

a Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 19th October 2025 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 19th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 20th October		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 21st October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Wednesday 22nd October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St John Paul II (OM)
Thursday 23rd October	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Josephine Drury	St John of Capistrano (OM)
Friday 24th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Antony Mary Claret (OM)
Saturday 25th October	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
Sunday 26th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, “Lord, it is enough!” Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say “Lord, I can go no further.” Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying! (*Source: Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Josephine Drury, Peter Passagno & Clive Berry.

Anniversaries: David Froggatt, John McGeehan & Catherine Morton.

Other: Michael Francis Murray (RIP, Birthday), Helen Dermody (RIP, Birthday) & Mary Kearney (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

World Mission Sunday: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be ‘Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples’. We ask you to please remember the work of missionaries in your prayers this week. Find out more about the work of Missio and how to support the charity at missio.org.uk. There will be a collection at the end of Mass to support the appeal and donations can also be made by using the card machine. In 2024, St Winifred’s parishioners raised £4,216.51 through the Red Boxes and individual donations (Salford Diocese raised £160,000 and £2 million overall in the country).

Changes to the Schedule: On Thursday, we will celebrate the funeral of Josephine Drury with a Requiem Mass at **9.30am**. There will be no adoration before Mass or Rosary on that day.

Sacramental Programme: Today we will celebrate a special Presentation service for all the families as part of our 11am Mass. We welcome all our children and their families to the programme this year and commit to pray for them!

Congratulations to Halle and Hudson who will be baptised later today. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad Amee and Remelle. Welcome to the family!

Month of the Holy Souls: We will soon be in November and envelopes and name sheets are available in the Church porch for the November remembrance of our departed family & friends. Holy Mass will be offered each day during the month of November for the names entered on the list. ***The parish Mass of Remembrance will be held on 15th November at 2pm.***

Wellspring Harvest Appeal: For the next 2 or 3 weeks, we would like to focus on items the Wellspring uses or gives out on a daily basis: coffee, tea, sugar, long-life milk (please ensure a long use by date), wrapped chocolate biscuits, crisps, (for snack packs) shampoo, shower gel, women's and men's toiletries (nothing containing alcohol or spray cans). Did you know...? There is a fully equipped medical room where doctors and nurses give medical help and advice on a regular basis. We were able to deliver 6 boxes and a number of bags filled with the food you have donated to Wellspring so far. Thank you!

Christmas Draw: Tickets for the Christmas Draw will be available after Mass today. If anyone is able to help with donating any raffle prizes, including any cash donations, please leave them in the sacristy or at the presbytery. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Altar Server training: For all altar servers and especially our new servers, we will be running a monthly series of training evenings. This will cover all the practical details of serving as well as covering some of the spiritual symbolism and reasons behind some of these great traditions. After each session pizza will be provided! The first of these will be on ***Thursday the 30th of October at 6.00pm***, with details of the subsequent evenings to follow. Please email: stwinifredstockport@gmail.com to register interest, even if you can't make the first session. If anyone is interested in becoming an altar server and have received their first holy communion, please let us know by email as well.

Date for the Diary: Lessons and Carols: We will hold an evening of Lessons and Carols in collaboration with our school choir on Sunday December 14th at 6.30pm. Broadly following the format of the traditional lessons and carols service, our school choir will lead some of the carols, we will all join in with some and we hope we might have put together a group of “**church singers**” to lead a couple as well. Dates for rehearsals for “church singers” will be published soon. We will also be looking for readers to read the lessons. After the service there will be seasonal refreshments in the Kavanagh Centre when the draw for the Christmas raffle will also be made. Please put this date in your diaries, invite your friends and let's make this a wonderful parish community celebration.

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/>

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>.

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

Remembering our loved ones - A Moment of Prayer

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones who have died in a special way this November with the return of its Memorial Service. Taking place on Friday 7th November, between 9.30-10.30am, the memorial service provides a peaceful opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones in the beauty of God's creation. Please register your interest and find out more by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Heatons Community Lunch: we have been asked to share the following: Heaton Moor United Church (Stanley Road) are hosting a community hotpot lunch on the 25th October – open to all. Tickets are £5 payable on the day. If you wish to attend, please contact JoAnne on 07340 269354 to book a place. Those with caring responsibilities are free of charge.