

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – 28th June 2026 This Week's Schedule

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| Sunday 28th June | 9.00am 11.00am | Holy Mass Holy Mass | Saints Peter & Paul |
| Monday 29th June | | No Mass today | Weekday |
| Tuesday 30th June | 8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am | Adoration Holy Mass | Weekday / The First Martyrs of the See of Rome (OM) |
| Wednesday 1st July | 10.15am | Requiem Mass for Maureen Stevens | Weekday / St Oliver Plunkett (OM) |
| Thursday 2nd July | 8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am | Adoration Holy Mass | Weekday |
| Friday 3rd July | 8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am | Adoration Holy Mass | St Thomas (F) |
| Saturday 4th July | 9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon | Adoration Confessions Holy Mass | St Elizabeth of Portugal (OM) |
| Sunday 5th July | 9.00am 11.00am | Holy Mass Holy Mass | Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time |

Readings this Week:

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: "Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign with princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

Marriage Matters: *The power of love*

Peter, the denier, and Paul, the persecutor, both familiar with failure, were overwhelmed by the power of love and gave up their own lives. Let us rejoice in our calling to love as Jesus did, to lay down our lives for each other, willingly and gladly. Our lives might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Michael Gannon, Molly Carlin, Maureen Stevens, Michael Meeneghan & Marie Brennan.

Anniversaries: Siobhan Drugan, Angela Drugan, Yulia Yun, Michael O'Malley, Michael McIntyre & Ellie Philbin.

Other: Tom Finnegan (Special Intention),

Parish News and Events:

Change to Schedule: We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Maureen Stevens on Wednesday 1st July at 10.15am. Maureen was the organist at St Mary's, Heaton Norris, for over 70 years and here for many years too. Please come along to pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen and support her family if you can. There will be no adoration before Mass that day.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion yesterday and last Saturday, and to the families who supported them on this special journey. We pray that their relationship with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will continue to grow. Thank you especially to all of the Catechists who have supported the programme with their talents, time and care for our children and their families. Next Sunday, the children are invited to wear their Holy Communion attire to the 11am Mass, followed by a simple celebration in the Kavanagh Centre.

Confirmation: We continue to pray for the children who are part of our Confirmation Programme. Bishop John will visit the Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 8th July at 7pm. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

Peter's Pence: Traditionally on this Sunday of the year a special collection is made to support the charitable works of the Pope. The aims of Peter's Pence are: (1) To support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples; and (2) To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development. There will be a final collection today to support this cause. More information can be found here: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

CAFOD Tea, Coffee & Cake Event: After the 11am Mass today, 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!

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. Thank you again for your continuing generosity.

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.

Collection for Monsignor Quinlan: We would like to offer a gift to Monsignor Quinlan to mark his Diamond Jubilee. If you would like to make a donation please pass an envelope marked "Monsignor Quinlan Anniversary Gift". Donations can also be made using the dedicated button on the card reader.

Our School:

Becoming Leaders: Guided by our Gospel values, our children are encouraged to become leaders, use their voices, take responsibility and make a positive difference to the lives of others. One group we are especially proud of is our Anti-Bullying Working Party. These dedicated pupils have shown great commitment in developing brand new, child-friendly Anti-Bullying and Anti-Racism policies for our school. Their work reflects a deep understanding of fairness, respect and the dignity of every individual. This week, they have taken their leadership even further by beginning to lead whole-school assemblies, confidently sharing their important messages with their peers. They have been a real inspiration to us all.

We are also delighted to see our Year 5 pupils stepping forward as the next generation of school leaders. They recently took part in a formal application process for a range of leadership roles which will conclude with an interview with headteacher, Mrs Duffy, giving them the opportunity to further demonstrate their enthusiasm and readiness to serve the school community. We give thanks for the confidence, compassion and sense of justice shown by our pupils, and we pray that they continue to grow as kind, courageous leaders, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Other News and Events of Interest:

A Night of Music and Fun: The African Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Salford are inviting you to a concert in celebration of African Liturgical and folk music. This is to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Failsworth, M35 0NN on 31 July 2026 at 7PM. This promises to be a night of good music (by the invited choir) and laughter (by the priests and religious who also try to sing!). All welcome!.

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.

Could You Become a Host Family? St Bede's College is seeking local families to host international students joining the College. Hosting provides a wonderful opportunity to welcome a young person from another country into your home, share family life and experience a different culture whilst supporting a student's educational journey in Manchester. Host families receive full support from the College and £300 per week in recognition of their hospitality. They are holding a Host Family Information Breakfast on Tuesday 30th June at 9am To find out more, please contact international@sbcm.co.uk or visit <https://sbcm.co.uk/host-families>