

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 21st September 2025 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 21st September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Evangelii Gaudium Sunday)
Monday 22nd September		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 23rd September	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina
Wednesday 24th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Our Lady of Walsingham
Thursday 25th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Friday 26th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 27th September	8.45am – 9.15am 9.30am	Confessions Holy Mass	St Vincent de Paul
Sunday 28th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: “Use money to win you friends,” is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today’s Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange – is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: “The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind...” Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies – to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding “friends in heaven”? (Source: *Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Patrick Smullen, Veronica Smith & Kieran Finbar Deasy.

Anniversaries: Kevin Drugan, Mary Kearney, Marie Furphy, Pauline Nowlan, Michael Clancy & Mary Mellor.

Other: Sergey & Tania Skodin (Special Intention) & Margaret Rix (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 this week. Please also note the change to the schedule next Saturday because of the ordinations (see note below)

Tea and Coffee after the 9am Mass Today: After the 9am Mass today, parishioners will be sharing tea and coffee if the weather holds out. Please join us for a hot drink by the Rosary Garden if you are able.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday): Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - celebrated today - calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is “I believe...” as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops’ Conference website - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>.

The second collection today is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

Ordinations: Next 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.

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 items 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, sugar 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 this **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. Cakes can be dropped off on the day at the Kavanagh Centre. They are also looking for helpers, if anyone can offer. Thank you.

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

Parish Environment Guide: Do you have a passion for caring for the environment? The Diocese has launched its Parish Environment Guide to help parishes be leaders in caring for our common resources. A full version can be downloaded here: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parish-Environment-Guide.pdf> and an "at a glance" version here: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Redacted-Parish-Guide.pdf>. If you feel inspired to be a leader or part of a team within our parish please let us know.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Mass for the Care of Creation: This Season of Creation, the Diocese of Salford and the Laudato Si' Centre are joining with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special Mass to pray for the future of our common home. Join us at 6pm on Thursday 25th September at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church as Bishop John celebrates the new Mass for the Care of Creation, approved by Pope Leo this summer. All are welcome to attend!

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!

Mass for Catechists: In celebration of our Jubilee for Catechists this October, we are holding a special Mass to pray for the catechists of our diocese. The Mass will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 15 October at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst. To help with planning, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you would like to attend.

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.