

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Easter Sunday – 5th April 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 5th April	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Easter Sunday
Monday 6th April		No Mass today	Easter Monday
Tuesday 7th April	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 8th April	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Easter Wednesday
Thursday 9th April	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Easter Thursday
Friday 10th April	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 12 noon	Adoration Holy Mass Requiem Mass for Laurence Rafferty	Easter Friday
Saturday 11th April	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Easter Saturday
Sunday 12th April	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Second Sunday of Easter

Readings this Week:

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

Marriage Matters: *Love our spouse just as they are*

The different behaviour patterns of Jesus' friends are well illustrated in these Scriptures. Jesus loved each of them exactly as they were, just as He loves each of us. Our challenge is to really love our spouse, just as they are, with all the differences that we have. It's a lifelong journey, but like Jesus' friends, our understanding can grow.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Margaret Murray, Kathleen Egan, Joan Daranjo, Larry (Laurence) Rafferty, Deacon Stephen O'Connor, John James, Josie Parnell & Kathleen Lawler.

Anniversaries: Ger Royton, Ian Mann, Veronica O'Rourke, John O'Rourke, Anna Law & James Spellman.

Other intentions: Teresa Moroney (Special Intention), John Heenan (Easter remembrance), Deceased members of the Spellman family (Special Intention), Neville Stanton (Easter remembrance), The Cooke, Stanton & Halpin families (Special Intention).

The family of the late Paddy Whelan would like to thank parishioners for your masses and support during this time. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Parish News and Events:

Schedule this Week: On Friday we will celebrate the funeral of Larry Rafferty with a Requiem Mass at 12 noon. Please come to pray for Larry and support his family if you can. There will also be daily Mass at the usual time of 9.30am.

Car Park Closed: Please note that on **Tuesday 7th April the car park will be closed to all users**. This is so that the lines can be remarked.

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life: The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to join with them in praying a Holy Hour for the dignity of human life which will take place during their Plenary Meeting in Rome on **19th April 2026 at 4.30pm**. We will join with parishes across the country for an hour of prayer at that time to unite ourselves in prayer with the Bishops.

Lourdes Fundraiser –Saturday April 18th, 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. 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!

Lourdes Pilgrimage: For any young person (aged from 13 to 35) who is interested in joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes please drop us an email to receive all the details you need.

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.

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.

50:50 Draw Winners for March:

1) Deborah Massey 2) Pat Cassidy 3) Theresa Kelly 4) Gillian Oatley 5) Bernadette O'Connell

Other News and Events of Interest:

Taizé Service: Tuesday, 7 April at 7.00pm and the first Tuesday of every month at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, M19 1PL. This service is calm and meditative with Bible readings, prayers, reflections, and beautiful chants. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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 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. To find out more and book a place, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl

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 or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Thank You and Happy Easter!

Thank you to all the many people who have so generously helped to prepare and support our Easter celebrations: those who cleaned and prepared the church, our welcomers, sacristans, servers, musicians, singers, readers, polishers, and those who quietly help behind the scenes in different ways. Thank you also to all of you who have come to celebrate this great feast with us. In gathering we are what the Lord invites us to be: His family and a witness to His Risen Life! May that witness be always evident in how we live!

**May the joy and hope of Easter fill your hearts and your homes.
Happy Easter!**