

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 26th October 2025 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 26th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 27th October		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 28th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Wednesday 29th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	SS Simon and Jude (F)
Thursday 30th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Friday 31st October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary Requiem Mass for Winnie Carroll	Weekday
Saturday 1st November	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
Sunday 2nd November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	All Saints

Readings this Week: A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life – today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord’s teaching! The sin of “self-exaltation” consists in putting others in a lower place – as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today’s Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying “this prayer to himself,” rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn’t talking to God, how could he expect to be heard? (*Source: Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Winnie Carroll, Jerard McCaffery & Tony Black.

Anniversaries: Thomas Mannion, William Johnson, Bria Kelleher, Bridie McGowan, Michael Kane, Matthew Ward & David Conyard.

Other: Bernard Stafford (90th Birthday)

Parish News and Events:

Funeral this Week: On Friday we will celebrate the funeral of Winnie Carroll with a Requiem Mass at **12 noon**. There will be a Mass at the usual time of 9.30am preceded by adoration and followed by the Rosary as usual.

Month of the Holy Souls: Saturday marks the beginning of November, a month of prayer for our departed brothers and sisters. Envelopes and name sheets are available in the church porch for the November remembrance of 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.** Although next Saturday is November 1st, the Feast of All Saints transfers to the Sunday. The Memorial of All Souls therefore transfers to **Monday 3rd November. We will celebrate an evening Mass that day at 7pm** to gather to pray for All Souls, especially those with no one to pray for them.

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 this **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.

Caritas Salford Campaign to End Child Poverty: A 2025 study by Loughborough University has found that more than 1 in 3 children across our diocese are going to school with empty tummies, which is over 333,000 young people. Furthermore, the most recent homelessness statistics at the end of March 2025 indicate that there are 8,855 children living in temporary accommodation in the local authority areas covered by our diocese. Caritas Salford are inviting us to add our voices to theirs by signing "pledge cards" to demand an end to child poverty. Cards will be available at the back of church this week and next. Find out more, read the report and sign an electronic pledge here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/endchildpoverty/>

CAFOD: Many thanks for your support with the Cafod soup lunch, participation in the family fast day and offerings made. In total we have raised £1,275. Thank you!

MISSIO: We will keep the MISSIO collection open for another week including on the card reader in case anyone would like to contribute.

Christmas Draw: 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. Any cash should be handed in to the office. Your continued support is much appreciated.

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.

Christian Unity: In this week of historic significance for Anglican and Catholic Christian unity, as Pope Leo XIV prayed publicly with King Charles III, it is perhaps a good time to mention that St Winifred's will host our local prayer service for Christian Unity during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on **Sunday January 18th 2026 at 3pm**. It seems a long way off but it will soon be here. We will be joined by local Anglican, Methodist, United Reform, Congregational, Evangelical and Salvation Army congregants for this annual prayer service. If you are willing to support in providing light refreshments for afterwards, please let us know.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Word on Fire Comes to Salford - 'Evangelising the Culture' Join the team at Salford Cathedral for a thought-provoking evening as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* program comes to Salford Cathedral, inviting us to explore how we can each play a part in bringing Christ's light to the world around us. The event will take place at **7:30pm on Thursday 13th November at the Cathedral Temporary Church**, and refreshments will be served beforehand at **6:45pm in the cloisters**. Please book your place by emailing enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or call 0161 817 2210.

Advent Talks: Reflecting on Dilexi Te - During Advent, Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd will offer a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*. Join them every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December to consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short: There will be a Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short held at Manchester Cathedral next month, which will honour and commemorate those who have died as a result of homicide. Organised by the friends and families of those lost in this tragic way, the service will take place on Monday 24th November at 7.30pm. Any person wishing to commemorate a loved one by name as part of the service is invited to contact organiser Steve Williams on 07757 441377 or st.gab.prest@gmail.com

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.