

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – 7th June 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 7th June	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Monday 8th June		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 9th June	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Ephrem (OM)
Wednesday 10th June	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Krystyna Maj	Weekday
Thursday 11th June	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Barnabas (M)
Friday 12th June	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)
Saturday 13th June	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary / St Anthony of Padua (OMs)
Sunday 14th June	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

The Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ – is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a “thing” that we receive – however reverently – it is a person, a relationship, a belonging and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: “Receive what you are – the Body of Christ”. The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ’s words to our reality: “...who eats my flesh and drink my blood lives in me and I live in him.” The people of the Old Testament had God living in their midst, walking with them on their journey, feeding and nourishing them with the gift of manna from heaven. Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, journeying “in communion” with us – living within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper. And as Saint Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other – God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body.

Marriage Matters: Feed your love

Without food we die! Our wedding promise was to nourish each other so that we bring life to our marriage. We feed each other in all the little countless ways, but particularly in our tenderness, our talking and listening, support and encouragement, particularly in times of doubt and uncertainty. In these ways our marriage will grow and shine.

Mass Intentions Received:

Latently Dead: Maureen Stevens, Geraldine O'Neill, Krystyna Maj & Josephine Hall.

Anniversaries: Vera Matthews, William Morton & Ann Morton.

Other: Mary Rowe (Special Intention) & Michael Gannon (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule this Week: We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Krystyna Maj on Wednesday 10th June at 9.30am. There will be no adoration before Mass that day. Please come along to pray for the repose of the soul of Krystyna and support her family if you can.

In addition, there will be no adoration next Saturday morning. This is because there is a day of recollection for men discerning a vocation to the priesthood at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Kearsley. I am grateful to Monsignor John Allen who will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass at the usual times. We are expecting somewhere between 10 and 15 men at the day of recollection. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese.

Congratulations to Fiona & Peter who were married in church on Saturday. As with all married couples they are a sign for us of Christ's love for the Church and we delight and are encouraged by their self-gift to one another.

Afternoon Tea Fundraiser to raise funds to purchase defibrillator for the parish, led by the parish SVP conference will be held this **Tuesday June 9th in the Kavanagh Centre from 1.00pm to 3pm.**

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 collection from the last fortnight amounted to 77.5kg! Thank you again for your continuing generosity.

World Communications Day: Thank you for supporting last Sunday's collection, which raised £420.

Sacred Heart Devotion: June is traditionally devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a solemnity which will be celebrated this coming **Friday, June 12th**. 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/>.

50/50 Draw: The winners of the May Draw of the 50/50 Club were: 1) Adrian Sloane 2) Liam Maguire 3) Sarah Field & 4) Joan Kelleher

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: We are coming towards the end of the preparation for our children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year. The Masses in which the children will receive Holy Communion for the first time will be on **Saturdays 20th and 27th June at 2pm.** (Please note that the usual Saturday Mass will also be celebrated on those days at 12 noon). We will welcome all of our children to come to the 11am Sunday Mass in their Holy Communion finery on **Sunday 5th July**. Meanwhile, those young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will resume their sessions this Tuesday after a 2 week break. We look forward to the celebration of the Sacrament with them which will take place on **Wednesday July 8th at 7pm**, led by Bishop John. Please keep all of our children, young people and their families in your prayers.

Lourdes Fundraising – date for your diary! On **Sunday, 12th July**, we will be hosting a cake sale following the 9am and 11am Masses to support the youth from our parish on their upcoming Lourdes pilgrimage. Gluten-free options will be available, along with delicious muffins for our younger attendees. Give yourself a treat! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Save the Date: This year **Monsignor Quinlan celebrates 60 years of priesthood!** Monsignor will be with us during the summer and while the actual anniversary date is 19th June we will have the chance to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving led by Monsignor for his 60 years of priestly service on **Sunday July 19th at 3pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Kavanagh Centre afterwards.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Cause for the Beatification of Pedro Ballester: The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a parishioner here at St Winifred's for many years in his youth, who died in 2018 aged just 21. Pedro was known for his warmth, generosity and strong faith. After being diagnosed with cancer while at university, he faced his illness with remarkable courage, offering his suffering in prayer and trusting deeply in God. As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character. For more information or to contribute, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal: Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Post: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Fancy a walk? Caritas Salford is organising a 6-mile scenic, circular sponsored hike in Lancashire, along the delightful Downham Trail. Taking place on 5 September, the walk is an undulating route with the potential for expansive views from the summit of Beacon Fell. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/LancsWalk for more information or to register for your free place.

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

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 5th to Sunday June 7th). Full details are included in a poster on the notice board.