

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Third Sunday of Lent – 8th March 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 8th March	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday 9th March		No Mass Today	Lent Weekday
Tuesday 10th March	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Lent Weekday
Wednesday 11th March	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Lent Weekday
Thursday 12th March	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Lent Weekday
Friday 13th March	6.30am 10.00am 6.30pm	Lenten Penitential Mass Requiem Mass for Paddy Whelan Stations of the Cross	Lent Weekday
Saturday 14th March	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am-11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Lent Weekday
Sunday 15th March	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Readings this Week: The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

Marriage Matters: *Find our 'living water':* Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Paddy Whelan, Baby Senan, Zofia Filipezyk, Dympna Connolly, Marianna Corbelli & Fr Morrow.

Anniversaries: Michael Mannion, Kathleen Keniry, Michael & Nora Lyons, Henry Lyons, Frank Cregg, Bridie Rooney, Patrick Rooney, Joseph Carley & Eric Layland.

Other: Pat Brett (Birthday), Members of the Rooney & Patten families (Special Intention) & Michael Clavin (Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

Congratulations: To Naiose, who was Baptised yesterday. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Siobhan & Rob.

Changes to the Schedule this Week: On Friday we will celebrate the funeral of Paddy Whelan with a **Requiem Mass at 10.00am**, there will be no Adoration on that day. On Fridays throughout Lent, as a particular Lenten offering, we will celebrate an additional Mass at 6.30am. On Friday evenings throughout Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. In total we raised the outstanding amount of £2,166.30 for CAFOD, thank you for your continued generosity. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world 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. 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.

Stations of the Cross with our School Children: Please do especially mark in your diaries **Friday 20th March at 6.30pm** in church to come and pray the Stations of the Cross led by our school children. They have prepared a prayerful devotion to help us all on our Lenten journey.

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 this coming Wednesday March 11th and the following week, March 18th at 7pm in the Church. No prior experience necessary please come along to help enhance our praise! All are welcome!

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!

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.

50:50 Draw Winners for February: 1) Geraldine Lyons 2) Andrew and Julia Pennie 3) John Morgan & 4) Muireann O'Flynn

Other News and Events of Interest:

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 contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Connecting Communities Through Integral Ecology – The University of Manchester is hosting this two-day event on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 March. On Day One, a conference will be held and presentations will be given by several guests including Diocesan Head of Environment, Dr. Emma Gardner, and the Laudato Si' Centre's Environment and Learning Officer, Emily Cahill. For more information and to book your place, please visit the Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connecting-communities-through-integral-ecology-laudato-si-tickets-1981427440814>

Gregorian Chant for Holy Week and Easter: A practical day course on the liturgical use of Gregorian chant for Holy Week and Easter, including reflection on the meaning and importance of the chants in the liturgy. This event takes place on Saturday 14th March from 11:00AM to 4:30PM at St. Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester M15 6BW. A simple lunch will be provided as well as tea/coffee and biscuits throughout the day. For more information and to book please email the event leader, Dr Rosemarie Darby on rosemarie.darby@manchester.ac.uk

Young Adults Hub: The diocesan Youth Team are delighted to share news of the Young Adults Hub, created especially for those aged 18–35 across the Diocese of Salford. The Hub offers a welcoming space for young adults to deepen their faith, build authentic friendships, and grow together through prayer, formation, and social gatherings. If you would like more information, please reach out to Mikey hub.president@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk and Edward hub.chair@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk