

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – 16th November 2025

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 16th November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Monday 17th November		No Mass Today	Weekday
Tuesday 18th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul (OM)
Wednesday 19th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 7.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass Holy Hour for Persecuted Christians	Weekday
Thursday 20th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Friday 21st November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)
Saturday 22nd November	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St Cecilia (M)
Sunday 23rd November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Christ the King

Readings this Week: As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke's Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church's year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord – this will lead us into Advent in two weeks' time. Saint Luke's message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a "quick fix" – we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too that we must be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him. (*Source: Salford Liturgy*).

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Cynthia Weldon.

Anniversaries: Flannan Griffin, Thomas & Teresa Love, Patrick Brady, John O'Mahony, Paddy McNally, Bridie Rooney, Wayne Divine, Mansie O'Donnell, JJ Dolan, Eileen O'Malley, Margaret Mary Morton, Mike Smith, Margaret Flynn, Joan Flynn, Thomas Flynn, Catherine Dwyer & Rita Lyons.

Other: Michael Hanley (Birthday) & Teresa Mohan (RIP, Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

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 and then pray a **Holy Hour at 7pm this Wednesday, 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.

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 held twice a month, and new members are very welcome. After our Masses this weekend Joe Dolan, the president of our conference, will speak briefly about the work of our SVP Conference.

Pedro Ballester: Many will remember Pedro ("Pedrito") Ballester and know his parents Pedro and Esperanza from their many years spent as part of our parish family. They still have a home here although Mum and Dad are now grandparents and so their time is split between their home here and that in Spain. Many will know too of Pedrito's story, his inspiring faith, joy and witness both before and during his battle with cancer which finally came to an end on January 13th, 2018. Many too have benefited from Pedrito's prayers using the prayer cards that are available in our piety stall. His story was captured in a film, "I've Never Been Happier" which can be viewed online here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNfgbuFusLU&t=3006s>. In November, the Catholic Chaplaincies of Manchester University (MUCC) and the Holy Name Church have invited Pedrito's Dad to deliver a talk about his son's life, legacy, and love of God. The talk will take place at **Holy Name Church on Tuesday 25 November at 6pm** – for more information please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-talk-on-pedro-ballester/>

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 this **Thursday 20th November** in the Kavanagh Centre at **7pm**. Everybody is welcome!

Parish Christmas Fair: This year's Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 6th December in St. Winifred's School Hall (1pm – 4pm)**. Any tombola donations of bottles / chocolates would be happily received (collection box in the porch). Closer to the date, we would be grateful for any donations of delicious home baking, if anyone is able to help! And if anyone needs raffle tickets, there are still some available. Many thanks for your support.

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 and plan to start with a leaf clearing session **today**, Sunday 16th November where we hope some parishioners could turn out and give us a hand. It starts at 2.30pm 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 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.

Wellspring: For the next 2 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! We also understand that Wellspring is desperate for **Long-Life Milk**. A box will be at the back of church during the week and next weekend if you are able to respond to this need. Thank you!

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.

Other News and Events of Interest:

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. Pope Leo's first Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi Te, reminds us of the inseparable connection between the love of the poor and the love of Jesus.

A Day of Reflection on the role of Sacred Music in the Liturgy: On 29th November, a practical day course will be held on understanding the use of Sacred Music within the Mass, starting at 11am and finishing with sung Mass at 5:15pm. The morning session will take place at St. Augustine's, Grosvenor Square, and the afternoon session and Mass will take place at St. Mary's, the Hidden Gem. The cost is £20 per person, which includes a buffet lunch and light refreshments. To book and for more information please contact Dr. Rosemarie Darby via email: rosemarie.darby@manchester.ac.uk

Quarant'ore - 40 Hours with the Lord: St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, invites you to join a special period of prayer - 40 Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us between Friday 21 November – Sunday 23 November as we take part in Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day, with celebrations of Holy Mass and confessions on each of the three days. The Quarant'ore will end with Solemn Sung Mass at 12 noon, followed by a short Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction. For more information, please contact the Parish by calling 0161 834 3547 or by emailing Mgr Canon Anthony Kay anthony.kay@dioceseofsalford.org.uk