



## St Winefride's Catholic Church, Shepshed

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### Second Sunday of Advent | Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Sun 14<sup>th</sup> December

Date	Mass & Service Details	Timings	Intentions & Notes	Other Events
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Rosary <b>Mass - Second Sunday of Advent</b>	5:30pm <b>6pm</b>	<i>Chris Mould (RIP)</i>	<i>Liturgical Group Meeting - 10am</i>
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Rosary <b>Mass - Second Sunday of Advent</b>	9:30am <b>10am</b>	<i>Celicia, Henry &amp; Bernard Wale (RIP)</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy Grp Carols by Candlelight – 3pm (followed by refreshments in hall) (No coffee after Mass)</i>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>			<i>Yoga (in hall) - 5pm</i>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass (Note change)</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<i>David Bailless (RIP)</i>	<i>First Holy Communion Class 3:30pm RCIA Group (6pm)</i>
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Mass (Both in hall)</b>	<b>12pm</b>	<i>For deceased members of the Williams family</i>	<i>Toddler Church 9:30am Choir Practise - 1:45pm</i>
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<i>Peter Whitmore (RIP)</i>	
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Exposition <b>Mass (Both in Hall)</b>	12pm <b>12:30pm</b>	<i>Private intention of the Williams Family</i>	
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Rosary <b>Mass - Third Sunday of Advent (St Lucy, Martyr)</b>	5:30pm <b>6pm</b>	<i>Patricia Stepowska (RIP)</i>	
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Rosary <b>Mass - Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</b>	9:30am <b>10am</b>	<i>Freda &amp; Colin O'Meara (RIP)</i>	<i>Tea &amp; Coffee after Mass (all are welcome)</i>

**Please pray for our sick & housebound:** Ben S., John & Jean B., Colin B., Marie R., Biddy M., Barbara R., Margaret W., Aileen R., Deacon Bill H., Janet W., David W., Kathleen L., Sharon, Cathy L., Christine H., Mary W., Hilary O'S., Ira R., Terry H., Danny B. and Tara D.

**Death and Funeral:** Death is announced of Christopher Mould, son of Teresa Mould. Peter Whitmore, husband to the late Rita Whitmore has also passed on. The funeral service of Peter will be held here in St Winefride on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11am. Please keep both families in your prayers.

**Christmas Mass Rotas** - There are lists at the back of the church for you to add your names against Mass Ministries for Christmas Eve (8pm) and Christmas Day (10am) Masses. Thank you so much.

## Upcoming Parish and Community Events

Date	Timings	Events	Notes
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10am	Enrolment Mass for first holy communion candidates	This will take place during the 10am Mass – all candidates required to attend.
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	7pm	Advent retreat	Moderated by Fr. Jonathan C.- <b>THEME- Advent and Christmas through the eyes of Mary</b> --- all are welcome

**New Contactless Donation Point** - Many of you will be aware we now have a contactless (card) donation point at the back of church at masses. Our Welcomers are on hand to help you use it (if you wish), but it really couldn't be easier to donate. Be assured, cash donations will continue to be entirely welcome. But if you ever find yourself at Mass without any money and you would like to make a kind donation, now you can! (And that includes second collections) – Just select (e.g.) “Parish Dev Fund” and the donation will go to the right place.

**EasyFundraising** – For those of you who were away last week, our Parish Administrator introduced a new fundraising scheme that enables parishioners to generate money for our parish **without spending a penny!** The short version is – *EasyFundraising* has partnered with over 6000 major online retailers (e.g. *Argos, John Lewis, every major supermarket*) and it means if you shop with them, a percentage of your spend will be diverted to us, at no extra cost to you! **Find out more and register:**

**200 CLUB - NOV WINNERS** | 1<sup>st</sup> 156 St Winefride's RC, 2<sup>nd</sup> 151 David H., 3<sup>rd</sup> 141 Michael L. - Congratulations to all winners!

**Christmas Raffle Winners** - Congratulations to our raffle winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Aidan R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Yvonne T., 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne B., 4<sup>th</sup> Brenda C., 5<sup>th</sup> Jo B., 6<sup>th</sup> Vera Z., 7<sup>th</sup> Thomas W., 8<sup>th</sup> Michael E., 9<sup>th</sup> John O., 10<sup>th</sup> Anete H. Talk to Dana to arrange collection of prizes.

**Church Christmas Cleaning** – St Winefride's will be subjected to an extra vigorous Christmas clean on Tues 9 Dec at 9:30am. It's a lot of work for our regular cleaning team and any extra hands would be a real help to make our lovely church look its best this Christmas season - All volunteers are welcome!

**Reverse Advent Calendar** - Support *Shepshed Food Bank* this Christmas by donating items for their festive provision. During Advent, we welcome: tinned meat/fish/veg, dried stuffing or Yorkshire puds mix, gravy granules, mince pies, jam tarts, sweet or cheese biscuits, Xmas crackers, small, unwrapped presents, chocolate, and toiletry sets for adults or kids. Please leave donations in the **Reverse Advent Calendar** boxes in the Church porch.

**Missio Red Box Holders** - It's time to empty your red box! If you have a *Missio* Red box at home, please empty it into a *Missio* brown envelope, add your name to the envelope and hand it into Father or one of the Welcomers at Mass before 8 Dec. Thank you, from Jo and Marion.

**Confirmation Candidates** – If your child wishes to be put forward for Confirmation in 2026, please speak to Fr Patrick after Mass or drop him an email (contact details at top of newsletter) with yours and your child's name.

**First Holy Communion 2025-26** | Communion classes for children begin in the Annexe on Tues 9 Dec from 3:45 to 4:45pm; and the Enrolment Mass for children and parents will be celebrated in the Church on Sun 14 Dec at 10am.

**Journey through Advent** with the Notts Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal. To download your **free copy** visit [www.ndcys.com/advent2025/](http://www.ndcys.com/advent2025/)

**Catholic Primary School Admissions** - Children born 1 Sept 2021–31 Aug 2022 can apply for Reception places by **15 Jan 26** via your home Local Authority website. To be considered under the Catholic faith criterion, complete the school's **supplementary information form** and return it with supporting evidence, such as a baptism certificate. Missing evidence may affect your child's ranking and chance of a place.

**Support Our Schools** - St Winefride's School are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor to join their governing body. It is a very rewarding role, with a comprehensive training programme available to support new and existing governors. You are not required to have a background in education, so if you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact the Chair of Governors Rebecca P. [rebecca.patman@winefrides-rc.leics.sch.uk](mailto:rebecca.patman@winefrides-rc.leics.sch.uk)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Upcoming Second Collections</b>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>Parish Development Fund</i>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>Church Christmas Flowers Donations</i>
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>Poor &amp; Needy Parishes</i>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Welcoming</b>	<b>Readings &amp; Bidding Prayers</b>	<b>Offertory Procession</b>	<b>Eucharistic Min'</b>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jo B.	Jo B.	Ann B.	Jo B.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	T. Family	Carmel O'B.	Sofia & Dana B.	Tony B.