

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## Pentecost Sunday – 24th May 2026 This Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pentecost
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>		No Mass today	Mary, Mother of the Church (M)
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Philip Neri (M)
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Augustine of Canterbury (F)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for David Adams</b>	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest (F)
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday / St Paul (OM)
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The Most Holy Trinity

### ***Readings this Week:***

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus's ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

### ***Marriage Matters: The Spirit works in all sorts of different ways***

Years ago, on a Marriage Encounter weekend, we had a real experience of the Spirit working "in all sorts of different ways in different people", not in Church documents, but in real life. We were like the disciples at Pentecost, "filled with joy when they saw the Lord", and we heard our own native language, deep inside each of us.

### ***Mass Intentions Received:***

**Lately Dead:** David Adams, John Crichton, Mrs Kenny & Geraldine O'Neill.

**Anniversaries:** Terry Harsant, Mary Dowds, Joseph Hall & Charles Neill.

**Other:** Anthony and Brigid O'Neill (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

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

**Changes to the Schedule this Week:** We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for David Adams at 10.30am on Thursday. Please come to pray for David and to support his family. There will be no adoration or rosary that day. On Tuesday this week there will be a funeral service for Mary Graley, who died recently in the parish, at Stockport Crematorium, at 12.15pm.

**Congratulations** to Nadeem and Nicola whose son, Bowie Shae, will be baptized later today!

**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. Last week's collection was our best yet - a magnificent 45.9kg just in one week. Thank you again for your continuing generosity.

**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**. The remaining few tickets (cost £10) will be available after Mass today.

**Save the Date:** This year **Monsignor Quinlan celebrates 60 years of priesthood!** The actual anniversary date is 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Before Fr Mark sets off we will have the chance to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving led by Monsignor Quinlan for his 60 years of priestly service on **Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Kavanagh Centre afterwards.

**World Communications Day:** Next Sunday is World Communications Day, when we are asked to take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Next Sunday there will be a second collection to support this work.

**CAFOD:** We have received the following thank you from CAFOD. *"A sincere "thank you" from CAFOD for your generous donations to this Lent's Family Fast Day appeal. Your donations and prayers are supporting communities such as those using floating gardens, enabling them to become self-sufficient with quality food, in the face of the impacts of climate change. Thank you for providing them with hope. To find out more about our work visit [cafod.org.uk/](http://cafod.org.uk/) "*

**Live streaming?** Thank you for the small number of responses to the request for opinions about setting up a live streaming service. All the expressed views have been positive suggesting it is something for us to look at in detail and come up with an approach. If there is anyone who is skilled in IT/cabling, knows about camera equipment or would just like to be part of the team to pull this together, please let me know by email.

**New Signs:** During the coming week new signs will be installed around the car park and entrances. The signs are hopefully welcoming and informative but also make clear that the only authorised users of the car park are visitors to the church and the parish centre. Please can we ask also that, especially on Sundays, people park closest to the wall first (on the left of the car park) allowing more cars to fit. Thank you!

## ***Our School:***

Amongst all the good things going on at school this week our children and families have been taking part in a walk to school week! What a great and simple way to show real commitment to reduce emissions and care for our common home. Living up to the school motto: "Caritas, God's love in action", the children teach us that caring well for our common home begins with simple sacrifices that we can all make. The school community has now broken up for the half term holiday and return on Monday June 8th.

## ***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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer) or contact Matt Yates at [m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport)

**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/>