

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th February 2026 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 8th February	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 9th February		No Mass Today	Weekday
Tuesday 10th February	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Scholastica
Wednesday 11th February	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday / Our Lady of Lourdes (OM)
Thursday 12th February	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Friday 13th February	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 14th February	11.00am-11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	SS Cyril and Methodius
Sunday 15th February	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of “good deeds”, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with “the world” – we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.

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:

Latently Dead: Joan Heneghan*, Eileen Farrell, Agnes Gavin, Maura Biggins, Enda Hughes, Michael Starkey, Pat Dwyer & Boniface Edegba.

Anniversaries: Maud & brother, Paddy McDermott, Terry Earley, Joan Collins & Pearl Collins.

Other: Kevin Devine (Special Intention).

** The Funeral Mass for Joan Heneghan, former parishioner of St Winifred's will take place on Monday 16th February at 10.00am at St Ann's, Cheadle Hulme.*

Parish News and Events:

This Week's Schedule: Please note there will be no Adoration this week. It will resume on Tuesday 17th February.

Mission Appeal: Fr. Mark Odion MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeal today. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a closing collection at today's Masses. Donations can also be made using the card reader or directly using the following bank details: Bank Name: Barclays Bank; Account Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul; Sort code: 202963; Account No: 73306224;

Crib Offerings: Our crib collection raised £967 for 'Friends of the Holy Land'. Thank you for your generous support.

Car Park Improvement Works: Work is ongoing and we are now entering the second week, which should hopefully see it completed. At the time of writing the team hope that one half of the works will be completed allowing for the car park and both entrances to be open in full for our Sunday Masses. This week work will begin on the other side while the completed area should remain open for use. Access to the Kavanagh Centre this week will only be by a walkway from the house side of the car park, passing across the front of the church. Please go with care and thank you for your patience.

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.

Foodbank Appeal: The parish continues to support the local foodbank. They urgently need long life milk, fruit juice, tinned meat (to cook or serve cold), potatoes, chick peas, coconut milk, long-life milk, sponge puddings, nappies sizes 5 & 6 and shampoo. There is a box in the church porch in which items can be donated. Thank you!

CAFOD Save the date: The Bread and Soup Lunch for Cafod is on **Tuesday 24th February between 12 and 1.30pm**. Everyone welcome!

St Winifred's Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference: Our parish SVP society continues its work of outreach in and around the parish and would like to remind everyone to be the "eyes and ears" to help them identify need – whether material or spiritual. 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. 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.

50-50 Club: It's never too late to join up to the 50:50 club to support parish funds. The annual fee is £48, less than £1 per week, and the draw can raise around £5,000 for the parish. One month has passed but on a pro-rata basis you can join in any month!

Other News and Events of Interest:

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

St. Catherine of Siena Church, Didsbury: are hosting an evening of Praise and Worship, Holy Mass with extended homily and healing adoration: Fr Michael Payyapilly, a Vincentian, from the Divine Retreat Centre, Pantasaph will lead an evening service **this Friday 13th February 6pm to 8.30pm**. All are welcome, no registration necessary.

Online Gospel Readings During Lent: During the Lenten period, there will be a series of gospel readings taking place every Tuesday and delivered online by various speakers including Vocations Director, Fr Michael Deas, with the final reading to be given by Bishop John Arnold ahead of Palm Sunday. The first reading will be given by Fr Michael Deas on Tuesday 17 February on the Gospel for the Matthew 4:1-11 (The temptation of Jesus). For more information and to find a link to the talks, please visit the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>

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 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