

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9th November 2025 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 9th November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Monday 10th November		No Mass Today	Saint Leo the Great
Tuesday 11th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Martin of Tours
Wednesday 12th November	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Josaphat
Thursday 13th November	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Friday 14th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 12 noon	Adoration Holy Mass Requiem Mass for Margaret Mary Conway	Weekday
Saturday 15th November	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon 2.00pm	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass Holy Mass of Remembrance for the Deceased	Weekday
Sunday 16th November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week. A most unusual feast! The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome – an ancient church first built near the walls of the city of Rome by the Emperor Constantine at the beginning of the fourth century. Every Diocese in the world celebrates the feast of the Dedication of their own Cathedral, since the cathedral is the “mother and head” of all the churches in the Diocese (in Salford this is celebrated on 14th June). The Lateran Basilica, since it is the place where the Pope has his “cathedra” or Episcopal throne, has the title “Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World”. On this day we both celebrate and pray for the unity of those churches gathered in communion with the successor of Saint Peter. The marbles and mosaics of the Lateran, which together form a splendid and beautiful building, are a sign of the beauty of God’s family, the Church, gathered in worship – the living stones of the temple of the Lord. This is a day to reflect on how this building, and cathedrals and churches everywhere are not just meeting places, but visible signs to the world of the Body of Christ in prayer. (*Source: Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Margaret Conway, Cynthia Weldon, Neville Stanton & Alice Smith.

Anniversaries: Austin Waldron, Flannan Griffin, James Ward, Thomas & Teresa Love, Harry Hall, Molly Gough, Charlie Kearney, Marjorie Moreton, Paul Moreton & Kitty Bellak.

Other: Bernard Stafford (90th birthday), Ita Gannon (Birthday) & Shaun Goodwin (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

Remembrance Sunday: Our 11am Mass this Sunday will begin with one minute of silent prayer to remember all those who have given their lives in protection of our freedoms.

Funeral this Week: On Friday we will celebrate the funeral of Margaret Mary Conway with a Requiem Mass at **12 noon**. Earlier on Friday there will be adoration and Mass as usual. There is no adoration this week on Wednesday and Thursday although the church will be open for private prayer from 8.45am on those days.

Parish Mass of Remembrance will be held on **15th November at 2pm** followed by refreshments in the centre.

50/50 Draw: The winners of the October Draw for the 50/50 Club are: 1) Mary O'Halloran 2) Oliver Smith 3) Maura Brady 4) Anthony O'Neill 5) Maureen Froggatt.

Saint Winifred's Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference is active in a number of areas including visits to local residents, particularly those living alone, monthly support to feed the homeless in Manchester, support for food collection at St Anne's High School and helping to organise a school uniform donation scheme, visits to Styal Prison and providing lifts to Mass for those in need. If you know of someone who might like a visit or who needs a lift to Mass please get in touch on 07355 998329. Conference meetings are twice a month and new members are very welcome.

Parish Welcome Team: You may recall that an early recommendation of the Diocesan Synod was the establishment of Welcome Teams in every parish. We already have people who provide a warm welcome to our Sunday Masses but it will do us no harm to gather and reflect on our approach. Is there more we could do? How is our welcome outside of Mass times? What else should we be thinking about? We will have a meeting on Thursday 20th November in the Kavanagh Centre at 7pm. Everybody is welcome!

Christmas Draw: If anyone can 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.

Leaves: The gardening team have been working hard to clear up all the leaves that have fallen around the church. However, due to the sheer volume we could do with some help. To begin with we will hold a leaf clearing session on Sunday 16th November where we hope some parishioners could turn out and give us a hand. It starts at 2.30 and we aim to finish around 4pm. If you can help then just turn up when you can and stay for as long as you are able. There will be plenty of tools but you may wish to bring a pair of gardening gloves. If you would like to help at a different time then speak to me, Terry McHale, or drop me an e-mail to terrymc751@gmail.com. [If you are unable to help with the heavy lifting the team will happily accept your fruit cake and warm tea!]

Lessons and Carols: If you would like to be part of a church singing group for our lessons and carols service on Sunday 14th December we have scheduled 3 rehearsals for Wednesday November 26th, Thursday December 4th and Thursday December 11th all at 7pm.

Red Wednesday 19th November 2025 – Awareness of the Persecution of Christians: The purpose of Red Wednesday is to shed light on the persecution and suffering for their beliefs of Christians around the world. Red Wednesday was started in 2016 by 'Aid to the Church in Need', a Catholic charity. We will mark the event this year at St Winifred's by praying a Novena after daily Mass leading up to Red Wednesday from Tuesday 11th November and then pray a Holy Hour at 7pm on 19th November. Like other churches around the world ours will be lit in red that night. See acnuk.org for more information about how you can help to protect persecuted Christians and to make donations.

Wellspring: This is the last Sunday for our Wellspring Harvest Appeal. Thank you all for your generous donations! For the next 3 Sundays we will be collecting for the Rucksack Project, which aims to provide essential items for as many people facing homelessness as possible during the winter months. The items needed are rucksacks, roll mat, sleeping bag, flask, gloves, hat, torch, boxers, socks and wet wipes. Also, urgent items are men's joggers, jeans, coats, t-shirts (sizes M/L) and trainers (sizes 7 -11). Items need not be new but in good condition. If you prefer to go online to donate, go to wellspring.co.uk and follow the links. They also accept other clothing, but please keep that at home for the last week!

The Church Toilet is now working again. It has been blocked 3 times now this year. It goes without saying please follow the directions on the notices and use it only for what it should be used for and nothing else! It is especially prone to being blocked by excess paper towels so please use the bins for paper towels. The centre is open during Masses also and toilets (and baby changing facilities) are also available there.

Our School:

Family & Friends of St Winifred's School are hosting Family Bingo at the Kavanagh Centre This afternoon, 9th November at 2.00pm. Tickets are £5 for Adults and £1 Children (includes 2 games of bingo).

School Admissions - September 2026: Our wonderful school is hosting an Open morning on Wednesday 12th November at 10am. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit the school to learn more and get a feel for our school environment. Please email the school office on admin@stwinifredsrtps.co.uk to show your interest. If you are unable to attend, please do get in touch to find an alternative time and date that is more suitable.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Newsletter from Diocesan Vocations Team: The Diocese of Salford's vocations team is delighted to share its latest newsletter exploring updates on vocations to diocesan ministry, which includes the priesthood and permanent diaconate. For the latest on ordinations, inspiring vocation stories, and the latest update by numbers, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/>. Copies of the newsletter are available at the back of church.

Join Bishop John & CAFOD - Saturday 15th November: Join Bishop John & CAFOD at 12pm on Saturday 15 November to pray for the success of the UN COP30 climate talks. The event will be held at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Sq, Manchester M15 6BW.

World Day of the Poor: The ninth World Day of the Poor will be marked on Sunday 16 November. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford has a range of resources, prayers, and other information to help us learn more about how we can support their work to end poverty in our diocese. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources for more information.