

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## **Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025** **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday 21st July</b>		No Mass today	Weekday / St Lawrence of Brindisi
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Mary Magdalene (Feast)
<b>Wednesday 23rd July</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Bridget of Sweden (Feast)
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>  7.00pm	<b>Requiem Mass for Charlie Hill</b> Holy Hour	Weekday / St Sharbel Makhlof
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St James (Feast)
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	SS Joachim and Anne
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings this Week:** Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says: “remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them. This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ. (Source: Salford Liturgy)

### ***Mass Intentions Received:***

**Latently Dead:** Charles Hill, Bridget Devlin, Tony Smith & Frank Peduzzi.

**Anniversaries:** Maura O'Donoghue, Anthony Casey, Bridget McCann, James McCann, Mary O'Mahony, James O'Mahony, Charles & Gretta O'Sullivan & Maria Maher.

**Other:** Caroline Doherty (Special Intention) & Ashley Butterworth (Special Intention).

### ***Parish News and Events:***

**Changes to the Schedule this Week:** On Thursday, we will celebrate the funeral of Charlie Hill with a Requiem Mass at 9.30am. There will be no adoration before Mass on that day. There will also be no adoration on Saturday morning.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** As we prepare to travel to Lourdes at the end of the month all are invited to provide any prayer petitions to be taken to the grotto. Please write any intentions and place them in an envelope. Please do not include any money in the envelopes.

**Altar Serving:** Having received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion we would be delighted to welcome any of our young people who would like to join our team of altar servers. If anyone is interested please let us know by email and we will be in touch about some initial training.

**Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday):** Thank you for your support for last Sunday's collection which raised £432.

**Congratulations** and welcome to our parish family to Jack, who will be Baptised later today. Congratulations to David & Natalie, Mum and Dad.

**Our School** breaks up for the summer holidays this Tuesday. Fr Mark will celebrate a Leavers' Mass for year 6 and their parents in school on Tuesday afternoon. We wish our whole school community a safe summer break and look forward to continuing to support our Leavers as they continue their journey in life and in faith.

**Prayers for Peace and the Sanctity of Life:** Bishop John recently wrote to priests asking that parishes persevere in prayer for two particular causes: peace in our world and the sanctity of all human life. He reminded us of Pope Leo's call for peace, from the moment of his first appearance on the balcony at St Peter's and his words, "Today more than ever, humanity cries out and pleads for peace". With regard to the sanctity of life Bishop John wrote, "Recent decisions in Parliament have inflicted a severe blow to our teaching and belief in the sanctity of human life from conception to its natural end. Legislation concerning abortion and assisted dying are considered rushed, ill-considered and fraught with negative impact on both the vulnerable and healthcare workers."

In response, while encouraging all to pray consistently for these intentions, we will dedicate a Holy Hour to each cause over the coming weeks. On **Thursday July 24th** we will hold a special Holy Hour at **7pm**, with adoration and benediction dedicated to prayers for peace. On **Thursday 21st August** also at **7pm** we will dedicate a Holy Hour to the intention of the Sanctity of Human Life. Please join us for at least some of the time of prayer on those occasions.

**Summer Film Series: A Summer with C.S. Lewis:** Come to enjoy three films based on the life and work of C.S. Lewis this summer in the Kavanagh Centre. On **Tuesday 12th August** we will start with **The Most Reluctant Convert** which tells the story of Lewis's conversion from atheism to Christianity; on **Tuesday 19th August** we will watch **Shadowlands**, the moving story of his love for Joy Gresham; and on **Tuesday 26th August** we will conclude the series with **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, the children's fantasy laced with Christian allegory. Each film will begin at **7pm**. All welcome!

**Sacramental Programme 2025 to 2026:** We are looking to get an early sense of numbers for next year's Sacramental Programme (preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) to help with our planning. As this year, the programme will be run from the church and led by teams of catechists. If your child is in year 3 or above, is baptised and has not yet made their First Holy Communion they are eligible to take part. Please email Mary Ward in the office to register your interest (stwinifredstockport@gmail.com). More information will be forthcoming.

If you are interested in supporting the programme as a catechist, no experience is necessary and it is a great way to contribute to parish life and be supported by the friendship and community of a great team. We also found this year that it would be helpful for others to be involved – perhaps there are some who don't want to be a catechist but would like to help in other ways: e.g. sourcing refreshments, helping to arrange the room in the Kavanagh Centre before and after the sessions. All are welcome – please let Mary Ward or Fr Mark know.

**Local Charities:** Every once in a while, a notice appears in the newsletter about a local charity: the Foodbank, Wellspring, Cornerstone etc. And our parishioners support each by responding to the need. In July and August the collection will be for the local Foodbank. For those who are unfamiliar with the Foodbank it is based in St Martin's Church, Heaton Norris and run by volunteers. It is part of Stockport Foodbanks which is run by the Trussel Trust, an anti-poverty charity. There are 5 foodbanks in Stockport in all. St Martin's is open on Monday and Thursday afternoons and the others on different days. St Winifred's started to support the foodbank around 2011 and it moved into its present location in 2012. It is a very welcoming place and people are always greeted with a smile. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served while the clients discuss their needs.

While there are food collection points in many supermarkets now, our focus is on collecting food and items which they need urgently. **The foodbank is now in urgent need of:** rice pudding, sponge puddings, tinned vegetables (sweetcorn, peas, carrots), tinned fruit, small jars of coffee, baby wipes, toothpaste and shampoo. As you know the call for food parcels rises during school holidays when children can't have a hot meal at school. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

## ***Other News and Events of Interest:***

**The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children** has launched a campaign to respond to the legislation passed in June when MPs voted first to allow women to abort their baby up to birth for any reason and then to legalise assisted suicide. They are seeking to build a critical Mass of people who oppose this legislation. As a first step they ask that we fill in one of the postcards available from the back of church and return it to them directly or to the parish office to be sent with others.

**Certificate in Catholic Pastoral Leadership:** Are you involved in any form of ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more or would like to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? Liverpool Hope University has partnered with several Catholic dioceses, including the Diocese of Salford, to help people gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You can follow the two-year course online and also opt to take this course as a postgraduate certificate. To find out more, please email [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk).

**Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass:** St Patrick's church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester - next Sunday, Sunday 27th July 2025, at 5.30pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John, along with clergy from the diocese, with music from our wonderful Lourdes Choir.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Prayer for the Sanctity of Life:** On Saturday 2nd August, Catholics around the country will be heading to Walsingham this August to pray and reflect on the sanctity of life led by Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley. For more information please visit <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>