

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 This Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Ecumenical Prayer Service	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>		No Mass Today	Weekday / St Wulstan
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Fabian & St Sebastian (OM)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Agnes (OM)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Vincent (OM)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St Francis De Sales (M)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ***Readings this Week:***

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.

**Marriage Matters:** *We need ‘power from on high’ - Were Jesus’ fears eased when he heard the Father was ‘well pleased’? He was empowered by the Holy Spirit to begin his mission: to bring to the world the Good News of God’s compassion, mercy and forgiveness for our sins. By daily dialogue about concerns and issues and by seeking ‘help from on high’, we can overcome our fears.*

### ***Mass Intentions Received:***

**Lately Dead:** Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Waugh, Martin Fleming, Paul McKenna, Philomena McNamara, Tony Rudman, Lesma-Rose Wieber, Michael Honan, Pat Stafford, Nicola Westby, Conway Wright & Jim McCann.

**Anniversaries:** Sophia Johnson, Eileen MacCarron, Richard Nally, Catherine Spellman & Peter Heffernan.

**Other:** Norman Murtough (RIP, 100<sup>TH</sup> Birthday) & Deceased members of the Connaughton family.

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

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

**Peace Sunday:** Today is also marked as “Peace Sunday” in the Catholic Churches of England and Wales and on this day the Bishops’ Conference encourage us all to reflect on the Pope’s message for the World Day of Peace issued on 1st January: ‘Peace be with you all: towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace’. Pax Christi’s work includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. You will find out more information, including how to donate via their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/)

**Congratulations:** To Mia who was Baptised yesterday. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Andy & Claire.

**Car Park Improvement Works:** Several parishioners have raised the condition of the concreted areas near to both entrances of the car park and towards the main door of the church. Over time this area has deteriorated and is becoming a trip hazard. For several months now we have been looking into this with the Diocesan Property team who have assisted us in reviewing the best scope of work for the long term. We are also grateful to parishioners and local contractors for their advice. We have received approval from the Diocese to undertake work to replace those concreted areas with tarmac. Part of the works will also include some strategically placed bollards near to the front of the church to prevent driving across the entrance, something that is commonly done during the week, even at times when the church is not open and there are no activities taking place in the Centre. The bollards will be moveable to allow passage for funerals and during our Sunday Mass times. While the works are being completed there will be some limitations on the use of the car park but it is hoped that at least one half can remain open at all times. The start date is not yet known - we hope it will be soon and will, of course, publish details. The anticipated cost of the works, which will be paid by the parish, is slightly in excess of £30,000.

**Caritas Sunday: Next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>,** is Caritas Sunday and there will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass to support the work of Caritas Salford, the principal domestic charity of the Diocese of Salford, supporting local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and displacement. Copies of their newsletter, *Love in Action*, are available at the back of church highlighting just some of the difference parish support has made possible in the past year.

**Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Later this afternoon 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.

**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.

**Charitable Giving:** Firstly many, many thanks are due for the wonderful response for both the Wellspring food appeal and the Rucksack Project before Christmas. It was tremendous! We will continue supporting the Foodbank for the next 5 weeks. They urgently need long life milk and fruit juice, tinned meat (to cook or serve cold), potatoes, chickpeas, coconut milk and long life sponge puddings; also nappies sizes 5 & 6 and shampoo. We delivered 31.5 kg of food to them this week. Thank you.

**50-50 Club:** 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.

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

**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. St 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 closest church for us is St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst and the best times to go seem to be from 3.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January (Mass at 7pm); from 10.45am on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January (Youth Vigil at 7pm); or between 12.30pm and 4.45pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February.***

**Early Career Teachers - Primary Pool Applications:** The Diocese of Salford Education Team are inviting applications from ECTs to be added to their Primary Pool for 2026. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain Qualified Teacher Status in summer 2026 for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2026. The Application Form, Person Specification and Job Description can be found in Vacancies on the Diocesan website by following this link: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies/> If you require further information, please contact the Education Team by emailing [education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**A missionary in Mongolia:** Ever wondered what Mission looks like in Mongolia, home to the youngest Catholic community and church in the world? This is your chance to find out. **Missio** invites you to an evening with His Eminence Cardinal Giorgio Marengo – a Consolata Missionary, the Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar and the second youngest member of the college of Cardinals. To be held 7pm-9pm on Wednesday, 4 February 2026. Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm, followed by a short talk at 7.45pm and refreshments at St Peter's Catholic Church, Hazel Grove, Green Lane, Stockport SK7 4EA. Parking is available in the Church car park accessed via Green Lane. It would help if you could let them know whether you will be joining them by emailing: [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk)