

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st June 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 21st June	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 22nd June		No Mass today	SS John Fisher & Thomas More (F)
Tuesday 23rd June	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Etheldreda (OM)
Wednesday 24th June	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	The Nativity of St John the Baptist (S)
Thursday 25th June	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Michael Gannon	Weekday
Friday 26th June	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 27th June	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon 2.00pm	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass First Holy Communion Mass	St Cyril of Alexandria (M)
Sunday 28th June	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Saints Peter & Paul (S)

Readings this Week:

Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body.

Marriage Matters: *Fear conceals itself...*

How easy to become paranoid, to wonder what others might be saying about us. These aspects can be present outside our relationship and within it; at their core is fear! Jesus continuously exhorts the Twelve, "do not be afraid...every hair on your head has been counted". Living our life now in Christ, we will not fear what others think.

Mass Intentions Received:

Latently Dead: Michael Gannon, Maureen Stevens, Michael Meeneghan, Anthony Smith & Marie Brennan.

Anniversaries: Gary Devine, William Johnson, Jimmy Jennings, Mary Neary, Martin Neary, Kathleen Neary, Gerard Dolan, Dora Fowley, Catherine Rozsas, Veronica O'Mahony & Tom Jordan.

Other: John Heenan (RIP, Father's Day), Pat Owen (Special Intention), Andrew Smith (Special Intention), Tony Cooke (90th Birthday), Ann & Charles Cooke (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

Change to Schedule: We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Michael Gannon on Thursday 25th 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 Michael and support his family if you can.

CAFOD Tea, Coffee & Cake Event: After the 11am Mass **next Sunday, 28th June**, our Confirmation candidates will be hosting a parish social event to raise funds for CAFOD's work in Bangladesh. Please stick around after Mass for some refreshments, buy a ticket, win a great prize and help support the work of CAFOD. All Welcome!

Congratulations to twin brothers Ruadman and Enda who will be baptized later today. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Joe and Megan, who no doubt have their hands full, but today can rejoice as they “see the hope of eternal life shine on their children”.

First Holy Communion Mass: Our congratulations to the children who received their Holy Communion for the first time yesterday. The second of the two Masses to celebrate First Holy Communion is next Saturday at 2pm. The parish Mass will also be offered as usual at 12 noon. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

The Day for Life – Today, we mark Day for Life, the day in the Church’s calendar when we come together to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. This year’s theme is “The Wonder of the Child in the Womb”. A child is a gift from God to be nurtured and cherished, but the theme also recognises the tragedy of babies who died before birth and the grief experienced by their parents and families. The bishops’ message and prayers can be found on the website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go toward the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death.

Monsignor Quinlan’s Diamond Anniversary – Reminder! A Mass of Thanksgiving led by Monsignor Quinlan on **Sunday July 19th at 3pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Kavanagh Centre afterwards.

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!

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 amount we collected last fortnight was 45.2 kg.! Thank you again for your continuing generosity.

Father’s Day - Happy Father’s Day to all Dads out there! We give thanks today to our Fathers, those still with us and those who have gone to their heavenly home. May God bless them all and support them in their vocation – more important now than ever!

Our School

School Summer Fair: St Winifred’s School Family and Friends are organising the school summer fair to take place on **Friday 26th June between 6 and 8pm**. Circus skills, climbing wall, bouncy castle, football speed shot, food, drink, music and a lots more! Come along and join the fun and help raise money for school funds! Entry fee £3 per family! Bargain. If anyone is able to donate a bottle of something, the organisers will gratefully accept! There is a box in the porch for donations. Thank you!

Reflecting on St Peter: As we approach the feast of Ss Peter and Paul next Sunday, our children in Year 3 have been learning about St. Peter and why he is known as the first Pope. They reflected on why Peter was chosen, even though he wasn’t always perfect and recognised that faith, courage and willingness to lead as well as follow when necessary is what truly matters. They looked closely at the scripture, “Peter, on this rock I will build my Church...” (Matthew 16:18) and created their own ‘faith rocks’ thinking about what it means to us.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Marian Procession 2026 Madonna Del Rosario Procession: The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 5 July. The procession will begin at 1:15pm but we ask that if you are taking part to please meet at The Halle, St Michael’s, George Leigh Street, Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter’s Square. All are welcome.

New Volunteering Role at Caritas Salford: Caritas Salford is looking for suitable volunteers who would be interested in giving a little time to work alongside families at their young parent accommodation in Blackburn - supporting and facilitating activities with the babies and their parents. To find out more about this or other volunteering opportunities with the charity contact Matt Yates: m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk.

A Message for the parish from Friends of the Holy Land: Friends of the Holy Land, who benefitted from our Christmas Crib donations, are deeply grateful for our financial support. If you would like to hear more detail about their work supporting vulnerable Christian communities in the Holy Land, there is a free webinar tomorrow, Monday 22nd June at 7.30pm-8.15pm. Just use this link <http://bit.ly/4xkvWTA> to register to attend and receive the online invitation. If you cannot make this date, the webinar will take place at the same time on the fourth Monday each month"

Book on the history of the Diocese of Salford presented to Pope Leo: Monsignor John Allen has harnessed his love of the geography and history of our diocese, by penning a special book which is being sold in aid of our diocesan charity Caritas Salford. The book, A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford, was presented to Pope Leo recently, and you can read about it, or get a copy for yourself or someone else, on the Caritas Salford website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/pope-leo-book.

Vacancies - Teaching and Learning Delivery Support: An opportunity to support the delivery of environmental learning activities at the Laudato Si’ Centre, based at Wardley Hall. This is a rewarding opportunity to help pupils, school groups, parishes and community visitors connect with nature, explore creation and take part in meaningful outdoor activities. For more information please see <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>