

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 28th September 2025 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 28th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 29th September		No Mass today	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Tuesday 30th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Jerome
Wednesday 1st October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Thursday 2nd October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	The Most Holy Guardian Angels
Friday 3rd October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Saturday 4th October	9.30am to 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St Francis of Assisi
Sunday 5th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: Following on from last week (“You cannot be the slave of both God and money”) we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility – the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people’s lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets – “They have Moses and the prophets...”, but they obviously haven’t listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: “...they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.” Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become! (Source: *Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Harold Thomas & Veronica Smith.

Anniversaries: Paddy Barrett, Joanna Murtough & Margaret Mary Sidwell.

Other: Mary Mannion (RIP, Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

New Priests for the Diocese: Congratulations to Fr Paul Chisnall and Fr Theo Sharrock who were ordained to the priesthood yesterday. Please pray for them as they begin their ministry and please pray that men will respond to God’s invitation to serve Him and His church in this privileged way.

Schedule this Week: We are pleased to be able to provide a period of Eucharistic Adoration again from Wednesday this week. It is so important that all we do is grounded in prayer. Please try to spend some time before the Lord for some of the 5 hours of Adoration that are offered here each week. Even if you are unable to stay for the whole time, why not pop in on the way to school or work, or spend some time alone or with family on Saturday mornings.

Month of the Rosary: October is a month especially dedicated to the Rosary. Pope Leo invited the faithful to pray the Rosary every day in October for peace. We will pray the rosary after each weekday Mass – Tuesday to Friday. Volunteers are welcome to lead.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop John: Bishop John has written to us this week with a pastoral letter providing an update on the Diocesan Synod. The letter will be read at our Masses and copies are available at the back of church.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - 3 October 2025 - This Family Fast Day (Friday, 3 October), CAFOD is highlighting its work with communities in Ethiopia facing climate challenges, where our donations fund vital water infrastructure projects. This is alongside CAFOD's continued response to urgent needs in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Sudan through trusted local Church partners. Your support enables the charity to provide practical assistance for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide. Further information about the Family Fast Day appeal and parish collection resources can be found at cafod.org.uk/parish. Please pray for the success of their endeavours.

As part of this fundraising, **The Cafod Fast Day** soup lunch is on **Tuesday, 7th October 12 - 1.30pm** in the Kavanagh Centre. All welcome.

Tea and Coffee after the 9am Mass Today: Following the positive response last week, a group of parishioners will once again be offering tea and coffee after the 9am Mass today, if the weather is fine. Please join us for a hot drink by the Rosary Garden if you are able (Donations are not necessary).

Wellspring Harvest Appeal: Wellspring is our current charity. Did you know that Wellspring is the only place in Stockport where people who are homeless can have a shower and get clean clothing? Their wish list is tinned meat, corned beef, vegetables, tomatoes, beans and custard. Also, cereal, pasta, rice, coffee, tea bags, long-life milk, sugar and crisps. Advance notice: We'll be collecting clothing in November!

Update on the Kavanagh Centre: A Committee of parishioners has been working away with Fr Mark to develop ways to make best use of the Kavanagh Centre. At the back of church today are copies of a summary document explaining as best we can the progress we have made since this time last year. It comes with an "appendix" showing the typical weekly use of the Kavanagh Centre from this month. If you have a wander into the centre today you will see the new colour scheme and you may notice one or two other improvements. With thanks to the Committee, chaired by Liz Jordan, for all the work they have put in and will continue to put in to help make the best of our resources for all of our benefit.

Baby Changing and "Binny Bins": Among the practical improvements to the Kavanagh Centre is the installation of a baby changing table in the disabled toilet. This will be available for use during Sunday Masses as well. We have also purchased "binny bins" which are for the disposal of sanitary waste and nappies. There are binny bins in all the toilets in the Kavanagh Centre as well as the toilet at the back of church.

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:

Taizé Service: On Tuesday, 7 October at 7:00 p.m. (and the first Tuesday of every month) at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1PL. For further information please contact: Margaret 0161 258 2698.

Forty Days for Life: A global prayer campaign for life runs from September 24th to November 2nd. To sign up for its Manchester location see here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/manchesteruk>.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026: The date for the Diocese's 2026 pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham is Saturday 2nd May, with the option to extend the pilgrimage with an overnight stay on Friday 1st May. You can now register your interest by calling the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209 or emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Volunteer Van Driver needed for Caritas Salford: Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is in urgent need of a volunteer van driver. Could you please spare a few hours to help them to transport donations in their electric van? Van drivers are vital to Caritas services supporting people experiencing poverty and homelessness and are essential to their day-to-day running. To find out more, please contact volunteer coordinator Matt on m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

The Mercy Brothers: Enjoy a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, The Mercy Brothers. The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. Friday 3rd October at St Michael's RC Parish, Whitefield. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £15 for adults, £10 for 16-21 year olds, and free for under 16s. Food will be provided and included in the cost. Book now by emailing Lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Catholic College Open Days: We have been informed of the following open days:

Xaverian College: Saturday 11th October & Sunday 19th October: 10.30am - 2.00pm. **Aquinas College:** Saturday 18th October: 10.00am - 1.00pm. **Loreto College:** Saturday 11th October & Sunday 19th October: 10.00am - 12 noon & 1.00pm - 3.00pm. See college websites for further details.