

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## The Baptism of the Lord – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 This Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The Baptism of the Lord
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>		No Mass Today	Weekday / St Aelred of Rievaulx
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Hilary (OM)
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am <b>12 noon</b>	Adoration Holy Mass <b>Requiem Mass for Patricia (Pat) Stafford</b>	Weekday
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St Anthony
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings this Week:** It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

**Marriage Matters:** *You are my chosen one* - Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'. (Source: Marriage Care)

### **Mass Intentions Received:**

**Lately Dead:** Alan Walsh, Robert Lyons, Michael Kane, Nicola Westby, Aileen Street & Adrienne Young.

**Anniversaries:** Paul Kelly, Muriel Staddon, Michael Kearns & Mary O'Boyle.

**Other:** Norma & Kathleen Burton (RIP, Wedding Anniversary), Giovanni Eboigbe (Birthday) & Eboigbe family (Special Intention) & Bridget Kelly (Birthday).

### **Parish News and Events:**

**This Week's Schedule:** On Friday we will celebrate the funeral of Pat Stafford with a Requiem Mass at 12 noon.

**Sunday of the Word of God:** *Next Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>*, is Sunday of the Word of God. During the Masses that day we will re-commission our parish readers recognising the important work that they do in proclaiming the Word to us.

**St Winifred's Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference:** Our parish SVP society resumed meeting last week and would like to remind everyone to be the “eyes and ears” to help them identify need – whether material or spiritual - in our parish and surrounding area. They are available to visit anyone in need of a visit (of whatever faith or no faith), they can offer lifts for anyone who struggles to come to Mass and they would welcome hearing of any particular need to explore whether they can offer help. In the months building up to Christmas their activities included: collecting for and dropping off hampers to various local nursing homes, delivery of hats/gloves/hand warmers to the homeless in Manchester, visiting the housebound in nursing homes and private homes, visiting Styal Prison and sending Christmas cards to prisoners, working alongside Caritas with our school, support of a pre-loved uniform programme with local schools and collection of clothing for the SVP shop in Withington. Please get in touch if you know a person or family in need of support. Please also make contact if you are interested in becoming a member of the conference. All welcome! Contact information: SVP Conference President, Joe Dolan on 07355 998329.

**St Winifred's Church Monday Club:** After the Christmas break, the Monday Club restarts tomorrow, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Monday Club is always happy to welcome new members to their afternoons in the Kavanagh Centre, behind the Church from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Please come along if you are interested to join us for a chat and a game of bingo! If you would like to support the work of the Monday Club as a volunteer, you are very welcome! Please call Bernadette McGonagle on 0161 442 5225.

**Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** On **Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 3pm**, we will host our local prayer service for Christian Unity during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We will be joined by local Anglican, Methodist, United Reform, Congregational, Evangelical and Salvation Army ministers and congregants for this annual prayer service. The order of service is provided by the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church and has the title, **“Light from Light for Light”**. The preacher will be Rev. Liz Rowles, Vicar at St John the Baptist and St Paul's Anglican Churches. Refreshments will be provided after the service in the Kavanagh Centre.

**Kavanagh Centre Leak!** – The cold snap seemed to cause a problem with our central heating in the Kavanagh Centre this week. There was either a leak or a burst pipe leading to quite a lot of water on the right hand side of the main room, The floor is still wet at the time of writing (though hopefully - not at the time of reading!). The incident reminds us of the need to be vigilant and care for our property well.

**Crib Offerings:** Our crib will remain in place until the Feast of the presentation of the Lord (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) and our offerings will continue to support the efforts of Friends of the Holy Land amongst the devastated communities there. Thank you for your generous support. Donations can also be made using the card reader.

**50-50 Club Draw:** Over the next couple of weeks 50-50 Club Agents will be collecting subscriptions for 2026. To help with the administration of the draw, if possible, could members please write cheques payable to ‘St Winifred's’ for 3, 6 or 12 months’ worth of entries. The annual fee is £48, less than £1 per week and the draw can raise around £5,000 for the parish. Historically the funds raised from this draw (50% of the subscriptions – the remaining 50% being prizes) have been used to support the running and maintenance costs of the Kavanagh Centre. With the centre now generating revenue through rental to groups it should be possible to redirect the funds to support other areas of parish life and charitable causes where possible. In the coming year we anticipate significant capital spend on the car park to improve the currently concreted areas close to the doors of the church. More about that work to come. The money raised through the 50-50 club will contribute to these costs in 2026.

## ***Other News and Events of Interest:***

**Safeguarding Survey - Public Call for Information** - The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are completing a safeguarding inspection within the Diocese of Salford and would like to hear the views of as many people as possible regarding their arrangements for safeguarding. Responses will be collected anonymously unless you choose to provide your contact information, and the survey will close at 11:45pm on Friday 16th January 2026. To submit your response, please follow the link here:  
[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fToOpJmB\\_Xy63KOz8\\_ROsBGpBouU\\_JrRd1dURVhRQVg5ToU2WlFIToMzTTNaVEc1V1g5SC4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fToOpJmB_Xy63KOz8_ROsBGpBouU_JrRd1dURVhRQVg5ToU2WlFIToMzTTNaVEc1V1g5SC4u&route=shorturl).

**Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford:** In January, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration. Carlo is the first millennial saint and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukemia at the age of 15. The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026.

**Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold:** On Saturday 14 February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at **St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.**