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1st November 2026 – All Saints

CYCLE OF CATECHESIS – JUBILEE 2025: JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE. IV. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST AND THE CHALLENGES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD. 5. EASTER SPIRITUALITY AND INTEGRAL ECOLOGY.

Paradise is not lost, but found again. In this way, the death and resurrection of Jesus are the foundation of a spirituality of integral ecology, outside of which the words of faith have no hold on reality and the words of science remain outside the heart. "Ecological culture cannot be reduced to a series of urgent and partial responses to the immediate problems of pollution, environmental decay and the depletion of natural resources. There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational programme, a lifestyle and a spirituality which together generate resistance" (Laudato si', 111).

For this reason, we speak of an ecological conversion, which Christians cannot separate from the reversal of course that Jesus asks of them. A sign of this is Mary's turning around on that Easter morning: only by conversion after conversion do we pass through that vale of tears to the new Jerusalem. This passage, which begins in the heart and is spiritual, changes history, engages us publicly, and activates solidarity that now protects people and creatures from the longings of wolves, in the name and power of the Lamb-Shepherd.

In this way, the sons and daughters of the Church can now meet millions of young people and other men and women of good will who have heard the cry of the poor and the earth, letting it touch their hearts. There are also many people who desire, through a more direct relationship with creation, a new harmony that will lead them beyond so many divisions. On the other hand, still "the heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (Ps 18:1-4).

May the Spirit give us the ability to listen to the voice of those who have no voice. We will see, then, what the eyes do not yet see: that garden, or Paradise, which we will only reach by welcoming and fulfilling our own task.

OUR PARISH VISION & MISSION

We are a warm & welcoming community of faith rooted in the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Belonging is at the heart of what we do as members of the body of Christ. We believe worship is not just found in prayer; it is something expressed in everything we do.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2026

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 the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

MASSES FOR WEEK				
Sunday	**ALL SAINTS**	**9:30am** **11am**	People of the Parish Anna Coughlan	**SP** **OL**
Tea & Coffee are served after both Sunday Masses				
Monday	***Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed***	**7pm**	Annual Bereavement Mass	**OL**
Tuesday	*Saint Winefride*	**9:30am**	Deacon Bernard McConnell (Healing)	**OL**
Tea & Coffee are served in the Saint Joseph chapel after Mass on Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome!				
Wednesday	*Saint Charles Borromeo*	**9am**	Billy Boylan R.I.P. (Anniversary)	**OL**
Thursday	Ferial			
Friday	Ferial	**9:30am**	November Lists	**SP**
Saturday	Ferial			
Sunday	**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**9:30am** **11am**	People of the Parish Michael Christopher Coughlan R.I.P. (Anniversary)	**SP** **OL**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick

Stuart & Jackie, Samuel Adodo, Lily Baker, Michael Brown, Christopher Browne, Gerard & Paul Carey, Pat Cockran, Anna Coughlan, Teresa Denye, Fr Pat English, Chloe Fortune, Anne Gillet, Aidan Hampsen, Colin James, Rev. Bernard McConnell, Clare McElroy, Helen Ryan, Philip Smith, Michael Toner, Eileen & Julia Ward, Sarah & Gary Williams & Pat Wise.

Those who have died

Bernard Doherty, Thomas Dunne, Kerry Morgan & Mark Silcock

SAINT JOSEPH LAMP

The lamp burns for the intentions of Fr Alberto Clarke R.I.P. at Our Lady's and Bishop Brian Noble R.I.P. at Saint Pauls. Envelopes for intentions are at the back of each church, £5 donation.

PARISH

NOVEMBER LISTS – envelopes are available at the back of each church for people to place the names of deceased family & friends. When completed please place them in the baskets in front of the altars from now until the first Sunday of Advent. We will pray for them each day during November & Mass will be offered for all those on the lists each week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – we will begin preparation for First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion for those children who do not attend Catholic schools next Saturday (7th November) at 4pm in the presbytery at Our Lady's.

CONFIRMATION 2027 – We will be starting the preparation sessions for this year's confirmation programme for any young person who is in Y8 or above this Thursday (5th November) at 7pm in Our Lady's. Information cards with all the times & dates will be available in the next couple of weeks.

FLAYBRICK ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE will take place on Wednesday 11th November from 10:30 am around the Cross of Sacrifice. Children from four local schools will be giving readings during the event, and local clergy will lead the service.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – will be held in aid of Parish funds on Sunday 13th December after 11am Mass in Our Lady's. Tickets are £1 and are available to buy now. We would be grateful for donations of Spirits, Wine, Chocolates and Biscuits for raffle prizes. *Please put in the box at the back of Our Lady's church or the sacristy at Saint Pauls*. Many thanks for all your support and generosity.

BONUS BALL SCHEME – The winning number on Saturday 24th October was 13, congratulations to the winner from Saint Pauls. If you would like to join, a list of available numbers is at the back of each church or to continue, the next payment is due 29th November**.** Thank you for your continued support.

EASY FUNDRAISING – As you are shopping online, don't forget to use the Easy Fundraising especially when shopping for car, home or travel insurance! Thank you to everyone who has used it.

PARISH FINANCES	
Sunday 25th October 2026	To donate online, please scan the QR code.
Offertory £190.10 (Cash); £87.50 (Standing Orders)	
£30 (Card/Contactless/Web); Zambia/Caritas £9.00	
Thank you for your continuing generosity.	

JOB VACANCY

FUNDRAISING AND PLANNED GIVING MANAGER – A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Fundraising and Planned Giving Manager. Hours: Full time. Rate of pay: Competitive, commensurate with experience. Further details can be found via the Diocesan Website https://dioceseofshrewsb27ury.org/careers/fundraising-and-planned-giving-manager-2 Closing date: 27th November 2026. Please contact Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN (PRIEST OR LAY) – This is a unique opportunity to support women in custody and prison staff through spiritual leadership, pastoral care and ministry. Alongside providing faith-based care to Roman Catholic prisoners and staff, you will work collaboratively with colleagues to meet the pastoral needs of people of all faiths and none. Through your ministry, you will help create an environment where women can rediscover dignity, purpose and hope. We are looking for someone who is empathetic, resilient and committed to serving others with respect and integrity. This role provides an opportunity to live out your vocation in a setting where your faith and pastoral gifts can have a profound and lasting impact. This is a one day a week permanent 8 hours post. For info, please contact Managing Chaplain Jo Hirst at Joanna.hirst1@justice.gov.uk or 01625 553015. Closing date for applications is 26th November.

CHARITY

TESCO BAGS OF HELP – If you shop in Tesco Extra Bidston Moss then please use your blue tokens (available at the checkout) to support Saint Paul's school, they are hoping to get the money via the scheme for a new fruit fridge helping our children to continue to make healthy choices!

CARITAS & ZAMBIA CLINIC ANNUAL COLLECTION ENVELOPES – are at the back of both churches for collections starting from today.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – share the joy of Christmas with A CAFOD World Gift. A World Gift catalogue will be available at the back of each church from today.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – £146.60 was raised from the collection held on 4th October.

RED MISSIO BOX TO BE COLLECTED –Angela will collect any boxes in late November. Contact her on 07864336321 or leave in the sacristy at either church.

WIRRAL FOODBANK APPEAL – please see the '*Reverse Advent Calendar*' for the duration of November or for further details visit www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk . Donations can be left outside the Saint Joseph chapel at Our Lady's or in the sacristy at Saint Paul's.

For this year's Appeal we will be collecting at the 3 big Tesco Stores in Heswall, Bidston & Rock Ferry at the end of November. If you would like to volunteer, please see the posters at the back of each church for time slots.

STAMPS & GLASSES – These are donated to the RNIB to support their work with those suffering sight loss. There is a box at the back of each church for any used stamps or glasses you have.

USED TABLET BLISTER PACKS TO SUPPORT THE MARIE CURIE CHARITY – can be donated at each church but **PLEASE ENSURE THAT NO OTHER ITEMS ARE INCLUDED**.