

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Second Sunday of Lent – 1st March 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 1st March	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Second Sunday of Lent
Monday 2nd March		No Mass Today	Lent Weekday
Tuesday 3rd March	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Lent Weekday
Wednesday 4th March	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Lent Weekday / St Casimir (OM)
Thursday 5th March	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Lent Weekday
Friday 6th March	6.30am 8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 6.30pm	Lenten Penitential Mass Adoration Holy Mass Stations of the Cross	Lent Weekday
Saturday 7th March	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am-11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Lent Weekday / SS Perpetua & Felicity (OM)
Sunday 8th March	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Third Sunday of Lent

Readings this Week: Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So, the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special 'calling', to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

Marriage Matters: *Transformed by our love* - Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Bernadette Sheridan, Nicola Westby & Patricia Reynolds.

Anniversaries: Kathy Hunt, John Lancaster, Francis Bradshaw, Cathy Campbell, William Maguire & Gerard Campfield.

Other: Sophia Johnson (RIP, Birthday), Teresa Pugh (Special Intention) & Michael Clavin (RIP, 100th birthday).

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule this Week: On Fridays throughout Lent, as a particular Lenten offering, we will celebrate an additional Mass at 6.30am. The first two weeks have been well attended. It's a great way to start the day so please come if you can. On Friday evenings throughout Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the CAFOD Soup lunch. The pupils from our school, who gave up their lunchtime to help, worked with enthusiasm and gave us a short musical recital. The Wellspring also benefitted from the event as it received the surplus food. In total £504 was raised by the soup lunch for Cafod. There will be a collection after Mass for CAFOD (if you have a CAFOD gift aid envelope, please add it to the basket). Donations can also be made using the Card reader as well. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk.

Stations of the Cross During Lent: As noted above each Friday in Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm. Next **Friday, 6th March**, our parish **St Vincent de Paul Society Conference** will lead the Stations using prayers based on the spirituality of SVP founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam. On **Friday, 20th March** our Stations will be led by our **school children** and on **Friday, 27th March our church singers and musicians group** will provide music in between the Stations. Please do join us for this traditional Lenten devotion.

Church Singers and Musicians: The growing group of church singers and musicians are holding rehearsals for the Stations of the Cross and the Easter Triduum on Wednesday March 11th and 18th at 7pm in the Church. No prior experience necessary please come along to help enhance our praise! All are welcome!

St Winifred's Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference: Our parish SVP 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. They continue to visit the housebound in nursing homes and private homes, as well as visiting Styal Prison. They work alongside Caritas with our school, supporting the pre-loved uniform programme with local schools and collection of clothing for the SVP shop in Withington (if you can help to work at the shop it would be appreciated, as they need volunteers). 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.

Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers: If you are a volunteer in the parish and you have not completed safeguarding training there is training available to support you, no matter what your role is. Please take a look and complete relevant modules here: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/>

Confirmation 2026: We will soon be putting together a programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026. Anyone who is 13 or above (year 8) is eligible to receive the Sacrament, which "is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285). If you would like your child to be included in the programme for 2026, please make contact with us by email - stwinifredstockport@gmail.com. A letter with more details of the programme will be sent to those who express interest in the coming weeks.

St Patrick's Day: To celebrate the feast of St Patrick after morning Mass on Tuesday 17th March there will be refreshments in the Kavanagh Centre and a chance to raise some funds to support the work of our St Vincent de Paul Society Conference. If anyone can donate prizes that could be used for the raffle, it would be appreciated. A box is provided in the porch for donations. Thank you!

Cornerstone Day Centre: During Lent we support the Cornerstone Day Centre in Hulme. Cornerstone is part of the Diocesan Charity Caritas' outreach for homeless people. For their store cupboard they would like the following items: breakfast cereals & porridge oats, coffee, sugar, long life milk, bottles of cordial, individually wrapped biscuits/cakes, tinned meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding & custard, complete meals (stews, curries), cook-in sauces as well as stock cubes, condiments, rice and pasta. Thank you. As always there is a box in the porch for donations.

Friends of the Holy Land and the Missionary Society of St Paul: We received a letter from Brendan Metcalfe, CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, to thank all parishioners for the £960 (our crib offerings) raised for Christians in the Holy Land. He asks that we please continue to remember their work in our prayers. Meanwhile the Missionary Society of St Paul have sent a poster (displayed on the notice board) in thanks for the £1,129.20 raised at their appeal here on 8th February. This is slightly more than we said previously as some donations were also made directly using their QR code. Thank you again!

Lourdes - Parish Youth Group: In the past two years a group of young people in the parish have joined with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We hope to do so again and need to start making plans. It's a great way to make new friends while growing in faith and service under the gaze of Our Lady and St Bernadette. Young people from year 8 and above can join. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 (which will be part subsidised by the parish and fundraising) and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation. Any parishioner who is interested please contact the parish office in the first instance by email: stwinifredstockport@gmail.com.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Permanent Diaconate event: If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, there is a 'Come and See' event on Saturday 7th March at St Mary's Church Hall, Burnley, BB10 4AU: 10am – 2pm. See poster on the notice board for further details.

Caritas Salford - Pray, Fast, Give: See here for free resources: www.caritassalford.org.uk/Lent

Youth pilgrimage to Lindisfarne: Following on from the success of last year's pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, the Diocesan Youth team is offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. Accommodation is at the SVP Camp on the island. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.