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## **SAFEGUARDING**

Update report and handout to Parish at all Masses  
Saturday/Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Our Safeguarding Representatives are:

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## **CATHOLIC ENQUIRY COURSE**

**7.00 pm Parish House**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024





### ANNUAL PARISH SOCIAL

St Werburgh's Parish Centre  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 7.00 pm



### FATHER PAUL ANNUAL HOLIDAY 2024

17<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> August inclusive



### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday 10.30 am

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

20<sup>th</sup> May 2024



### LITURGY GROUP

(All welcome)

Thursday 7.00 pm Parish House  
(Following choir practice)

26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

21<sup>st</sup> March 2024



### CATENIANS EVENTS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 12.00 noon St Werburgh's  
Mass for Deceased Members

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 10.45 am St Werburgh's  
President's Mass

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 7.30 pm St Werburgh's  
Mass for St John Plessington

### HMP BERWYN

Mass for Prisoners and Staff

**Saturday 10.00 am**

9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

28<sup>th</sup> October 2023

18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dates for 2024 TBC

Fr Neill will take confessions at St Werburgh's



### READERS REVIEW / REFRESHER SESSIONS

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7.00 pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 11.00 am

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 7.00 pm

Every Reader, including Rowton, must attend one of the sessions

The  
Word  
of God



**HOUSE MASSES**

**Email Fr Paul for Venue**

**Parish**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 12.00 noon

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7.00 pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 12.00 noon

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 12.00 noon

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 7.00 pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.00 pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 12.00 noon

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7.00 pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 7.00 pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 12.00 noon

**Tattenhall**

**Thursday 10.30 am**

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

11<sup>th</sup> April 2024

9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAYS**

**Saturday 10.30 am - 4.30 pm Parish House**



23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

25<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## **PARISH RENEWAL STEERING GROUP**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 9.30 am Parish House**

Meeting inviting Liz Aiello

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 7.00 pm St Werburgh's Church**

Meeting with Youth volunteers and Liz Aiello

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Deadline for submission of art entries

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7.00 pm St Werburgh's Church**

Launch Youth Focus

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 2.30 pm St Werburgh's Church**

Welcome Back Mass

For those recently Baptised, Confirmed or Married

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 7.00 pm St Werburgh's Church**

Advent Service - All Welcome



### **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 All Saints  
(Mass Times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm, 7.30 pm)  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 The Birth of Our Lord  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Epiphany  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Ascension  
(Mass Times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm, 7.30 pm)  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 Corpus Christi  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 SS Peter and Paul  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **OTHER FEAST DAYS**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 All Souls  
(Mass times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm)  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Ash Wednesday  
(Mass times 7.30 am, 12.15 pm, 7.30 pm)  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Easter Sunday  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Pentecost

### **PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**7.00 pm**

Advent: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Lent: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **ADVENT PREPARATION REFLECTION**

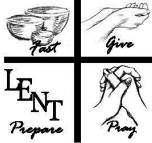
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 9.30 am - 12.00 noon

St Werburgh's Church

## LENT DEVOTIONS

Friday 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

(Church will remain open until 9.00 pm)



16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



## HOLY WEEK READERS

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Parish House



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



## NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.30 pm

Mass for the Recently Bereaved

Blessing of Graves

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Blacon

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Overleigh (old side)

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Overleigh (new side)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.30 pm Mass of the Holy Souls

(For all those whose names have been  
inscribed in our Holy Souls Book)



### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS REVIEW SESSIONS**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 2.00 pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 7.00 pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 10.00 am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 10.00 am



### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Contact Gerry Tighe for information

Tel: 01244 319353 or email: [g.tighe@btinternet.com](mailto:g.tighe@btinternet.com)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023 10.00 am St Stephen's Day Mass  
Enrolment of new altar servers into the Guild of St Stephen



### **DEANERY CONFERENCE**

Chester and Ellesmere Port Deanery

**Thursdays 10.30 am St Werburgh's**

26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

29<sup>th</sup> February 20124



## FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME

*I'm  
Sorry!*

### The Sacrament of Forgiveness

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 6.30 pm Parish House  
Introductory meeting just for parents whose children  
are not at our Primary School

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 20.23 6.30 pm Parish House  
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.00 pm Primary School  
Baptismal Service and introductory meeting for all parents

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.00 pm Primary School  
Refresher evening for parents (discussion and information about  
First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion)  
This meeting is optional

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 10.00 am St Werburgh's Church  
Enrolment Mass for all children and their families

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 6.30 pm Parish House  
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 6.30 pm Parish House  
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7.00 pm Primary School  
Parents' meeting - The Sacrament of Forgiveness

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

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 10.00 am & 11.00 am  
St Werburgh's Church

***Children receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness***

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 6.30 pm Parish House  
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.00 pm Primary School  
Parents' meeting - First Holy Communion information

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion *continued***

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 6.30 pm St Werburgh's Church  
Commentary Mass for all children and their families

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 6.30 pm Parish House  
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 6.30 pm Parish House  
Meeting for parents and children not at our Primary School

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024*  
***Children receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion***

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 10.45 am St Werburgh's Church  
Parish First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass



**CONFIRMATION**

In 2024 this will be organised by and take place in the  
Parish of St Columba's and St Theresa's.

In 2025 it will be organised by St Werburgh's.  
Watch for publicity when it becomes available.

Candidates are welcome to join with either group



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### Parish Meetings Parish House

Monthly: Usually the last Wednesday at 6.00 pm

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



### Events

#### Autumn Welcome Mass

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 2.30 pm Primary School

#### Healing Mass

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 2.30 pm St Werburgh's Church

#### Nursing Home Remembrance Day Service

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 10.30 am Grosvenor Villas  
(formerly Crawford's Walk)

#### Advent Reconciliation Service

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 10.30 am St Werburgh's Church

#### Afternoon Tea at Catholic High School

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 2.30 pm

#### Nursing Home Carols

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Grosvenor Villas am/Oaklands pm

#### Festive Party

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 2.00 pm Primary School

#### Afternoon Tea at Catholic High School

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 2.30 pm

#### Lent Reconciliation Service

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 10.30 am St Werburgh's Church

#### Spring Welcome Mass

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 2.30 pm Primary School

#### Summer Lunch

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 12.30 pm

#### Regional Fund Raisers

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 1.00 pm Sponsored Walk

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 7.30 pm Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight  
Holiday Home Theatre Night

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 7.30 pm St Columba's  
Holiday Home Music Night. Event to be confirmed

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES, SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS**

### **Primary School (except where indicated)**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 3.30 pm Mass Planning Meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 10.00 am Start of Year Mass

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 10.00 am Harvest Mass

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 10.00 am KS2 Mass St Werburgh's

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 7.00 pm Carol Service St Werburgh's

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 10.00 am Advent Mass

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 All-day Retreat St Werburgh's

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 10.00 am St Werburgh's Feast Day Mass

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 10.00 am Ash Wednesday Service

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10.00 am Lent Reconciliation Service

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10.00 am Lent Mass

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 All-day Retreat St Columba's Church Hall

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 St Columba's Feast Day Mass

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 10.00 am End of Year/Leavers' Mass



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MASSES, SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 9.45 am, 11.00 am, 12.00 noon  
Start of Year Masses

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 6.00 pm -8.00 pm Open Evening

Friday 1.05 pm during term-time Lunchtime Mass

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 6.30 pm Year 7 Welcome Mass

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 6.30 pm Carol Service

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 9.45 am & 12.05 pm  
Reconciliation Service



**UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER LUNCHTIME MASS**

**University Chapel**

Mondays 1.10 pm

September 2023 - June 2024 excluding Bank Holidays  
(Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023). All welcome

**NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINS MEETING**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 10.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Liverpool Hope University



**UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER CATHOLIC SOCIETY – CathSoc**  
**Sundays during term-time after 6.00 pm Mass Parish House**



All students welcome



**Autumn Term 2023 Events (provisional)**

- 24<sup>th</sup> September Quiz Night
- 1<sup>st</sup> October Theological Debate Night
- 8<sup>th</sup> October Movie Night at the Storyhouse
- 15<sup>th</sup> October Great CathSoc Bake-off
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October Planting Flowers
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Murder Mystery Party
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Bonfire Night
- 12<sup>th</sup> November City Walls Walk
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Mastermind
- 26<sup>th</sup> November Visiting Charity Talk - Mary's Meals
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December Advent Calendars
- 10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Meal

**PARISH HISTORY GROUP**

**Wednesday 6.00 pm Parish House**  
*(except where indicated)*

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Lunch meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- December 2023 No meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024
- 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm  
(except where indicated)



September - December 2023

### Practices

14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September; 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October;  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November;

7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm\*, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm\* & 21<sup>st</sup> December

### *Special pieces planned for:*

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30 pm All Saints

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.00 am & 10.45 am Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9.00 am & 10.45 am Christ the King

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 pm Carols & Midnight Mass

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## January – March 2024

### Practices

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> January; 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> February;

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm\*, 21<sup>st</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm\* March;

### *Special pieces planned for:*

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 am & 10.45 am Palm Sunday

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Triduum

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## April – June 2024

### Practices

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June

### *Special pieces planned for:*

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Ascension

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 am & 10.45 am Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9.00 am & 10.45 am Corpus Christi

**Note:** Practices marked \* are additional for Christmas and Easter



## CONCERTS AND RECITALS

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 4.00 pm  
Norwegian Choir

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7.30 pm  
Advent Singers (Stuart Smith)  
(Rehearsal Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm )

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 3.00 pm  
Chester Bach Singers  
(Rehearsal Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.45 pm  
Chester Cathedral Nave Choir Remembrance Concert

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 3.00 pm  
Chester Bach Singers Christmas Concert  
(Rehearsal Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 3.00 pm  
Dee Ensemble  
(Rehearsal Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm)

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Evening  
Chester Bach Singers Handel's Messiah  
(Rehearsals Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.15 pm  
& Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 12.00 noon-4.00 pm)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Evening  
Chester Bach Singers



## HOSPITAL MASSES

Thursday 12.15 pm

### Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel

7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Fr Paul  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Fr Bernard  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 Fr Jinson  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Fr Desmond  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Fr William  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 Fr Paul  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Fr Bernard  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Fr Jinson

## SECOND / SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Clergy Education and Training Fund

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 SVP Christmas support

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Christmas flowers

Christmastide Crib collection for Caritas

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Retired Priests' Fund

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Easter flowers

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 SVP Summer support

We are committed to only 7 second collections in any one year:

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

1 for retired priests, and the annual mission appeal





## ECUMENICAL EVENTS

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### **World Day of Prayer**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 10.30 am St Werburgh's Church

Service prepared by Christian women in Palestine.  
Theme: 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### **Meetings**

St Columba's Church, Newman Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 2.00 pm

New members always welcome  
contact Marian Curtis on 01244 341307

CATHOLIC WOMEN  
WITH A CATHOLIC  
VOICE.  
CARING WITH LOVE



### **Holy Souls Mass**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 St Werburgh's Church  
Followed by shared table lunch in the Parish House

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

[www.stwerburghchester.co.uk](http://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 2024

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

