

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred



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Seventh Sunday of Easter – 17th May 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 17th May	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Seventh Sunday of Easter
Monday 18th May		No Mass today	Easter Weekday / St John (OM)
Tuesday 19th May	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Mass Rosary	Easter Weekday / St Dunstan (OM)
Wednesday 20th May	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Mass Rosary	Easter Weekday / St Bernadine of Siena (OM)
Thursday 21st May	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Mass Rosary	Easter Weekday / St Christopher Magallanes & his companions (OM)
Friday 22nd May	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Mass Rosary	Easter Weekday / St Rita of Cascia (OM)
Saturday 23rd May	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	Easter Weekday
Sunday 24th May	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pentecost

Readings this Week:

Our Gospel today helps us to understand this time between Ascension and Pentecost when we should be praying ardently for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Here, Jesus ends a long discourse to his disciples at the Last Supper by turning in prayer to the Father beginning, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you..." This begins the priestly prayer of Jesus as he prays first for himself, then for his disciples and finally for all who will believe in Jesus through the word of the disciples (i.e. us, from verse 20). At this brief time of year between Ascension and Pentecost we remember the wonderful truth of faith that Jesus is at the right hand of the Father always, making this same prayer for us – those who believe in him because of the words of his first disciples.

Marriage Matters: *Filled with hope*

Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When we married, we were filled with both excitement and trepidation for our future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with us since we became "Little Church" on our wedding day.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Eileen Riordan, Sheila Smith, David Adams & Jean Hamnet.

Anniversaries: Peter Brewer, Barbara Boys, May Doherty, Dr Jack Nowlan, Esther Lafferty, Alan Mellor, Joseph Won, Frank Wilkinson & Bridget Philbin.

Other intentions: Andrew Allen (Special Intention), Josephine Hall (Special Intention) & William Johnson (RIP, Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule this Week: Please note there is no Adoration before the daily Masses this week. Adoration will return on Tuesday 26th May at 8.15am as usual.

Save the Date: This year **Monsignor Quinlan celebrates 60 years of priesthood!** The actual anniversary date is 19th June but Monsignor will be with us later in the summer as he has graciously agreed to provide cover during the time Fr Mark is in Lourdes. We will therefore be able to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his 60 years of priestly service on **Sunday July 19th at 3pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Kavanagh Centre afterwards.

Charitable Giving: The Foodbank has urgent need for long life milk, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, rice puddings, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The box for donations is on the left side of the porch as you enter the church. The last fortnight's collection was 69.8 kg, equivalent to 35 meals. Thank you again for your generosity in helping our neighbours who are in crisis.

A Saint for our Parish? This week the wonderful news that the cause for the beatification and canonisation of Pedro Ballester has been formally opened was announced. Many will remember Pedro from his years as part of our parish community in his youth. He died in 2018 at the age of 21, still full of faith, hope and joy. The opening of this Cause marks an important step in recognising the life and witness of a young man whose example of faith, especially in the face of suffering, continues to resonate with many people today. Bishop John is now inviting members of the faithful to assist the process by submitting any information that may help to build a full picture of Pedro's life, virtues and reputation for holiness. This includes personal testimonies, memories and any writings attributed to him, such as letters or diaries. Full details of how to submit any information can be found here: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/cause-for-beatification-of-pedro-ballester/>.

Congratulations: It's always good to share good news and next Saturday Anthony and Brigid O'Neill will receive a special blessing at our Saturday lunchtime Mass to mark their Golden Wedding anniversary. The Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor John Allen, a long time friend of both, with whom Anthony shared time when they were both students at St Bede's and then the Venerable English College in Rome. Congratulations to Brigid and Anthony on this wonderful milestone.

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 9th in the Kavanagh Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm**. Tickets will be £10 and are available after Mass today. 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... I haven't received any thoughts at all about the idea of introducing live streaming! I guess it is not a terribly hot topic!

Our School:

This week in our school our children focused on May being the month of Mary. All our children visited the prayer focal area in the School Hall to present their gifts of flowers to Mary. The children then reflected on how we can live our lives more like Mary, for example, by showing humility in all we do. The children also enjoyed singing Marian hymns. Year 3 read Matthew's Gospel and reflected upon the mission that Jesus gave his disciples before He ascended into heaven, thinking about how we can be disciples today and follow in Jesus' footsteps in spreading the good news.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Caritas Volunteer Week: From 1 to 7 June it is national Volunteer Week, with various celebrations and activities taking place across the UK. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has a wide range of volunteering opportunities available to help support their work with people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. If you have a passion or skillset you'd like to share with others, you can find out more about the volunteering opportunities available on their website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or contact Matt Yates at m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

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

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 or Fr Herbert Opara at fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk

Novena For Life: Every year the Catholic Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 14th June. Ahead of the Day for Life, all are invited to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales'. On the website you can also find a special message from the bishops and more prayers and resources. See here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/>