

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 27th July 2025 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 27th July	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 28th July		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 29th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Wednesday 30th July	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday / St Peter Chrysologus
Thursday 31st July	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Ignatius Loyola
Friday 1st August	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori
Saturday 2nd August	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday / St Eusebius of Vercelli & St Peter Julian Eymard
Sunday 3rd August	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do! The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope. (Source: Salford Liturgy)

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Charlie Hill, Bridie Devlin & Thomas Penny.

Anniversaries: Monica Hartley, Charles & Gretta O'Sullivan, Mona Maher, Anthony Wardle, Fiona Kerins & John James Ward.

Other: Ena Masterson (90th Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule: There will be no adoration from Wednesday morning until Friday 8th August when we will return to the usual schedule.

Mission Appeal Next Weekend: Next Sunday we welcome Fr John Boles, a Columban Missionary, to make an appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries. Rooted in their mission to foster justice, peace, and care for creation, the Columban Mission Appeal highlights the global efforts of the missionaries. By partnering with local parishes they hope to inspire and mobilise support for their work in countries all over the world. No doubt Fr John has had a fascinating and varied life as a priest and missionary. Nearly all of his experience as a missionary has been in Peru where he spent 27 years but he is back to his roots this weekend: he's a local man and Stockport County fan! There will be a collection at the end of Mass next weekend to support the appeal and donations can also be made by using the card machine.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Our young pilgrims and rapidly ageing priest will embark on the coach to Lourdes on Wednesday. A few other parishioners will fly out the following day. The coach returns on August 7th. Please keep us in your prayers and all the Diocesan pilgrims as we will pray for all of our parishioners there. If you would like us to take any prayer petitions to the grotto on your behalf, please write them and place them in an envelope. They can be placed in the baskets at Mass this weekend or through the door of the presbytery before Tuesday evening. Please do not include any money in the envelopes. Thank you for all of the financial support that has made the pilgrimage possible for our young pilgrims.

Congratulations and welcome to our parish family to Maeve, who will be Baptised later today. Congratulations to Laura & Sam, Mum and Dad.

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.

Altar Serving: 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.

Foodbank: 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.

Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass: St Patrick's church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester today 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/>

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage: There are just a few places left for our Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage, taking place on Thursday 25 September. Organised in partnership with the Columban Missionaries of Britain, this nine-mile walking pilgrimage invites you to spend the day in prayer and reflection on the beauty of God's creation and how we are called to care for the world and each other. The day begins with a short prayer service at the Laudato Si' Centre and ends with Mass at the cathedral's temporary church. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/columban-pilgrimage-register/>

Jubilee for Social Justice Event (with free transport offer): The Caritas Social Action Network will be hosting a Jubilee of Social Justice for all those interested in Catholic social action. The event takes place on Saturday 20 September from 12noon at Liverpool Met Cathedral and will include Mass with Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool, followed by light lunch, a social action exhibition, and reflections from leaders in Catholic Social Action. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is providing a free coach for those from our diocese who are interested in attending. Find out more or book a place by visiting their website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/SocialJusticeJubilee

Outdoor Mass for Season of Creation: This September welcomes back the Season of Creation - a month-long campaign that invites us to reflect on our call to be loving stewards of God's creation. We invite you to join us in beginning this time of reflection with an outdoor Mass in the beautiful grounds of the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Mass takes place on Monday 1 September at 9.30am. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more or to register.

Family Forest Fun Mornings: Gather the family together to celebrate God's creation with Family Forest Fun Mornings at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Taking place between 10am-12.30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August, these sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/>