

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24th August 2025 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 24th August	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 25th August		No Mass today	Weekday/ St Louis
Tuesday 26th August	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God
Wednesday 27th August	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Monica
Thursday 28th August	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Augustine
Friday 29th August	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Saturday 30th August	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday / SS Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line & Margaret Ward
Sunday 31st August	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: It's probably a nightmare we all share - being locked out of the house, the sales, the big match, missing the train, the boat, the plane, whatever, and having to watch the crowds that have got inside, while we can do nothing. Complacency is what leaves us in this situation, and the Lord warns all who listen to him to be careful, taking nothing for granted, but making sure that we are (spiritually at least) like the people waiting with their sleeping bags and thermos flasks by the front door of the ticket office!
(Source: Salford Liturgy)

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Mary Newbould, Jimmy Forkin & Mary O'Donnell.

Anniversaries: Carmen Frezza, Shaun Mines, Desmond Burke, Thomas Morton, John Wilkinson, Chris Savery, Pat Neary & Tom Neary.

Other: Gerard Walsh (Special Intention) & Paula Newton (90th Birthday)

Parish News and Events:

Summer Film Series: A Summer with C.S. Lewis: The 3rd film based on the life and work of C.S. Lewis will be shown on **Tuesday 26th August** and 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! Every guest receives a free ice cream!

RCIA and Growing in Faith Together: In each of the past two years we have run a course for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). We will do the same again this year hoping to start towards the end of September. We intend to offer the course on Tuesday evenings. The course we offer, while designed to help people who are new to the faith, is also of great benefit to those who have always been Catholic but would like to reflect and think more deeply about our faith. Several parishioners have taken part in the programme on this basis and found it very helpful. All are welcome and encouraged to take part. Some people have already been in contact and expressed their desire to be part of the course. If you are interested please send an email to Fr Mark at stwinifredstockport@gmail.com to register.

Prayers for Peace and the Sanctity of Life: Thank you to those who were able to take part in our Holy Hours this summer for Peace and the Sanctity of Life. These issues remain of great concern – please continue to pray for them. At the Wednesday audience this week Pope Leo asked all the faithful to devote last Friday, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, to prayer and fasting for peace saying, “I invite all the faithful to devote the day of 22 August to fasting and prayer, imploring the Lord to grant us peace and justice, and to dry the tears of those who suffer as a result of the ongoing armed conflicts. Mary, Queen of Peace, intercede so that peoples may find the path to peace.” If you missed it Bishop John encourages us to dedicate a day this coming week to fast and pray for peace in our world.

Foodbank: Thank you for all your donations which are much needed and appreciated. Recently we were able to deliver 83kg of food thanks to a very generous donor who supplied about half of that. To give you an idea about the impact of all your gifts, the foodbank estimates 2kg of food to be the equivalent of one meal. The list of urgently required food is now rice pudding, tinned meat, tomatoes and soup, rice, bars of soap, toothpaste and cat food.

Exam Results: Congratulations to those in our congregation who received their exam results this month, whether it was A level or GCSE. Remember even if things did not go as planned, there is always a plan for us, sometimes hidden from view.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Stop assisted suicide - action needed! - The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *Easy Action* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. *Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!*

August Cemetery Masses: Southern Cemetery Mass: The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Cemetery Mass at Southern Cemetery - the first since before the pandemic - providing a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Join us at 12 noon on Monday 25th August outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in the cemetery. Seating will not be provided, so please bring a chair if you require one. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in St Ambrose Church. **Wardley Cemetery Mass:** On the same day, a Mass to remember loved ones who have died will be taking place at 11am on Monday 25th August (Bank Holiday) at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley.

Votive Mass for Feast of St Monica: The parish of St Mary's in Oswaldtwistle invites you to a special Votive Mass for the feast of St Monica on Wednesday 27th August at 7pm. The Mass will be followed with an opportunity to venerate a relic of St Monica and invoke her intercession for our families and loved ones. All are invited to join.

Jubilee of Youth: Our Jubilee of Jubilee series continues this August by following the journey of young adults of our diocese who travelled to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth. From radio broadcasts, to video reflections, and written articles, this month's resources invite you to journey with our young pilgrims as they learn more about discovering and sharing the hope of Christ throughout our pilgrimage of life. Begin reflecting with us today at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

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 20th September from 12noon at Liverpool Metropolitan 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

March for Life 2025: The Annual March for Life takes place in London on 6th September 2025 to raise awareness and protect unborn children and pregnant mothers. For more information or to book group travel visit their website: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>

Irish Charity Ceili / Disco – to be held on Sunday 31st August at St John's, Chorlton, M21 9DX from 4pm – 7pm. Proceeds to Cancer Research charity. Please contact John Morgan on 07900 002105 or email johnjosephmorgan@outlook.com for further information / tickets.