

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12th October 2025 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 12th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 13th October		No Mass today	St Edward the Confessor (OM)
Tuesday 14th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Callistus (OM)
Wednesday 15th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Teresa of Avila (M)
Thursday 16th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Hedwig or St Margaret Mary Alacoque (OMs)
Friday 17th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Ignatius of Antioch (M)
Saturday 18th October	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St Luke (F)
Sunday 19th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: Because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say “Thank You” – to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened (*Source: Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Jack Tootle

Anniversaries: Bernie Shanahan, Patrick O'Hara, Nora O'Hara, Mimi Vance, John Heenan, Mary Brett.

Other: Korean Thanksgiving/Harvest, Yulia Yun, Joseph Yun, Deceased family/ancestors, The Smullen Family, The Shanahan Family.

Parish News and Events:

Pope Leo XIV signed his first Apostolic Exhortation this week, a document entitled *Dilexi Te (I have Loved You)*. The teaching is in continuity with *Dilexit Nos (He loved Us)* which was the final encyclical of Pope Francis released in October 2024 and it seems it was mostly prepared by Pope Francis before his death. Pope Leo writes, “I am happy to make this document my own — adding some reflections — and to issue it at the beginning of my own pontificate, since I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor. I too consider it essential to insist on this path to holiness, for “in this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate.” Read the full letter here: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html.

Congratulations: To Christopher Clive Jake Orrell who was Baptised yesterday. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad Charly and Christopher.

Missio – Next weekend is the annual collection for the work of Missio.

Sacramental Programme: The second of our Sacramental Programme groups start their catechetical sessions after the 11am Mass today in the Kavanagh Centre. Next Sunday we will celebrate a special Presentation service for all the families 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. Please take up Pope Leo's invitation to us all to pray the Rosary every day in October for peace. Tentatively, may hope this weekend that we are beginning to see the fruits of prayer in the world?

CAFOD – If you took an envelope for Family Fast Day please place it in one of the baskets today. We will keep the collection for CAFOD open for a couple of weeks. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way with the **Cafod Soup Lunch** on Tuesday 7th October, including children from our school who gave up their lunchtime to serve and also to give us a short musical recital. The Wellspring also benefitted from the event as it received the surplus food. The amount raised was £510.

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 this week and next (12th and 19th October).

Other News and Events of Interest:

Diocese seeks volunteers for new survivor-led safeguarding panel - The Diocese of Salford is looking for volunteers to join a new safeguarding panel, which seeks to ensure the voice of survivors plays an integral role in how we safeguard against all forms of Church-based abuse, and how we continue to provide meaningful support and healing to those affected. To find out more or to enquire about becoming a volunteer panellist, please contact the diocesan Department for Safeguarding by emailing safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2206. Read more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/survivors-panel-announced/>

Research into Neurodiversity and Faith: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

Mass for Catechists - Wednesday 15 October - 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. Please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to register.

The Catholic Experience of Pilgrimage Medieval to Modern - Dr Kathryn Hurlock from Manchester Metropolitan University will give a talk on 'The Catholic Experience of Pilgrimage Medieval to Modern' at St Ann's Parish Centre (M32 8LF) on Saturday 18th October starting at 10.30am.

Young Adult Service Day - St Vincent de Paul Youth Society - The St Vincent de Paul Society Youth Team will be holding a service day on 1 November, and would like to invite those aged 18-35 to join. The day will offer a chance to give back to the community with kindness. The service day will be taking place at St Vincent's Centre in Leeds and a travel bursary is available to support those who wish to get involved. To register, please email KeziaH@svp.org.uk or call on 07917 923605.

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**. 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.

Training as a Marriage Care Relationship Counsellor: Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care? We are a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and are currently looking for those who would be interested in training via our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course. We are reaching out early to give you the opportunity to benefit from a new and additional pathway we are offering - the option to volunteer with our marriage preparation service prior to the CRC selection. To find out more and to register your interest please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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

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