

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## **Sixth Sunday of Easter – 10th May 2026** **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sixth Sunday of Easter
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>		No Mass today	Easter Weekday
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Easter Weekday
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Our Lady of Fatima
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary Holy Mass	<b>The Ascension of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Eileen Riordan</b>	Easter Weekday
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Easter Weekday
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Seventh Sunday of Easter

### **Readings this Week:**

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

### **Marriage Matters:** *Listen to Jesus within ourselves and within our partner*

Jesus is in me and in you! In marriage we are especially called to honour that presence in our spouse every day. There may be times when we hurt each other or take each other for granted, leading to feelings of jealousy and resentment, often to arguments. At times like this the call is for forgiveness, for healing, for affirmation.

### **Mass Intentions Received:**

**Lately Dead:** Eileen Riordan.

**Anniversaries:** Kerry O'Donoghue, Maura O'Donoghue, Brendan McCrossan, Eileen McDonnell, Albert Oatley, Peter Brewer, Kathleen Quinn & Ciaran Scally.

**Other intentions:** Tom Usher (85<sup>th</sup> Birthday) & Joanna Murtough (RIP, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday).

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

**Ascension Thursday** is a Holy Day of Obligation. In addition to the 9.30am Mass there will be an additional Mass at 7pm.

**Changes to the Schedule this Week:** In addition to the change for Ascension Thursday, we will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Eileen Riordan at 9.30am on Friday. Please come if you are able to pray for Eileen and to support her family. There will be no adoration or rosary that day.

**May Crowning:** Today we will be led in our song at 11am Mass by our school choir. They will join us above all to sing praise to Mary in this Marian month. At the conclusion of the 11am Mass we will crown the statue of Our Lady in our Rosary Garden!

**A Happy Story to Share:** The family of beloved and greatly missed parishioners George and Theresa Palmer enjoyed a wonderful, happy occasion yesterday. George and Theresa's granddaughter, Lily Rose, newborn daughter of their son who lives in Italy, was baptised at St Peter's, Basilica, Vatican City. Congratulations to Lily Rose and all the family on what must have been an incredible day.

**Charitable Giving:** The Foodbank currently has urgent need for long life milk, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, rice puddings, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you again for your generosity. The box for donations is on the left side of the porch as you enter the church.

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children:** Thank you for supporting the collection last Sunday for SPUC, which raised £580. The collection will remain open for a couple of weeks for anyone who missed it and wishes to donate. Donations can be made by envelope or by using the card reader.

**Purchase of a Defibrillator:** The parish SVP conference have suggested purchasing a defibrillator for parish and community use. Our research suggests the cost of the apparatus and a locked outdoor case will be in the region of £1,500. This would be a parish expense (as opposed to an SVP expense) but, nevertheless, the SVP plan to hold an **afternoon tea fundraiser** to support the purchase on **Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> in the Kavanagh Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm**. Tickets will be £10 and will be available after Masses next week. The quality of the sandwiches and cake mean it will be the best £10 you will spend this year.

**Live streaming? Something to think about...** Many churches offer a live stream of Mass or other liturgical services. Live streaming became very common during the Covid Pandemic, including at the parish where I was based during those years. It is something I have resisted here partly because of the need to encourage physical presence at Mass, assuming we are able to be present. On the other hand, a live streaming service is a way for those who are housebound to feel closer to the community and, perhaps, a way to reach some people who we would not otherwise reach. Another consideration is that, very often, a family who wish to celebrate a funeral here also wish to stream the Mass for relatives overseas to take part if they cannot make the journey. Were we to introduce the service there would be some initial costs but thereafter it could be done with relatively little expense. We would also have to consider safeguarding and copyright implications. Further, it would require a small team of people who would be willing to take responsibility for the smooth running during Masses. As always I am interested in hearing your views.

**Request for Sponsorship from Fr Mark:** I will be undertaking an approximately 750 mile sponsored cycle to Lourdes this year to support the "**Lourdes Children and Families Trust**", a charity with its origins in the Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage. Its mission is to support families, especially families with children with needs, to experience a pilgrimage in Lourdes. For more information, see their website here: <https://www.lourdescaft.com/home>. All the cyclists taking part fund the trip themselves. At the same time, despite the great amount raised at the Quiz Night, we have some way to go to cover the costs of our youth group travelling to Lourdes. The group has grown to 14 young people, which is wonderful. So, while I realise that we are so often appealing to your generosity, may I ask you to consider sponsoring me on this cycle for either our own youth or the Lourdes Children and Families Trust?

**Sponsorship for the Lourdes Children and Families Trust** can be made via a Just Giving Page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/caft26-markpaver> or by submitting an envelope labelled "Lourdes Children and Families Trust" (or "CAFT")

**Sponsorship for the Parish Youth Group** can be made by submitting an envelope labelled "Lourdes Youth Group Sponsorship" or by using the card reader. Thank you for your support.

## **Our School:**

Our school, united with the whole Church, are honouring Mary in this month of May. They have told us, "Throughout this month, in St Winifred's RC Primary School we will be reflecting on how important Mary is in our faith. The children will take part in special prayers, create May prayer tables, and show their love for Mary in different ways. They will also sing songs to Mary and ask for her help in staying close to Jesus."

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

**Free energy bill advice from Caritas:** If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at [www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport)

**Marriage Preparation Course - Love for a Lifetime:** This course will be held on Saturday 5th September and Saturday 12th September 2026 from 2PM to 5PM at St John Fisher's Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please email Fr Bryan Cunningham at [fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk](mailto:fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk) or Fr Herbert Opara at [fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk](mailto:fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk)