

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## Palm Sunday – 29th March 2026 This Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Palm Sunday
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>		No Mass today	Holy Week
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Holy Week
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	8.15am – 8.45am <b>9.00am</b>	Adoration <b>Holy Mass</b>	Holy Week
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by "Watching" until 10.00pm	Maundy Thursday
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	10.00am  12 noon 3.00pm	Walk of Witness (start at St John's, Heaton Mersey) Stations of the Cross Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord	Good Friday
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11.00am – 11.45am</b> 8.00pm	<b>Confessions</b> The Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Easter Sunday

### **Readings this Week:**

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

**Marriage Matters:** *Challenged when we witness how others love.* St Paul recognises the amazing humility of Jesus who accepts death on the cross out of love for God and us. We wonder and are challenged by the joy of a friend who daily visits his wife who has dementia; in his great love he feeds her, puts her to bed each evening, prays with her. Could we love like this?

### **Mass Intentions Received:**

**Latently Dead:** Kathleen Egan, Ann Sage, Dylan Gallagher-O'Sullivan & Joan Daranjo.

**Anniversaries:** George Prendiville, Dawn Grimes, Kathleen Burton, Patricia Hartley, Thomas Mannion, Gerard Clarke, Bernard Keegan & Marie B.

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

**Congratulations:** To Serena, who was Baptised yesterday. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Osis & Ruth.

**Change in Mass time** - Please note that **the Mass in the parish on Wednesday is at 9am**. This is because of the Chrism Mass at 11am at St Patrick's Collyhurst at which all Clergy are expected to attend. Adoration will be from 8.15am - 8.45am. After Wednesday we move into the Easter Triduum which begins on Thursday evening at 7.30pm with the Mass of the Lord's Supper (see below). On Maundy Thursday no Mass should be celebrated except that of the Lord's Supper in the evening.

**Charitable Giving:** We are currently collecting for the Foodbank, which as you know has a greater demand for food support in times of school holidays. They urgently need long life milk, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, rice puddings, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, cat and dog food, and carrier bags. We will continue the donations to the Foodbank after Easter. There are lists on the notice boards and on the donation box in the porch. Thank you.

**Holy Week:** There is a richness to the liturgy during Holy Week, the building tension in the Liturgy of the Word at daily Mass adds to the anticipation of the Triduum. The Triduum itself is a **continuous liturgy** beginning on Maundy Thursday and we are invited to walk with Jesus from the Last Supper, through his trial and passion to the Resurrection. Please try to take part in as much of it as you can. Please note the following:

- Part of the Liturgy on Maundy Thursday is the washing of the feet. This moment has great significance. If you are willing to volunteer to have your feet washed please sign up on the list on the table at the back of church.
- There will be a period of "Watching" at the altar of repose after the Mass on Maundy Thursday, up to 10pm.
- As mandated there is no Mass in the parish other than the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday and then no Mass until the Easter Vigil.

On Good Friday we have two opportunities to gather, first for the Stations of the Cross at 12 noon and then for the Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at 3pm. We anticipate also welcoming 4 new members of the Church including 1 baptism at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers!

**Heatons' Churches Partnership Walk of Witness:** Also on **Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, there is an opportunity to give witness to our faith with other members of Christian Churches in the Heatons as we walk through Heaton Mersey and Heaton Moor together. The start this year is at **St John's, Heaton Mersey at 10am** and, with a stop here at St Winifred's, the walk concludes at St Paul's, Heaton Moor. The Walk is estimated to take 90 minutes and there will be refreshments at St Paul's before a meditative service at 12 noon.

**Lourdes Fundraiser –Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Quiz Night** hosted by our young volunteers in the Kavanagh Centre. £5 per person entry fee. Maximum of 6 people per team. Sensational prizes! AND A RAFFLE!!! (Raffle prize donations are always welcome!) Bring your own drinks and snacks (cakes and soft drinks will be available for a donation). To register your team please email [margaret.isaacs1@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.isaacs1@gmail.com). Individuals or couples can join a team on the night! Don't miss out on a great parish social and a chance to support our young pilgrims!

**Offertory Envelopes 2026 – 2027:** The new boxes of envelopes for registered Gift Aiders are available in the Church porch. Please collect your box. It is important that you use the box number assigned to you, for your donations to be correctly recorded. If you are no longer a taxpayer, please let us know, as we will need to cancel your membership of the scheme. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact the parish office. Boxes for non-gift aid are also now available; some may have a box number change but don't worry the number change has been noted. Thank you to all our contributors / donors.

**Confirmation 2026:** Thank you to those who have already registered, you will have received a letter inviting you to a parents' meeting regarding this year's programme. 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](mailto:stwinifredstockport@gmail.com).

**Chrism Mass:** The parish has received two tickets for parishioners who may wish to attend the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst this Wednesday at 11am. Please contact Mary in the office if you would like one.

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

**Seasonal Wellbeing Events:** The Team at the Laudato Si' Centre are pleased to invite you to a number of 'Seasonal Wellbeing Events' with the first session for Spring taking place on Friday 10 April from 10AM to 12PM. These sessions are designed for seasonal connection with nature, and to heal, restore and focus on mind, body and spirit. The cost for each session is £5. Please contact [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to book your place.

**Deaf Awareness and Conversational British Sign Language Course:** Caritas Salford has developed a brand new 12-week course for parishioners, to equip them with basic British Sign Language skills and greater awareness of accessibility and inclusion in parish life. The course will commence on 14 April and sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF (with parking available in the Caritas Salford car park adjacent to the church). Places for the course are strictly limited. To find out more and book a place, visit: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl)

**Exploring our Lenten Gospels:** The series will conclude on Tuesday 24 March with Bishop John reflecting on the Palm Sunday readings. Please visit the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>

**Marriage Care:** Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic Organisation specialising in relationship support and they are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling course (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. To find out more please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)