

ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday 1 December 2024 – Sunday 8th December 2024

Mass Readings: Sunday Year B, Weekday Cycle Year 2

Sunday 1 Dec	Saturday Vigil Mass THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Dr James & Mrs Heather Cubbin (RIP) Jack Turner (RIP) Parish family
Monday	Ferial	9.30 am	Wyn Bailey (health)
Tuesday	St Francis Xavier	9.30 am	Cropper family (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30 am	Povey family (special intention)
Thursday	Ferial Sacrament of Reconciliation	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Jack Turner (RIP) First Holy Communion Group
Friday	Ferial Class Mass in school	9.30 am 11.00am	Challis family (special intention) St Winefride's School
Saturday	ST Ambrose	9.30 am	Sick and housebound
Sunday 8 Dec	Saturday Vigil Mass THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00 pm 8.45 am 10.30 am	Parish family Maureen & Tony Bainbridge (anniv) RIP Larry Duggan (death anniv) RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Saturday at 9 am. **Morning prayer:** Monday to Saturday at 9.00 am

Rosary: Monday to Saturday 10am & 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 9.30 am Mass on request.

Private Prayer: Monday to Saturday the church will remain open after 9.30 am Mass for private prayer until **4 pm.**

SUNDAY	30 Nov/1 Dec			7/8 December		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	L Hannaway	AM Millar	A Cropper	J Shakespeare	T McGlynn	M Slater
Welcomers	6pm B Roles	8.45am A Volunteer	10.30am A Volunteer			
WEEKDAYS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Readers	A Volunteer	A Cropper	J Tunstall	A volunteer	C Haines	G Barber

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
(*striking breast*)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most
grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Children's Christmas Mass 4.00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass 7.00pm

**Carols from 3.45pm and 6.45 pm
on Christmas Eve**

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

The First Mass 8.45am

Family Mass 10.30am

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including: Patricia Davies, Frances Wright, Rosemary Southwell, Pat Cummins, Win Bayley, Joe Hemington, Maurice McAsey, Judy Howard, Maureen Adams, Sr Suzan George SMMI, Eva Bennion, Paul Wallace, Dorothy Strawson, Ronnie Phelan, Maureen Knox, Joseph Kennedy, Gerald Sanderson, Mary Gilbert, Michael Rowlands, Kay Minto, Susan Trowell, Margaret Maw, Josie Rowland, David Eva, Peter Roca, Stephanie Archibald, Moira Griffiths-Parr, Margaret Gould, Louise Dixon, Joan Burkmar, Stephen Bretland, Adrian Duggan, Dawn Stevenson, Mary Henesy, Cormac Davis, 5 year old Dottie, Rachel Branch, Terry Michael Foster, Annabelle Narey, Alan Blackwood, Mary, Richard & Cavan Fowler, Ann Kelly, Ruth Pisarek, Roger Gardener, Pat Leadbetter, Reg Parson, Ann & Paul Flanagan, Stacey Hemington, John Walker, David Wallace, Laurie Walsh Yvonne Mckeown, Alan Hughes

Anniversaries of our departed (2 Dec – 8 Dec)

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 (6/12) Colin Beardsworth, Harold Anthony (Tony) Bainbridge (8/12)



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

Pastoral Letter: There is an Advent pastoral letter from Bishop Mark which will be read at all Masses. A copy of the letter will be on the website and hard copies are available in the porch.

Clergy Recollection Day for Advent: This Thursday, 5th December Clergy will be in Crewe and so Mass will be at **9.00am**

First Reconciliation: This Sunday before the Family Mass children and their parents preparing for the First Holy Communion will take part in the third session of the sacramental preparation which is "Reconciliation". The catechists will help the children and their parents to reflect on their life experiences and the choices they have made in their lives and how to begin each day, fresh, anew, and each day making peace with all that has happened.

We welcome the children who are preparing for the First Holy Communion, with their families, to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation on Thursday 5th December at 6pm. Please keep the children and their families in their prayers.

Our Lady's Lamp: This lamp may be lit for your intentions and will burn by Our Lady's Chapel this week for sick & Housebound.

Offertory envelopes: We need to place our order for envelopes for the new tax year, 2025/26 **next Friday**. If you would still like your box then you **DO NOT** need to do anything, but if you don't need the box anymore as you now pay by standing order or alternatively would like to have a box of envelopes to gift aid your weekly contributions, then please contact Jayne in the office by **Wednesday 4th December**. Please remember by gift aiding your donations an extra 25% of your donation will be claimed back from HMRC. Thank you.

St Winefride's School: Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December in school hall. 3.30pm – 5pm. On the noticeboard is also the current newsletter from the school. This will now be updated each week. Do have a look.

Christmas Tree: We are looking to put up the tree and decorate the church for Christmas on **Saturday 7th December**. If you can spare an hour or two Saturday morning around 10.30am, then please come along and help. The more volunteers the better!!

PIETY STALL: Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church. Please do take a look at the cards and gifts available.

Christmas Day Lunch: 25th December, 12 noon until 3pm. Free lunch and transport available. If you are alone and would like to go or know someone who would benefit, then more information and contact information is on the noticeboard.

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. Any donations to be left in the box marked community centre from this weekend.

CWL: Christmas hamper raffle tickets will be sold weekends of the 7/8th, 14/15th and 21/22nd December. Priced at £1.00 each. The draw will take place in the hall after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd December.

CWL Christmas Party: This will be held this year on Friday 13th December in the afternoon. More details next week.

Knot just knitters: The next session is **Friday 29th November** in the church hall. 1.30 - 4pm. Come along and get crafty!! This will be the last session for 2024 and will start again in the new year.

Bereavement Group: There is **NO meeting in December**, the next meeting is **Wednesday 8th January** in the church hall. 1 – 3pm.

Churchyard Gardening: Volunteer gardeners will meet, weather permitting, Friday between 1.30pm – 3.30pm. All welcome. The last session for this year will be on Friday 29th November and will resume again in February next year.

Mary's Meals UK: Mary's meals provides nutritious school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities. If you wish to donate at this Christmas a donation box will be available in the porch during the season of advent leading up to Christmas.

Aid to the church in Need: Thank you for your generosity last weekend **£307** was raised plus an extra **£12.50** from gift aid.

Offertory Collections: Thank you for your generous support.

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

Food Bank: Urgent items as at **25 November**; custard, crackers, cordials, instant mash and small jars of coffee. Also needed are tinned fruit, instant pasta with sauce and biscuits and small treats. They have plenty of beans, tinned soups and pasta.