

# ST WINEFRIDE'S RC CHURCH

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## Parish Team

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Mass Readings: Sunday Year C, Weekday Cycle Year 1

Sunday 22 Dec	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>6.00 pm</b> <b>8.45 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	Brian Docherty (RIP) Parish family Tony McDevitt (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv) RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30 am	Patricia Hall (RIP)
Tuesday	Ferial <b>Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Mass</b> <b>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass</b>	9.30 am 4.00 pm 7.00 pm	Eva Bennion (health) Clair & John Piccolo (RIP) Parish family
Wednesday	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>First Mass</b> <b>Family Mass</b>	8.45 am 10.30 am Corcoran family (Intention) Joe & Emma Tunstall (Intention)
Thursday	<b>ST STEPHEN</b>	9.30 am	Fr Gerry Courell (RIP)
Friday	<b>ST JOHN</b>	9.30 am	Michael Halley (RIP)
Saturday	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>	9.30 am	Sick and housebound
Sunday 29 Dec	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>6.00 pm</b> <b>8.45 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	Parish family Maureen Knox (health) Paul Manchester (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	21/22 December			28/29 December		
	6pm	8.45am	10.30am	6pm	8.45am	10.30am
Readers	K Ankers	Clark family	M Unsworth	D Loughe	M Corcoran	P Hemington
Welcomers	6pm M & M Branch & P Higgins		8.45am A & D Docherty		10.30am A Volunteer	
WEEKDAYS	Monday	Tuesday 9.30am	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Readers	A Cropper	J Tunstall	Christmas Day	M J Corcoran	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 (23 Dec – 29 Dec)

Winefride Anderson, Brian Hurley, James Thomas Nolan RNR (23/12) Fr William Corcoran, Laurence Binns, Mary Winifred Nyland, Jean Thomas (24/12) Alan Walmsley, Olive Byrne, Rhonda Evelyn Jacques (25/12) Mary Theresa Donnelly, Paddy Finneran (26/12) Fr Lawrence Watson, (27/12) Rt Rev William Grasar, Liz McHugh, June Sands (28/12), Provost John Donnelly, Alfred Davies, Fr Paul Glendinning, Derek Millington (29/12)



*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.*

**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 for yourself and also to invite your friends and neighbours at this Christmas.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Ryan who died last Sunday. Michael was husband of the late Margaret Ryan who died in 2015. Please remember his family and loved ones in your prayers. A requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.30am followed by burial in the graveyard. Please also pray for the soul of Brian Docherty who sadly died yesterday in Arrowe Park hospital. Please keep his wife Sheila and son Martin in your prayers.

**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.

**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:** All festive items have been taken to the community centre who were delighted with volume of items donated and would like to pass on a big thank you to you all.

**CWL: Christmas hamper raffle tickets** will be sold for the last time this 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.

**Bereavement Group:** The next session will be on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025** from 1pm – 3pm in the church hall. All welcome.

**CARITAS at Christmas Appeal:** Thank you for your generosity, £343 was raised last weekend, plus £410 from the soup lunch.

**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 **16 December**; custard UHT milk, custard, small boxes of tea, small jars of coffee & UHT Juice. Other items needed are instant noodles, pasta with sauce, jams and spreads, tinned veg, tomatoes and potatoes.

**Heath & Safety:** Please can we ask you to be extra careful when coming to church this Christmas, both while in church and when parking in the car park to keep yourself and others safe. Thank you.

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH,  
YOUR LOVED ONES AND OUR VISITORS.**