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SAFEGUARDING

All groups working with children and vulnerable adults have now been cleared:
First Holy Communion, Childrens' Liturgy, SVP, Confirmation, Home Communions and Altar Servers

Full report to Parish at all Masses
Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th September 2019

Our Safeguarding representative is Liz Aiello
who can be contacted on telephone no. 01244 372016

CHESTER PARISHES TOGETHER

During the course of last year, the Five Chester Parishes - officially now four - have been meeting together on an experimental basis to explore ways of working together

Projects so far include:

- Altar Servers Mass in Liverpool 21st September 2019
- Chester Bible Month October 2019
- Celebrating each others Feast Days
- Ensuring all Chester Nursing Homes are covered

Next meeting Monday 9th September 2019 7.00 pm St Francis'



ANNUAL PARISH SOCIAL



St Werburgh's Parish Centre
Friday 7th February 2020 7.00 pm



PARISH SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS



Monday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Wednesday & Friday 9.00 am - 12.00 noon



FATHER PAUL ANNUAL HOLIDAY 2020

17th August – 4th September inclusive



PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 7.00 pm

11th September 2019

13th November 2019

22nd January 2020

18th March 2020

13th May 2020

15th July 2020 (social)

AGENDA

POEMS ON WATER

by Jeremy Oliver

Alan Smith
David Collins
David Collins
Michael Robinson
Peter Allen

Gray Oliver
Lawrence Hall
Ian Green
Hazel Green
John Greening

LONG POEM BY JOHN FULLER



FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.00 pm

Monday 23rd September 2019
Wednesday 20th November 2019

Wednesday 15th January 2020

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Tuesday 5th May 2020

Wednesday 8th July 2020 (social)



READERS GROUP

Monday 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Parish House

16th September 2019

21st October 2019

18th November 2019

20th January 2020

17th February 2020

16th March 2020

20th April 2020

18th May 2020

15th June 2020

20th July 2020

Note: no meeting August or December

See Parish Newsletter for any other changes



The
Word
of God

READERS REVIEW SESSIONS

Next programme - May 2021



LITURGY GROUP

(All welcome)

7.00 pm Parish House

Wednesday 18th September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Tuesday 10th December 2019

Wednesday 5th February 2020

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Tuesday 12th May 2020

Tuesday 23rd June 2020



HEALTH AND SAFETY GROUP

Thursday 7.00 pm Parish House (except where indicated)

12th September 2019

10th October 2019

21st November 2019

Tuesday 21st January 2020 7.30 pm

12th March 2020

23rd April 2020

Tuesday 2nd June 2020

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

Monday 7.00 pm Parish House

30th September 2019

25th November 2019

27th January 2020

2nd March 2020

27th April 2020

22nd June 2020

HMP BERWYN

Mass for Prisoners and Staff

Every Saturday 10.00 am

**Father Paul on rota every 3-4 weeks
when Fr Neill will take confessions at St Werburgh's**



RESIDENTIAL NURSING HOMES

Ecumenical Services

Aiming this year to establish monthly services for all residents in the eight Nursing Homes in our Parish

So far we have three up and running

All 11.00 am

Crabwell Hall - Monday

23rd September 2019

28th October 2019

25th November 2019

16th December 2019

Grosvenor Manor, Heath Lane - Wednesday

25th September 2019

30th October 2019

20th November 2019

11th December 2019

Grosvenor Villas (formerly Crawford's Walk) - Wednesday

18th September 2019

16th October 2019

13th November 2019

18th December 2019

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAYS

Saturday 11.00 am - 5.00 pm Parish House



28th September 2019

23rd November 2019

14th March 2020

16th May 2020

19th September 2020

28th November 2020



HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

Friday 1st November 2019 All Saints
(Mass Times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm, 7.30 pm)
Wednesday 25th December 2019 The Birth of Our Lord
Sunday 5th January 2020 Epiphany
Thursday 21st May 2020 Ascension
(Mass Times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm, 7.30 pm)
Sunday 14th June 2020 Corpus Christi
Sunday 28th June 2020 SS Peter and Paul
Sunday 16th August 2020
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OTHER FEAST DAYS

Saturday 2nd November 2019 All Souls
(Mass times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm)
Wednesday 26th February 2020 Ash Wednesday
(Mass times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm, 7.30 pm)
Sunday 12th April 2020 Easter Sunday
Sunday 31st May 2020 Pentecost

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

7.00 pm

Advent: Wednesday 18th December 2019
Lent: Tuesday 24th March 2020



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS REVIEW SESSIONS

Next programme May 2020

Dates and times to be confirmed

There will be several sessions and varying times

Every Eucharistic Minister **MUST** attend one of the sessions



MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Sunday 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

13th October 2019

8th December 2019

29th March 2020

24th May 2020



LENT DEVOTIONS

Friday 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

(Church will remain open until 9.00 pm)

28th February 2020

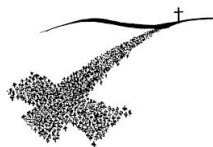
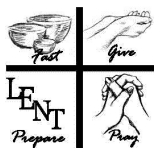
6th March 2020

13th March 2020

20th March 2020

27th March 2020

3rd April 2020



HOLY WEEK READERS AND STEWARDS MEETING

Wednesday 1st April 2020 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Parish House

All Holy Week readers and stewards,
including those from Rowton, **must** attend



NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Wednesday 6th November 2019 7.30 pm

Mass for the Recently Bereaved

Blessing of Graves

Sunday 17th November 2019 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Blacon

Sunday 24th November 2019 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Overleigh (old side)

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Overleigh (new side)

Tuesday 26th November 2019 7.30 pm Mass of the Holy Souls
(For all those whose names have been inscribed in our Holy Souls Book)



ALTAR SERVERS



Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Contact Gerry Tighe for information

Tel: 01244 319353 or email: g.tighe@btinternet.com

Thursday 26th December 2019 10.00 am St Stephen's Day Mass
Enrolment of new altar servers into the Guild of St Stephen

ALTAR SERVERS NATIONAL MASS

Saturday 21st September 2019 2.00 pm

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Coach leaves Chester 11.45 am

YEAR OF THE BIBLE 2020

Chester October Bible Month Talks

Wednesday 7.30 pm St Werburgh's Church

2nd October 2019

9th October 2019

16th October 2019

PARISH HERITAGE TRIPS AND TALKS

Autumn 2019

Visit to the Ffestiniog Railway

Visit to Historic Liverpool City Centre

Talk on Chester's Canals by Geoff Taylor

****Watch for details****



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2019

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th September 10.00 am - 4.00 pm





FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

*I'm
Sorry!*

The Sacrament of Forgiveness

Thursday 3rd October 2019 6.30 pm Parish House
Introductory meeting just for parents whose children
are not at our Primary School

Thursday 7th November 2019 6.30 pm Parish House
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Monday 11th November 2019 7.00 pm Primary School
Baptismal Service and introductory meeting for all parents

Monday 18th November 2019 7.00 pm Primary School
Refresher evening for parents (discussion and information about
First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion)
This meeting is optional

Sunday 24th November 2019 10.15 am St Werburgh's Church
Meeting followed by Enrolment Mass
for all children and their families

Tuesday 3rd December 2019 6.30 pm Parish House
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Monday 13th January 2020 7.00 pm Primary School
Parents' meeting - The Sacrament of Forgiveness

Tuesday 21st January 2020 6.30 pm Parish House
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Saturday 25th January 2020 10.00 am St Werburgh's Church
Children receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tuesday 11th February 2020 6.30 pm Parish House
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Tuesday 10th March 2020 6.30 pm Parish House
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Monday 16th March 2020 7.00 pm Primary School
Parents' meeting - First Holy Communion information

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion *continued*

Monday 23rd March 2020 6.30 pm St Werburgh's Church
Commentary Mass for children and their families

Tuesday 28th April 2020 6.30 pm Parish House
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School



***Families can choose their child's
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE
from any of the Sundays in May***



Sunday 14th June 2020 10.45 am St Werburgh's Church
Parish First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

Monday 29th June 2020 time 10.00 am Primary School
Primary School First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm St Werburgh's
(except where indicated)



10th September 2019 Class 1
17th September 2019 Class 2
24th September 2019 Class 3
1st October 2019 Class 4
8th October 2019 Class 5
15th October 2019 Class 6
22nd October 2019 Class 7



5th November 2019 7.00 pm Penitential Service

12th November 2019 7.00 pm Rehearsal at St Clare's

Tuesday 19th November 2019 7.00 pm at St Clare's
Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Mark

Tuesday 28th January 2020 7.00 pm
Celebration Pizza

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Parish Meetings Parish House

Twice Monthly: Usually 2nd Monday at 1.30 pm
and last Wednesday at 6.30 pm

Note: There will be notification of any changes
in date/time/venue



Events for the Elderly and Housebound



Autumn Mass

Sunday 22nd September 2019 2.30 pm Primary School

Nursing Home Remembrance Day Service

Wednesday 13th November 2019 11.00 am Grosvenor Villas
(formerly Crawford's Walk)

Advent Reconciliation Service

Saturday 30th November 2019 10.30 am St Werburgh's Church

Afternoon Tea at Catholic High School

Wednesday 4th December 2019 2.30 pm

Nursing Home Carols

Thursday 12th December 2019 Grosvenor Villas am/Oaklands pm

Christmas Lunch

Saturday 11th January 2020 12.30 pm Primary School

Afternoon Tea at Catholic High School

Wednesday 11th March 2020 2.30 pm

Lent Reconciliation Service

Saturday 4th April 2020 10.30 am St Werburgh's Church

Spring Mass

Sunday 26th April 2020 2.30 pm Primary School

Summer Lunch

Wednesday 1st July 2020 12.00 noon

Regional Fund Raisers

Sunday 6th October 2019 Sponsored Walk

Friday 31st January 2020 7.30 pm St Columba's
Holiday home music night

Wednesday 3rd June 2020 7.30 pm Gladstone Theatre
Holiday home Theatre Night

PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES AND OTHER EVENTS

Primary School (except where indicated)

Tuesday 10th September 2019 10.00 am Mass

Wednesday 11th September 2019 3.30 pm Mass Planning Meeting

Wednesday 25th September 2019 10.00 am Mass St Werburgh's

Tuesday 8th October 2019 10.00 am Harvest Mass

Tuesday 17th December 2019 7.00 pm Carol Service St Werburgh's

Friday 20th December 2019 10.00 am Advent Mass

Tuesday 21st January 2020 St Werburgh's All-day Retreat

Tuesday 4th February 2020 10.00 am St Werburgh's Feast Day Mass

Wednesday 26th February 2020 10.00 am Ash Wednesday Service

Tuesday 31st March 2020 10.00 am Lent Reconciliation Service

Friday 3rd April 2020 10.00 am Lent Mass

Monday 29th June 2020 Thanksgiving/SS Peter & Paul Mass

Friday 17th July 2020 10.00 am End of year/leavers' Mass



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MASSES

Tuesday 10th September 2019

9.45 am, 11.00 am, 12.00 noon

Start of Year Masses

Tuesday 15th October 2019 6.30 pm Year 7 Welcome Mass



UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER
Meeting, Events and Services

Freshers' Arrival Day
Sunday 22nd September 2019

University Welcome Service
Wednesday 25th September 2019 5.30 pm University Chapel

Outside Organisations' Freshers' Fair
Wednesday 25th September 2019 12.00 noon - 3.00 pm

University Societies' Freshers' Fair
Friday 27th September 2019 12.00 noon - 3.00 pm

Walk around City Walls for new students
Wednesday 2nd October 2019 2.00 pm Chaplaincy House

University Dedication Service - all welcome
Wednesday 9th October 2019 5.30 pm University Chapel

Catholic University Chaplains NW Group
Thursday 14th November 2019 10.30 am - 3.00 pm St Werburgh's
This year we welcome to St Werburgh's all our
NW University Catholic Chaplains

Carol Service - all welcome
Wednesday 11th December 2019 7.00 pm
St Thomas of Canterbury

National Catholic Chaplains' Conference
Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th June 2020 Leeds

University Chapel Services
Mondays 1.05 pm **Mass**
September 2019 - June 2020 excluding Bank Holidays
(starts 9th September 2019). All welcome
Wednesdays 5.30 pm **Ecumenical Service** during Term Time



UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER CATHOLIC SOCIETY – CathSoc

Sundays after 6.00 pm Mass Parish House

All students welcome

Every Sunday after 6.00 pm Mass
from 29th September to 8th December 2019
(except 20th October 2019)

Starting again Sunday 12th January 2020

CathSoc Pilgrimage

This year, we will join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
end of July, beginning of August 2020



REFRESHMENTS AFTER MIDDAY MASS

Usually 3rd Wednesday of each month



18th September 2019

16th October 2019

20th November 2019



After four wonderful years, Denise is looking to hand over
Any volunteers welcome

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD

3rd Wednesday every other month 7.30 pm St Francis Church Hall
Commencing September 2019

CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

September - December 2019



Practices

19th & 26th September; 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th October;
7th *, 14th *, 21st & 28th November; 5th, 12th & 19th December

Note: The two practices marked * are for Confirmation
and will be held at St Clare's Church 7.30 pm

Special pieces planned for:

Friday 1st November 7.30 pm All Saints
Sundays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December Sundays of Advent
Tuesday 24th December 11.30 pm Carols & Midnight Mass

January – April 2020

Practices

9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th January; 13th, 20th & 27th February;
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March; 2nd & 30th April

Special pieces planned for:

Sunday 2nd February St Werburgh's Day
Wednesday 26th February 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday
Sundays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March Sundays of Lent
Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday
Thursday 9th - Saturday 11th April Easter Triduum

May – June 2020

Practices

7th & 14th May; 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th June

Special pieces planned for:

Thursday 21st May 7.30 pm Ascension
Sunday 7th June Trinity Sunday
Sunday 14th June Corpus Christi
Sunday 28th June SS Peter and Paul



CONCERTS, RECITALS AND DRAMA

“First Fridays” 7.30 pm

6th September 2019 Urszula Krukowski-Byzdra Cello

4th October 2019 Philip Chidell Violin

8th November 2019 Chester Cathedral Nave Choir (Note: 2nd Friday)

6th December 2019 Abbey Gate College

1st May 2020

5th June 2020

3rd July 2020

7th August 2020

4th September 2020

2nd October 2020

6th November 2020

4th December 2020



Other Events

Wednesday 11th December 2019 7.30 pm
M & S Bank Christmas Concert

Thursday 12th December 7.30 pm
Dee Ensemble and Friends

Saturday 21st December 2019 7.30 pm
Chester Bach Singers Christmas Concert

Saturday 7th March 2020 7.30 pm
Chester Bach Singers



MUSIC GROUP PRACTICE

Monday 7.00 pm

9th September 2019

14th October 2019

11th November 2019

(FHC Enrolment Mass 24th November)

9th December 2019

13th January 2020

10th February 2020

9th March 2020

30th March 2020

(Palm Sunday 5th April)

11th May 2020

8th June 2020

(FHC Celebration Mass 14th June)

13th July 2020



SECOND / SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

28th/29th September 2019 Clergy Education and Training Fund

7th/8th December 2019 SVP elderly and housebound Christmas lunch

14th/15th December 2019 Christmas flowers

Christmastide Crib collection for Caritas
(formerly the Diocesan Children's Society)

1st/2nd February 2020 Retired Priests' Fund

28th/29th March 2020 Easter flowers

16th/17th May 2020 SVP elderly and housebound Summer lunch

18th/19th July 2020 SVP holiday home

We are committed to only 8 second collections in any one year:

3 for SVP, 2 for seasonal flowers, 1 for church students,

1 for retired priests, and the annual mission appeal



ECUMENICAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Christleton Churches Together

Tuesday 17th September 2019 2.30 pm St James' Christleton

Tuesday 10th December 2019 1.30 pm St Werburgh's

Cheshire Church Leaders

Thursday 19th September 2019 12.00 noon

Oakhanger Methodist Church, Crewe

Cheshire Churches Together

Sunday 19th January 2020 3.30 pm Chester Cathedral

Speaker Lord Alton



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th – 25th January 2020



Christleton and Waverton Churches Together

January 2020 – visits to each others churches – watch for details

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March 2020 10.30 am St Mary's, Handbridge

Thy Kingdom Come

21st – 31st May 2020

Another opportunity for our churches to come together
in shared worship – watch for details

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

(Shrewsbury Diocesan Branch)

St Francis Church Hall - 2nd Monday of the month

January - March after Midday Mass

April - December 7.30 pm



New members always welcome

contact Marian Curtis on 01244 341307

CATHOLIC WOMEN
WITH A CATHOLIC
VOICE.
CARING WITH LOVE

For further information about
St Werburgh's Church visit our website at:

www.stwerburghchester.co.uk

Here you will find more about
our faith and our church

Our website also contains useful
information to help you plan and organise
a baptism, wedding or funeral
and our weekly newsletter with details
of all Mass and service times

You can also visit us on Facebook

Next Diary
Autumn 2020

If you have dates you would like to
include please get them to us in plenty of time

