not a language, a culture, an ethnicity, but faith in Christ: the Church is therefore – according to a splendid expression of the Council – the assembly of "all those who in faith look upon Jesus" (*LG*, 9).

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Anniversaries of our departed (16 Mar – 22 Mar)
 Janet Dickman, Tom Hinde, Thomas Mahone, Mary Virginia Bowes 16/3) Margaret Malone, Burke family of Co Galway, Mary Joan Crisp, Margaret (Peg) McGrath, Brian Edwin Wainwright, Sandra Bursby, R Wool (17/3) Dora Devitt, Nora Murphy, Mary Leonard (18/3) James Wilfred Maguire, Jane Thomas, Peter Lightbound (19/3) Marina Jones, James McCarron (20/3), Veronica Griffin, Ida Harford (21/3) Dominic Hatton (22/3)

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Mass at 9.30am: On Thursday children in Years 1 and 5 will be joining for Mass in church. Mass will therefore be at **9.30am**.

Funeral: The Requiem Mass for Winifred Bayley will be on **Monday 16th March at 11.00am** followed by burial in the graveyard in the family grave. Please keep her son Chris and family and friends in your prayers. No Mass at 9am.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation Classes for children from Year 9 onwards will start this Easter in Pensby. Please contact the office or speak to Fr Tom to enrol your child on the programme. Confirmation Mass is 10th June at Holy Family.

Stations of the Cross: CWL group will lead on **Friday 20th March at 6.30pm**, then Mass will follow at 7pm. Last group is Readers.

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The **Parish Piety Stall** primarily exists to provide Parishioners with an easily accessible and low-cost source of Christian Religious Cards, and some other limited resources and artefacts to support individual and Parish Spiritual Life. Any income raised goes to the Parish Fund and to support three Catholic Charities. These are CAFOD, SVP, Aid to Church in Need. Nearly all material available to purchase, comes from Catholic UK and US Publishers and Distributors or direct from the three Catholic Charities above. However, each year the availability of Religious Easter Cards is becoming more limited. So, in 2026, we are having to offer better quality packs of cards, that come from Just Direct, A Christian based printers and Charity supporting development projects in several African Countries.

Word on Fire books, written by Bishop Robert Barron are available to purchase at the back of church, near the Piety card stand with a box for suggested donations of £3 per book.

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Catholic pic: The March edition has arrived and there are copies in the back porch. Do take one home.

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

Offertory envelopes: The Envelopes for the new tax year are available for collection by the welcomers bench. Please take yours home with you. If you would like a box of envelopes or are interested in setting up a standing order and/or gift aiding your contributions, please contact Jayne in the parish office. Gift aid leaflets are available in the porch.

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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	<i>"Please remember the clocks go forward"</i>	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

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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	

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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.

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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)

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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.

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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/>

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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.



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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)

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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

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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.

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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.

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