

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 14th September 2025 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 14th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday 15th September		No Mass today	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday 16th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	SS Cornelius and Cyprian
Wednesday 17th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Thursday 18th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Friday 19th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 20th September	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	SS Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and their companions.
Sunday 21st September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: Every few years today's feast coincides with a Sunday and so gives us the opportunity to reflect on the cross in our Sunday celebration of the Resurrection. It captures the heart of the Christian paradox: that an instrument of torture, an instrument used to impose power on the weak, would become the sign of hope generation after generation. The cross reminds us that nothing in this world can separate us from the love of God (cf. Romans 8:38) and for this reason it adorns our churches, our walls and even our jewellery.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Jim Smith, Noreen Wilson & Peter Jeon.

Anniversaries: Patrick Kildunne, Bill Matthews & Frank Lafferty.

Other: Florence Mannion (RIP, Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

Schedule Next Week: As previously explained we are unable to offer Adoration before Mass during the month of September. From Tuesday to Friday church will be open for private prayer from 8.45am for the next two weeks.

Congratulations: We are delighted to congratulate Darcy and TJ who got married in church on Saturday. We wish them well and look forward to supporting them with our friendship and prayers during their married life. As with all married couples they are a sign for us of Christ's love for the Church and we delight and are encouraged by their self-gift to one another.

Congratulations also to Arthur and Penny who will be baptised later today and to Neil and Natalie their Mum and Dad.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday and Education Sunday: Next Sunday, the third in September, is now known as **Evangelii Gaudium** Sunday (formerly known as Home Missions Sunday). There will be a second collection next Sunday to support the work of the Directorate of Mission at the Bishop's Conference. Today is Education Sunday and we pray for the Catholic Education Service.

Ordinations: On Saturday September 27th Transitional Deacons Paul Chisnall and Theo Sharrock will be ordained to the priesthood at St Luke's Church, Irlams o' th' Height. On that day the usual lunchtime Mass will

be at 9.30am with confessions available from 8.45. There will be no confessions or Mass that day at the usual Saturday times of 11am and 12pm.

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. All are welcome and encouraged to take part. If you are interested please send an email to Fr Mark at stwinifredstockport@gmail.com to register.

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.

Foodbank: This is the final week of our collection for the Foodbank until December. Thank you for your continuing generosity which last week amounted to 44.4kg.

Wellspring Harvest Appeal: Now we start our annual collection for Wellspring who support people affected by homelessness in Stockport. As part of their services they offer two hot meals a day, 7 days a week to hundreds of service users. They served over 75,000 meals in 2024 from their kitchen which is entirely volunteer run. Their wish list is tinned meat, corned beef, vegetables, tomatoes, beans and custard. Also, cereal, pasta, rice, coffee, tea bags, longlife milk and crisps. Advance notice: We'll be collecting clothing in November!

Macmillan Coffee Evening: Come and join us for a hot drink and a piece of cake in aid of the Macmillan Nurses. It will be held on **Tuesday, 23rd September** from **7.00pm – 9.00pm** in the Kavanagh Centre. Any donations of bottles, cakes or a raffle prize would be greatly appreciated. A box will be available in the Church porch for any donations. If you need further information please contact the organisers: Marian: 07462 650726 / Bernadette: 0161 442 5225. Please support if you can.

The Cafod Fast Day soup lunch is on **Tuesday, 7th October 12 - 1.30pm**. All welcome.

Scam Text: The Diocese of Salford has shared a warning about a scam text that has been circulated to some parishes in our diocese, purporting to be from the parish priest. Please be aware that this is not a genuine text. If you come across any such text, please do not engage with it and simply delete it from your inbox. If you are ever unsure about a text, call, or email from the parish, please call the parish office and we'd be happy to advise.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Jubilee for the Environment - This September, in conjunction with the Season of Creation, the Diocese are delighted to be continuing our Jubilee of Jubilees series with the Jubilee for the Environment. Our Environment Team has a range of resources and events to share with you over the coming weeks, which can be found here: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/> - these will be updated throughout the month.

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: There will be a special Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham at St Luke's Church (M6 7WR), in Salford, on Wednesday 24 September. Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop John, will begin at 7pm. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about next year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Food, Music, and Games with the SVP! On Saturday 27 September, the St. Vincent DePaul Society is holding a festival at All Saints Park on Oxford Road, beginning with Mass at 11am at St. Augustine's Church (M15 6BW). Everyone is invited to the celebrations, where there will be fun and games for the whole family! The SVP is a charity whose volunteers visit the lonely, feed the homeless, and provide help for those in need. Come down and see how faith is put into action!

Life in the Spirit Seminars: Discover more about what it means to live in the Holy Spirit with a series of seminars heading to Manchester this autumn. This series of Life in the Spirit Seminars will be taking place at Our Lady's Church, Moss Side, from Wednesday 24th September, 7.30pm-9.30pm. To find out more, please email ourladys@btinternet.com or call 0161 226 1730.