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NEWSLETTER

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THE MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASS
SATURDAY 6.30 pm

SUNDAY
8.00 am
(at The Benedictine Abbey)
10.00 am
(Church)

MASS IN POLISH
5.00 pm

WEEKDAYS
12 noon
On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 9.00 am at the Benedictine Abbey.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Friday:
11.00 am – 12 noon
Saturday:
11.00 am – 12 noon
6.00pm – 6.30pm
Sunday:
4.00 pm – 5.00pm

ADORATION
Friday and Saturday:
11.00 am – 12 noon
Sunday:
4.00pm – 5.00pm

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31 ; Psalm 127; Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

This Sunday, for the first time, we celebrate Stewardship Sunday: a chance to recognise that everything we have – our life, time, talents and possessions – is a gift from God. We are not owners, but stewards, entrusted to use these gifts wisely and generously.

In the parable of the talents, Jesus reminds us that God does not expect everyone to give the same amount. He invites each of us to be faithful with what we have received. Stewardship begins with gratitude and becomes an act of worship.

Thank you to everyone who supports St Francis' through prayer, volunteering and financial giving. Your generosity makes possible our worship, ministry to families, faith formation and care for our church. Our mission is not simply to maintain a building, but to help people encounter Jesus Christ and grow as His disciples.

During Mass, you are invited to complete a Stewardship card, prayerfully considering your next step: beginning to give, giving regularly, continuing your present commitment or increasing it where possible. No one should give more than they can afford.

Let us give thanks to God, the giver of every good gift.

Pope Leo's prayer intention in November

For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

STAY UPDATED WITH OUR PARISH NEWS!

If you would like to stay informed about current parish matters and receive our newsletter directly on your phone, join our parish WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code.

SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ronald Keating. For any safeguarding concerns, please contact us on 01244 351331 or email stfrancis.chester@gmail.com.

Further information is available on the Diocese of Shrewsbury website: https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/department/safeguarding

Do you want to experience the Church more deeply?

If you feel a desire to grow closer to Jesus, understand the teachings of the Church, and take a fuller part in parish life, we warmly invite you to join Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

RCIA is for:
• adults who are not baptised
• Christians from other traditions seeking full communion
• Catholics who have not yet received Confirmation or Eucharist
• anyone wishing to deepen their faith

If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith, it's not too late to join. New participants are always welcome!

Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

If you would like to join, please complete the form: https://forms.gle/MppDcgNEKkvCik7x5

COME AND SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

You are warmly invited to spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration in St Francis' Church:
Friday & Saturday: **11.00 am–12 noon**
Sunday: **4.00–5.00 pm**
Confessions are also available during these times.

Every **Thursday, 6.30–7.30 pm**, we also gather for Adoration in the **Friars' Choir**, with prayer in English and time for silence. **Entrance through the green door from the car park.**

Come for a few minutes or stay for the whole hour. **Be still, rest in God's presence, and let Him speak to your heart.**

NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

The Life of Mary

Discover the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in this new book written by Br. Francis Maple. A wonderful opportunity to reflect more deeply on Mary's life and her special place in our faith.

Now on sale in our Parish Repository
Price: £10

Confirmation – Our Journey of Faith Continues

On Wednesday 11 November, young people from across Chester Deanery, including members of our parish, received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Mark Davies at St Columba's Church.
We warmly congratulate them and keep them in our prayers!

Confirmation is not the end of the journey, but a new beginning.

Our youth group continues to meet every Saturday at 5pm, welcoming both those who have been confirmed and those still preparing.

All young people are warmly welcome!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – TODAY, 15 NOVEMBER

Our Parish, Our Mission, Our Future

St Francis is more than a church building – it is our spiritual home, our community and our shared mission. And its future belongs to all of us.

Today, we celebrate Stewardship Sunday for the first time. Inspired by the Parable of the Talents, we reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to us – our time, talents and resources – and how we can use them to build a welcoming, vibrant parish where people encounter Jesus Christ and grow in faith.

We warmly invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after today's 10am Mass!
Come and discover what is happening at St Francis, hear about our plans and hopes for the coming year, and learn how our parish is funded. We, explain where your donations g and discuss the challenges ahead, including essential church repairs.
But this is much more than a financial meeting.
It is an opportunity to have your say, ask questions, share ideas and help shape the future of our parish. Every voice matters, and everyone is welcome.

The same meeting will be held in Polish after today's 5pm Mass.

Whether you have worshipped at St Francis for decades or have only recently joined us, **this is your parish, and your presence makes a difference.**
Please come along – we would love to see you there!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Every Saturday at St Francis

5:00 pm – Children & Youth Groups
Two groups: up to Year 6 and Year 7+. Games, activities, prayer, faith formation and friendship, including preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

6:30 pm – Saturday Vigil Mass
Families are warmly invited to celebrate Mass together. Little Church is available for younger children.

Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Throughout **November**, we remember and pray for all our beloved dead. You are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones on the **November Dead List** and place them in the box at the back of the church. Blank forms are available on the tables.

The **Capuchin friars** will celebrate **Mass every day in November** for all those whose names are included.

You may also submit names by email at **stfrancis.chester@gmail.com**, and donations can be made via the **Dona terminal (HOLY SOULS)** at the church or through our parish webpage:
👉 https://donate.mydona.com/capuchin-friars-gb-chester/fund/holy-souls-23081

Thank you for joining us in this **month of prayer, remembrance, and hope**. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Collection
8th November 2026
Collection: £ 257.03
Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 217.12
Contactless Card Terminal: £ 575

Thank you for your generosity.



Please let us remember our sick Parishioners in our prayers:

Terry Halpin, Barbara Edwards, Margaret Davis, Hilary Linty, Patrick Hannah, Elaine Bruce, Christopher Browne, Gill Wright, Emma Noble, Colette Lazenby, Rita James, Peter Mooney, Andrea Burns and Brid Pôl

MASS INTENTIONS
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDIINARY TIME
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

Vigil Mass **Saturday 14th November**	**6.30 pm (Church):**	**Holy Souls**
Sunday 15th November		
	8.00 am (*Benedictine Abbey*):	**Sisters' intention**
	10.00 am (Church): (English):	**Parishioners**
Polish Mass:	**5.00 noon (Church) – (Polish):**	**Holy Souls**
Monday 16th November	**ST. GERTRUDE (c 1256-1302)** **12.00 noon (Church)**	**Holy Souls**
Tuesday 17th November	**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY (1207-1231)** **12.00 noon (Church):**	**Holy Souls**
Wednesday 18th November	**THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILLICAS OF SS. PETER AND PAUL** **9.00am (Benedictine Abbey)** **12.00 noon (Church):**	**Friars and Benefactors** **Holy Souls**
Thursday 19th November	**12.00 noon (Church)**	**Holy Souls**
Friday 20th November	**12.00 noon (Church):**	**Holy Souls**
Saturday 21st November **Holy Souls**	**PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** **12.00 noon (Church):** **6:30pm (Church)**	**Joe and Teresa and Myra** **Holy Souls**



Prayers are requested for Anniversaries which occur this week. May they rest in peace

15.11 Sarah Nevin (2001) – Mabel Beatrice Crossley (1996)
16.11 Gladys Delander (2000) – Andrew Thomas Sanchez (1997)
18.11 Christina North (2019) – William Slater (2002)
19.11 Peter Winder (2016) – Nell Tobin (2005)
21.11 Derek Anthony Wright (1952)