

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – 5th October 2025 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 5th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 6th October		No Mass today	St Bruno (OM)
Tuesday 7th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary Funeral Service for Ernest Hopcroft	Our Lady of the Rosary (M)
Wednesday 8th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Thursday 9th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary Funeral Service for James Bain	St John Henry Newman (F)
Friday 10th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Denis or St John Leonardi or St Paulinus of York (OMs)
Saturday 11th October	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St John XXIII or Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary (OMs)
Sunday 12th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us – just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. “Trust me”, we say, “all will be well.” And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about “faith” we put the emphasis on “believe and accept”. Today’s readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of “trust”. The request of the Apostles is interesting: “Increase our faith” could also mean “Make it easier for us,” or “Prove that you are who you say you are.” Jesus replies that he can’t do that – you can’t make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given. (*Source: Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Anniversaries: John Dixon, Peter Hartley, Eric Collins, Patrick Duffy, Kathleen Katy Burton

Other: Pearl Collins (RIP Birthday)

Parish News and Events:

Congratulations: To Lara Mary O’Shea who was baptised yesterday and to her Mum and Dad, Martina and Brendan. We pray for you and share your joy as you “see the hope of eternal life shine” on Lara.

Funeral Services this Week: On Tuesday we will celebrate the funeral of Ernest Hopcroft, known as Ernie. On Thursday we will celebrate the funeral of James Bain. Please come to either or both services if you can to pay your respects and support their families.

RCIA: The RCIA course starts this Tuesday 7th October in the Kavanagh Centre at 7pm. Anybody who is interested in becoming Catholic or simply wants to learn more about the Catholic faith is welcome. Please drop us a note first.

Sacramental Programme: The Sacramental Programme starts today for the first of two groups, the second group starting next week. Our programme is designed to encourage our families to feel at home here and make Sunday worship a core aspect of their family life. Everyone has a part to play in extending the welcome. We look forward to sharing the journey of our young people and their families this year. In two weeks, on 19th October, we will celebrate a special Presentation service as part of our 11am Mass.

Month of the Rosary: We have begun and will continue to pray the Rosary after daily Masses during the month of October, a month especially dedicated to the Rosary. On Tuesday we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please take up Pope Leo's invitation to us all to pray the Rosary every day in October for peace.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – If you took an envelope last week please place it in one of the baskets today. CAFOD is highlighting its work with communities in Ethiopia facing climate challenges, where their 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 can be found at cafod.org.uk/parish. Please pray for the success of their endeavours.

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

The Macmillan Coffee Evening – raised over £1,400 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you and well done to everyone involved!

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!

Christmas Draw: Tickets for the Christmas Draw will be available after Mass for two weeks starting next week (12th and 19th October)

50:50 Draw Winners for September: 1) Angela Madeira; 2) Fr Mark; 3) Liz Jordan; 4) Mike Cowlshaw; 5) Maura Brady

Other News and Events of Interest:

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees and Bishop John has written to remind us that migrants and refugees are messengers of hope, bringing resilience, faith, and cultural richness to our communities. In the face of rising hostility, we are called to respond with compassion, truth, and practical support, affirming the dignity of every person. You can read Bishop John's full statement at: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/migrants-and-refugees-25/>

Taizé Service: On Tuesday, 7 October at 7:00 p.m. (and the first Tuesday of every month) at the 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>.

Radio Maria invites you to their **Mariathon, 15th–17th October**, as they “Turn Up the Volume” on the Quiet Revival in our nation. Hear inspiring guest speakers share stories of faith, growth, and renewal. Tune in via DAB+, the Radio Maria app, online at www.radiomariaengland.uk, or smart speaker.

Celebration of Human Dignity - Free Event - Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on Sunday 26 October from 10.30am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. The 'Celebration of Human Dignity' event, which is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. To find out more and book your free place at the event, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club: As we head into autumn, the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre invites you to join its regular Friday gardening club to learn more about how to care for our common home over the coming months. For top tips on seasonal gardening, sustainable techniques, and how to care for the land and biodiversity during the winter months, sign up to our friendly sessions by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

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.