

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## **Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time – 31st August 2025** **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Sunday 31st August</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>		No Mass today	Weekday
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Gregory the Great
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday / St Cuthbert
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings this Week:** Humble behaviour is the mark of the Christian, as it always was the mark of someone “in favour with the Lord.” In the Gospel, we see Jesus watching the Pharisees: it’s almost amusing to picture them shuffling for the best places, the polite “after you” to put themselves in a better position. How would they have reacted to his teaching? They may well have remembered the passage we read from the Old Testament, and realised that Jesus was teaching the teachers something they should be well aware of.  
(Source: Salford Liturgy)

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

**Latently Dead:** Marsha Cleary & JJ Dolan.

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Harrison, Paul Moreton, Marjorie Moreton & Kitty Bellak.

**Other:** Frankie & Paul (Special Intention) & Gary Aspinall (Special Intention).

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

**Eucharistic Adoration During September:** Eucharistic Adoration before Mass during the week and on Saturday mornings has become a regular part of our parish life. Unfortunately we will not be able to provide adoration during the month of September. We will return to the practice in October. Where possible we will open the church before Mass for private prayer during this time. Wherever you are able to pray please continue to pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land. Please pray for all those who suffer because of the tragedy of war and all who risk their lives in war zones, especially medics, missionaries and Christian communities working to bring the love of Christ to lands torn apart by conflict. Please pray too for the Sanctity of all human life and the passing of laws in our country that protect the most vulnerable and respect the dignity of every human person.

**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](mailto:stwinifredstockport@gmail.com) to register (please note the email address in the newsletter last week contained a typo so if you have not received an acknowledgement, please resend your email).

**Sacramental Programme 2025-26:** If your child is baptised, aged 7 or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Communion for the first time they are eligible to take part in the Sacramental Programme. Parents of children at St Winifred's school have received a letter about the programme. If your child is not at St Winifred's school and you would like them to prepare to receive the Sacraments here please contact us by email on [stwinifredstockport@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredstockport@gmail.com).

**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.

**St Winifred's Church Monday Club:** After the summer break, the Monday Club will re-start on Monday 1st September. The Monday Club is always happy to welcome new members to their afternoons in the Parish Centre behind the Church from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Please come along if you are interested to join us for a chat and a game of bingo!

## ***Our School:***

Our children return to school this week after their summer holidays. We pray for them, for our families, teachers, staff and the whole school community and all that is in store for us this academic year.

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

**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>

**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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!*

**Taizé Service:** Tuesday, 2 September at 7.00pm. You are welcome to join the candlelit Taizé Service in September (and the first Tuesday of every month) at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1PL. This service is calm and meditative with Bible readings, prayers, reflections, and beautiful chants. Refreshments will be served after the service. For further information please contact: Margaret 0161 258 2698.

## **Annual Mass for the Deceased Members and Families of St. Gregory's Grammar School:**

The Annual Mass will be, once again, celebrated at St. Catherine's R.C. Church, Didsbury by former St. Gregory's pupil, Fr. Tom Connolly, on Saturday 6th September 2025 at 12 noon. There will be the usual social gathering after Mass in St. Catherine's Social Club.

**The Martyr-Saints of the North-West:** A priest of Salford Diocese will be leading a weekend of study exploring more about the Reformation-era martyrs of the North West. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen, who has recently published a book on the history of the diocese. The study weekend runs from 12-14th September at the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

**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<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/SocialJusticeJubilee)

**Irish Charity Ceili / Disco** – to be held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:johnjosephmorgan@outlook.com) for further information / tickets.