

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st February 2026 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 1st February	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 2nd February		No Mass Today	The Presentation of the Lord
Tuesday 3rd February	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Ansgar (OM) or St Blaise (OM)
Wednesday 4th February	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Thursday 5th February	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Agatha (M)
Friday 6th February	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	SS Paul Miki and Companions (M)
Saturday 7th February	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
Sunday 8th February	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week: Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God – what we refer to as the "Sermon on the Mount." This great collection of Jesus' teachings begins with the Beatitudes – the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God – the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.

Marriage Matters: *Unity is the key* - When we married, a new flame was lit in our Church, signified by the lighting of a new candle as we made our vows and became "Little Church" together. Now, as we think of our life up to now, we can see how our love has been reflected on to our children, our family and our Church community.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Michael Kane, Angela Lawrence, Boniface Edegbai & Ruby McKernan.

Anniversaries: Gretta & Charles O'Sullivan, Mary Mannion, Jimmy Jennings, Joan Collins, Margaret Connaughton, Audrey Earley & Bridget Kelly.

Other: James Jennings (RIP, Birthday) & Nicola Whalley (RIP, Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

Congratulations: To Imogen, who was Baptised yesterday. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Antonia & Edward.

Car Park Improvement Works: Work on the car park will start **tomorrow, Monday 2nd February**. 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 and both sides should be open for Sunday Masses. Work is expected to last for 2 weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Mission Appeal: Next Sunday we will be visited by a priest from the Missionary Society of St Paul who have been allocated to our Diocese this year to conduct a mission appeal on behalf of the Catholic Missionary Union (CMU). A mission appeal is an annual event, a chance for us to learn about the missionary work of the Church around the world, our

role in supporting it and an opportunity for us to contribute financially to their work. There will be a closing collection after the Masses next weekend.

Caritas Sunday: Last week's collection raised £865 for Caritas. Thank you for your generous support.

Altar Server training: Slightly later than planned we will hold another evening of training for our altar servers on **Thursday the 19th of February at 6.00pm**. Please would parents email: stwinifredstockport@gmail.com to let us know who to expect. Following a time of learning and practice in the Church we will gather for pizza in the Kavanagh Centre. If anyone is interested in becoming an altar server and have received their first holy communion, please let us know by email as well.

Crib Offerings: With the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on Monday this week our crib will be taken down. Thank you to Bernard who creates our crib scene every year and takes it down. It is a great representation and really helps our prayer during the Christmas season. This weekend is the last opportunity to add to our crib offerings 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: We delivered 41.7 kg of food to the Foodbank this week. They were particularly grateful for the milk as they had run short of it and it was an answer to their prayers! They urgently need long life milk and fruit juice, tinned meat (to cook or serve cold), potatoes, chick peas, coconut milk and long-life sponge puddings; also nappies sizes 5 & 6 and shampoo.

CAFOD Save the date: The Bread and Soup Lunch for Cafod is on **Tuesday 24th February**. Everyone welcome!

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: The hosting of the relics of St Carlo Acutis finishes today. The relics will be available for veneration at St Patrick's Collyhurst **between 12.30pm and 4.45pm today, Sunday 1st February**.

Taizé Service: Tuesday, 3 February at 7.00pm. You are welcome to join February's candlelit Taizé Service (and the first Tuesday of every month) at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1PL

Talk from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP – At 6pm on 17th February, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP will be giving a talk as part of a series of guest lectures from Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy. The theme will be 'How we can keep our hope alive today.' Catholic Chaplaincy Church of the Holy Name, 339 Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PG. British Sign Language available. For more information, please contact mucc@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Salford Call for Volunteers: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for parish volunteers to help with a range of activities. If you're able to give even a few hours to help, they would be hugely grateful. You can find out more at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/service/in-your-parish/

Lenten Talks: School of Prayer: During Lent, a series of talks and prayerful reflections will be taking place every Tuesday from 10:30AM to 12:30PM, led by Mgr Paul Smith, Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd. These will be held at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church, Little Hulton, from 17 February to 24 March, and light refreshments will be served. For more information on how to book your place please visit the diocesan website by clicking the following link: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lenen-talks-school-of-prayer/>

Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology: Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how our care for creation and the environment is integral to Catholic faith and theology. The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming God's creation. The event will take place on **25th February, 7-9pm**, at Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church in Bury. For more information and to sign up see: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/exploring-gods-creation-within-catholic-theology/>

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. See here for all you need: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies/> If you require further information, please contact the Education Team by emailing education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Lourdes Fundraiser Quiz Night: The Diocesan Lourdes Committee would like to invite you to a fundraising event on Saturday 7th February. All funds raised will go towards arrangements for the 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage. Tickets are £10, payable on the door, and this will include a pie and pea supper. The quiz begins at 7:30PM at St Luke's Parish Hall, Swinton Park Road, Salford, M6 7WR.