

# ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH

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## Parish Team

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Mass Readings: Sunday Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 1

Sunday 15 Dec	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Parish family
		<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>	Pauline Clark (1 <sup>st</sup> death anniv) RIP
			<b>10.30 am</b>	Dorothy Ilott (14 <sup>th</sup> death anniv) RIP
Monday	Ferial		9.30 am	Walker (Family intentions)
			<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>St Winefride's School Carol Concert</b>
Tuesday	Ferial		9.30 am	Terry M Foster (RIP)
Wednesday	Ferial		9.30 am	Jack Turner (RIP)
Thursday	Ferial		9.30 am	Deceased family members of Topping & Evans
Friday	Ferial		9.30 am	Mary Catherine (Molly) Davidson RIP
Saturday	Ferial		9.30 am	Catherine Bond (RIP)
Sunday 22 Dec	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Docherty family (health)
	<i>Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>8.45 am</b>	Parish family
			<b>10.30 am</b>	Tony McDevitt (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	14/15 December			21/22 December		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	C Kirshen	AM Millar	H Jones	K Ankers	Clark family	M Unsworth
Welcomers	<b>6pm</b> B Roles		<b>8.45am</b> A & D Docherty		<b>10.30am</b> P Higgins	
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**

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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, Joan Burkmar, Stephen Bretland, Adrian Duggan, Dawn Stevenson, Mary Henesy, Cormac Davis, 5 year old Dottie, Rachel Branch, Annabelle Narey, Alan Blackwood, Mary, Richard 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 (16 Dec – 22 Dec)

Canon Rudolph Luczka (16/12) John Caffrey, Francis McKey, Lawrence Duggan, Gerald Dove Murphy, Christopher Bernard Hewitt, Eileen Scarratt (17/12) Norman Jones, Joyce Tennant, Larry Duggan (18/12) Kenneth George Rodrigues (19/12), Sarah Ann Bamford, Canon Thomas Hurley (20/12) Mary Catherine Davidson, Fr Kevin Molloy, Edna Gardner, Pat Standish, Dorothy (Dot) Davies, Patrick, Anthony (Tony) McDevitt (21/12) Murtagh Davies, Dorothy Ilott (22/12)



*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.*

**Fr Francis:** Life tends to become more hectic as Christmas approaches and as our focus turns to preparing for our celebration with our dear ones. Perhaps in these remaining days of Advent it is a good time to pause, to spend a few moments in the presence of the Lord Jesus, allowing him to open our hearts to reconciliation, forgiveness and love, to listen to what he might have to say to us. May the gifts of advent – Hope, Joy, Love and Peace – be the ingredients of our celebration at this Christmas. May we continue to grow as a parish family, making us stronger in our faith, hope and love.

**St Winefride's School:** On Monday the children will have their carol concert, at 6pm. The school has informed us that the Carol Concert scheduled for 10.30 is cancelled. However, 6pm concert will be live streamed. Due to the limited space in the church, may we request you to reserve the seats for the families of the children at St Winefride's school.

**Little Church:** Please remember Children's liturgy during Family Mass at 10.30am.

**Our Lady's Lamp:** This lamp will be lit for your intentions and will burn by Our Lady's Chapel for seven days. If you wish to have it lit for any special intention, then please inform Fr Francis or the parish office. Please put any donations in the candle box. This week Our Lady's lamp will be lit for the sick and housebound.

**Christmas Mass - readers, welcomers and EMHC:** There is a sign-up sheet in the porch to add your name if you are here at Mass over Christmas and are able to **READ, WELCOME** or are a **EMHC**. You can also email the parish office. As church will be busy at all Masses, it is important we have two, if not three welcomers. Let the office know if you may like to help.

**Christmas Card:** There are parish Christmas Cards in the porch with Mass times from next Monday to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025. Please do take one for yourself or to invite your friends and neighbours at this Christmas.

**Epiphany of the Lord 2025:** We would like to celebrate our diversity on the solemnity of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world by inviting those who speak different languages to help us with the liturgical readings and the bidding prayers. If you can let Jayne know by Christmas if you would like to read one of the readings or to say a short bidding prayer and in which language (and which Mass you attend) we can celebrate our multi linguistics together. Thank you.

**Piety Stall:** Christmas cards are now available and are in the porch. The stand with general cards is at the back of church together with the rosary beads and other piety items are on the table.

**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 Neston Community Centre which is under the table on the left. This maybe the last weekend before it is taken to the Community Centre next week.

**CWL: Christmas hamper raffle tickets** will be sold this weekend **14/15<sup>th</sup>** and next weekend **21/22<sup>nd</sup> December** in the **back porch**. Tickets priced at £1.00 each. The draw will take place in the hall after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**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 this Christmas a donation box will be available in the porch during the season of advent leading up to Christmas.

**Reflection:** There is a new reflection from Tony Topping, an Advent reflection. There will be a copy online for you to read and copies in the porch.

**CARITAS at Christmas Appeal 2024:** There will be a collection here this weekend. Thank you for your generosity and support. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please speak to Fr Francis or the office. You can also donate online at: [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk).

**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 **11 December**; custard UHT milk, custard, small boxes of tea, small jars of coffee & UHT Juice. Also needed are tinned fruit, instant pasta with sauce, tinned veg and tinned potatoes. They have plenty of beans, soups and pasta.