

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## The Most Holy Trinity – 31st May 2026 This Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The Most Holy Trinity
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>		No Mass today	St Justin (M)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Weekday / SS Marcellinus & Peter (OM)
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Patricia Martin</b>	St Charles Lwanga & his companions (M)
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Geraldine O'Neill</b>	Weekday
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Boniface (M)
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday / St Norbert (OM)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

### **Readings this Week:**

We begin our Summer 'Ordinary Time' by celebrating a feast - not of a particular saint or event, but of the awesome paradoxes of our God, the Three-in-One, Father, Son and Spirit: so immeasurably distant, yet so amazingly close, so full of power and so full of love. It is love that is the key to the mystery: the revelation of God, to Moses and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, shows a perfect love - a perfect unity. In the beginning, in the story of Creation in Genesis, God made man and woman 'in the image and likeness of God', to live together as a community of love. So too, the Church is an image of this perfection of community which is Father, Son and Spirit. We, as many members of one Church, strive in our everyday lives to imitate God who is Three and One, perfect unity and perfect love.

### **Marriage Matters:** *Be united and live in peace*

In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

### **Mass Intentions Received:**

**Lately Dead:** Patricia Martin, Geraldine O'Neill & Maureen Stevens.

**Anniversaries:** Owen Breen & Eric Staddon.

**Other:** Anthony & 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 Patricia Martin on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.30am** and for Geraldine O'Neill on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**. Please come to pray with both families if you are able. There will be no adoration on those days.

**Congratulations** to Simon and Kim whose daughter, Harper, was baptized yesterday. Congratulations also to Paul and Laretta, whose daughter, Hazel, was baptized on Wednesday evening.

**Afternoon Tea Fundraiser** to raise funds to purchase defibrillator for the parish, led by the parish SVP conference will be held on **Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> in the Kavanagh Centre from 1.00pm to 3pm**. Last few tickets are still available.

**Papal Encyclical** On Monday of last week (25<sup>th</sup> May), Pope Leo XIV issued his first encyclical letter entitled *Magnifica Humanitas*, which roughly translates to “Magnificent” or “Great” Humanity and the early paragraphs refer to “humanity in its grandeur”. As soon as we heard the papal name Leo XIV it was evident that the Pope sees an urgent need for continuity of the teaching of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) who, amongst other things, began the tradition that has emerged to form Catholic Social Teaching in the modern era with his encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (“Of New Things”) of 1891. Pope Leo XIII was responding to the challenges of his time, especially those brought from the Industrial Revolution and political ideologies that placed the human person as subservient to the State. Pope Leo XIV has written *Magnifica Humanitas* as the Church’s response to the challenges of our time and, in particular, the technological revolution, which continues at a pace with the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence (AI). As has been a feature of the modern era, technological development tends to outpace moral reflection and the impact on the dignity of the human person. It is always better to read Papal encyclicals directly rather than reading reports about them and, as with all Papal documents, this one can be downloaded for free from the Vatican website here:  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

**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. Thank you again for your continuing generosity.

**World Communications Day:** Today 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. There will be a second collection to support this work.

**June Devotion:** As we say goodbye to May for another year, we recall that June is traditionally devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a solemnity which will be celebrated on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a good time to renew private devotions to the Sacred Heart. A novena prayer used daily by St Padre Pio can be found here:  
<https://www.padrepio.org/pray/efficacious-novena/>.

**New Signs:** As you may have noticed, new signs have been 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!

**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.

## ***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. For more information see: [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:** This year the day for life 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/>

**Quarant’ Ore at the Manchester Oratory** – The Oratorian Community of Manchester based at St Chad’s, Cheatham Hill (M4 4EX) extend an invitation to join them for Quarant’ Ore over Corpus Christi weekend (Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>). Full details are included in a poster on the notice board.

**Taizé Service:** Tuesday, 2 June at 7.00 pm and the first Tuesday of every month at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1PL. This service is calm and meditative with Bible readings, prayers, reflections, and beautiful chants. Refreshments will be served after the service. For further information, please contact on Margaret 0161 258 2698.