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All Saints (Year A) — 1st November 2026

If you wish to make a donation — Sort Code: 30-15-52, Account Number: 54579560

Readings

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

Masses & Services

Sat 31 — *Ferial*
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Kate Hughes RIP

Sun 1 — *All Saints*
9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Mon 2 — *All Souls*
Note No Mass

Tue 3 — *St Winefride, V, Secondary Patron of the Diocese*
6.00pm Adoration
6.30pm Confession
7.00pm Mass: Ann Fletcher

Wed 4 — *St Charles Borromeo, B*
9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: Davies Family RIP

Thu 5 — *Ferial*
Note No Mass

Fri 6 — *Ferial*
Note Day of abstinence from meat
Note No Mass

Sat 7 — *Ferial*
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Rocks Family RIP

Sun 8 — *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and Housebound

Including: Nina Clayton, Joanne Grainger, Rosemary Roberts, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies, Andrea Burns, and Tricia Cannon.

If anyone is in need of a visit or Holy Communion, please let Fr Patrick know.

Pray for the Departed on Their Anniversaries

John Doran, Lil McLoughlin, Thomas Hamer, Bart Bradshaw, Percy Victor Kelly, and Marie Howard.

Message from Fr Patrick

The month of November is traditionally a month of prayer for the holy souls in Purgatory. We begin the month with the joy of the Solemnity of All Saints. It will be great to welcome school to Mass on Wednesday.

On a separate note, if one is struggling following a recent bereavement, the Hospice of the Good Shepherd can be contacted at 01244 851091 they offer support with bereavement.

On a different note, please be mindful that permanent installations require approval from the diocese, as well as health and safety reviews. Please refrain from altering the fabric of buildings used communally. Fr Patrick

St Clare's SVP Conference

Support for the vulnerable and those in need continues. This Saturday, the last family will enjoy a holiday in our Holiday Home. It's a family supported by St. Werburgh's conference. We will have had 31 of the 32 available weeks occupied, making this our best season in the last decade. Please keep those in need in your thoughts, and let us know about anyone who needs help. God bless, Steve.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

This week, the proceeds go to the parish funds, and next week, they go to CAFOD.

Foodbank Donations

Please continue to bring items in and place them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the warehouse when the trolley fills.

Regards, Steve.

Children's Rosary Group

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3 November. We will celebrate the second anniversary of our Children's Rosary group with a party afterward. The Children's Rosary helps children grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. This is done through prayer groups where the children lead the Rosary. "The Rosary is a spiritual sword made by God" (Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC, the Marians' vice provincial and vocations director). Children of any age are welcome to join us.

Choir Singers Needed

Would you like to help worship our Lord and give Him glory through music? Our choir would love to welcome some new voices. You do not need an amazing voice or any choir experience, just a love of singing and a desire to serve the Lord.

If you are interested, please give Fr Patrick your number, and we will add you to the WhatsApp group.

CHS Sixth Form Open Evening

Date: Thursday 12 November, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Arrivals from 5:45 p.m.

Year 11 students and their families are warmly invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Join us to discover the courses we offer and meet subject teachers. Explore Emmaus, our purpose-built Sixth Form building, and learn more about the application process and key dates. We look forward to welcoming you!

CHS Christmas Fair and Grotto

The High School will once again host its popular Christmas Fair and Grotto on Monday, 14 December, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in support of the Christo Fidelis Fund. Entry is just £1 per person.

If you would like to run a stall at the fair, tables are available to hire for £10. To reserve a table, please contact Sally Faulkner at faulkners@christofidelis.org.uk.

We are also gratefully accepting donations for our raffle, including unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, and other suitable prizes. Donations can be dropped off at the school reception.

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is recruiting for two roles:

Parish Cleaner, St Werburgh's, Chester

10 hours per week at £13.45 per hour. Further details: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers/parish-cleaner-stwerburgh. Please send a CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch. Closing date: 13 November, 2026.

Fundraising and Planned Giving Manager

Full-time position with a competitive salary, commensurate with experience. Further details are available on the diocesan website. Please contact Pauline McCulloch for an application form. Closing date: 27 November, 2026.

Pauline McCulloch:
recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ProFamily Coming to Chester

ProFamily supports families through talks and local groups that bring couples and parents together in a practical way. These gatherings help families share ideas and encouragement as they face the challenges of modern life.

If you are interested in the upcoming talks, please join the WhatsApp group using the QR code on the flyer on the notice board at the back of the church. The next event will be on 28 November, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The talks are free. If you have any questions, speak to Conor and Francesca, pick up a flyer, and visit theprofamilyfoundation.com.

Sunday Music

807 Praise my soul
529 Glory to God
(**710**) Celtic Alleluia
814 Blest are they
553 Holy Holy
554a We proclaim
555 Amen
591 Lamb of God
816 The Kingdom

["*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*" was set to John Goss's famous 1868 tune *Lauda Anima,* it was written by Henry F Lyte in 1834 and is a poetic paraphrase of Psalm 103 (t is widely celebrated as one of the finest Victorian hymn tunes due to its dignity and satisfying harmonic structure for congregational singing). "*Blest are they*" was written and composed by David Haas in 1985. "*The Kingdom of Heaven*" was written by Mike Anderson in 1999.]

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Email newsletter@stclares.co.uk to request to be added to the list. We will send this newsletter weekly, and occasionally some mid-week updates. To include a news item, please send it there by midday Wednesday.

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