

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## Easter Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 This Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Second Sunday of Easter
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>		No Mass today	Easter Weekday
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Easter Weekday
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Easter Weekday
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Easter Weekday
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Easter Weekday
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Easter Weekday
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Third Sunday of Easter

### **Readings this Week:**

Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are "Mystagogy" - a type of teaching where the newly baptised ("neophytes") learn through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This "Mystagogy" is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. this Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.

### **Marriage Matters: *Togetherness***

Our 'togetherness' in what we do and say is a 'sign' of our love and a source of joy for us. Sometimes, like Thomas, we can be stubborn, with an attitude of 'I'll believe it when I see it' creating a sense of separation and distance. But together we have the power to stop, reflect, be forgiven, and begin again.

### **Mass Intentions Received:**

**Lately Dead:** Margaret Murray, Kathleen Egan, Joan Daranjo, Larry (Laurence) Rafferty, Sean Dwyer, Sheila Gibson, Roger Moreton, Michael Flatley, Kathleen Logue & Bernadette O'Reilly.

**Anniversaries:** Jerard Mathew, Margaret Clavin, Jeremy Royston & Ian Mann.

**Other intentions:** Pat Stafford (RIP, Birthday) & Teresa Moroney (Special Intention).

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

**Lourdes Fundraiser – NEXT 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.isaac1@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.isaac1@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!

**Prayer for the Dignity of Human Life:** The Bishops of England and Wales will be praying a Holy Hour for the dignity of human life next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 4.30pm during their Plenary Meeting in Rome. They invite us to join with them in prayer at that time. All are invited to make a private devotion at 4.30pm next Sunday for the dignity of human life in solidarity with the Bishops.

**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.

**Lost Jacket?** A rather nice Berghaus winter down jacket (men's, size small) was left in church after the Easter Masses. Please contact the office if it is yours.

**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:** There are still some boxes of envelopes for registered Gift Aiders in the Church porch, that have not been collected. 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).

**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.

**Collection for the Church in the Holy Land:** Thank you for your donations to the appeal on Good Friday. Since it is hard to announce a special collection on Good Friday without unduly disturbing the solemn liturgy, we will keep the offering open for a couple of weeks. Donations can be made using the card reader if you wish to do so (the card reader is located near to the stairs to the choir loft) or in an envelope marked "Church in the Holy Land".

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

**Catholic Social Teaching (CST):** Caritas Salford is offering a free online webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all. This will take place on Thursday 30th April 2026 from 6PM to 7:15PM. With local elections approaching in May, the time is right to raise our awareness of CST and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. Register for your free place or find out more at: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/events](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/events)

## **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, M4 5HF. 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)