



## St Winefride's Catholic Church, Shepshed

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Week | Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

Date	Mass & Service Details	Timings	Intentions & Notes	Other Events
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass – Fourth Sun of Advent</b>	4pm 5:30pm <b>6pm</b>	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Rosary <b>Mass – Fourth Sun of Advent (Baptism – Sienna.P)</b>	9:30am <b>10am</b>	<i>Franciszek Ochalek (RIP)</i>	<i>Tea &amp; coffee after mass Reception into Church (Chris Mould RIP) - 5pm</i>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<i>Christopher Mould (RIP)</i>	<i>Hall in use (Funeral wake 12-4pm) Yoga in Hall - 5pm</i>
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mass (in Hall)</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<i>The sick of the Parish</i>	
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Family Mass Christmas Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5:30pm 8pm</b>	<i>Karen &amp; Alison (RIP) For deceased members of the Fox &amp; Worby Family (RIP)</i>	<i>No Toddler Church) (No choir practise)</i>
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>10am</b>	<i>For the parish</i>	
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>No Mass</i>			
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b>	4pm 5:30pm <b>6pm</b>	<i>Michael Wortley (RIP)</i>	<i>(Hall in use for private hire – 12-4pm)</i>
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Rosary <b>Mass</b>	9:30am <b>10am</b>	<i>Christopher Mould (RIP)</i>	<i>(No tea &amp; coffee after mass)</i>
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass (in Hall)</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<i>For all parish volunteers</i>	
<b>Weds 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Mass (Both in Hall)</b>	<b>12pm</b>	<i>Wilfred Whitmore (RIP)</i>	<i>(No Toddler Church) (No choir practise)</i>
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026</b>	<b>Mass (in Hall)</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<i>For all parishioners suffering with isolation</i>	
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Exposition <b>Mass (Both in Hall)</b>	12pm <b>12:30pm</b>	<i>For the homeless</i>	
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	Rosary <b>Mass</b>	5:30pm <b>6pm</b>	<i>Kathleen Perry (RIP)</i>	
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Rosary <b>Mass</b>	9:30am <b>10am</b>	<i>Dominic Green (RIP)</i>	<i>Tea &amp; coffee after mass Children's Liturgy Group</i>

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

**A Message from Fr Patrick** - It brings me great joy to see so many of us join together as one parish to celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ. Let His presence in our midst bring us hope and spur us to give hope to each other. May you and your loved ones be richly blessed with the joy and peace that come with this season. This is to say a very Merry Christmas to you all, and a happy new year!

**Safeguarding Update | Photography in Church** - To ensure young people and vulnerable adults are safeguarded during services, there will be no photography allowed by members of the congregation in **any** service going forward. There will be designated individuals with correct DBS checks in place nominated where required using appropriate consent procedures. Please refer to Parish website for more details and kindly adhere to this request.

**Christmas Eve Family Mass** - All young children are invited to attend dressed as Angels and Shepherds and take part in our nativity tableau, singing and mass ministries. There will be a list in the church porch on which to place names of volunteers for specific duties / roles. Please see Nora or Teresa if more details are required.

**Traditional Blessing of Wine** - On 27 Dec, the feast of Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist, there will be the traditional blessing of wine after 6pm Mass. The story is that an attempt was made to kill the apostle with poisoned wine. When he blessed the cup, the poison crawled out in the form of a serpent. Bring a bottle of wine for blessing.

**Please 'Hold the Date'** - We will be holding a *Missio* fundraising event on Sat 7 Feb after evening mass. More information to follow in the new year, and tickets will be on sale in Jan. For more details, speak to Marion or Jo.

**Let the Children Live Charity** - As always, we invite all our children and young people (and not so young), to give a monetary gift to '*Let the children Live*' for the street children of Columbia, at our family mass on Christmas eve. This charity was set up by a priest who, when stranded in Columbia, was looked after, helped and kept safe by street children until he was able to return home. Once ordained he returned to Columbia to set up this charity. If you are not attending family mass but wish to donate, there will be a basket by the Christmas tree during Christmas masses.

**Christmas Offering** – As is traditional, at Christmas parishioners are welcome to donate specifically to their parish priest. If you wish to make a gift to Fr Patrick, there are envelopes (marked “*for your Parish Clergy*”) at the back of church. Alternatively, during the Christmas Masses there will also be an option to donate via our contactless machine at the back of church – simply select “*For Your Parish Clergy*” and follow the instructions. Many thanks, Joe (*Parish Administrator*)

**CAFOD Christmas Gifts** – Catalogues showcasing Christmas gifts that support CAFOD are at the back of the church.

**Pope Leo XIV's Message for World Day of Peace (1 Jan 26)** In his message “*Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace*”, Pope Leo XIV calls us to reject violence and war and live a peace rooted in love and justice. True peace is not built on fear or weapons, but on trust, empathy and hope. Echoing Christ's greeting, “*Peace be with you*”, Pope Leo invites us all to embody peace in life and work together for a more peaceful world.

**Religious Freedom and ACN Article 18 Petition** - *Aid to the Church in Need* reports two-thirds of the world's population live where religious freedom is restricted, with over 220 million Christians at risk of persecution. ACN calls on governments to uphold **Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, which guarantees freedom of thought, conscience and religion. Parishioners can support those who suffer for their faith by signing the ACN Article 18 petition at: [acnuk.org/article-18-petition](https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Upcoming Second Collections</b>
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 27th	Tony B	Jedidiah A	Briget T	Alicja P
Sun 28th	Nora L	Betty H	John O	Nora L
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marion B	Margaret R	Marion B	Jo B
Sun 4th	Michael & Brenda F	Brenda F	Michael & Brenda F	James L

**“Today a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” — Luke 2:11**