

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th July 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 5th July	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 6th July		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 7th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Maria Goretti (OM)
Wednesday 8th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Thursday 9th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Augustine Zhao Rong & his companions (OM)
Friday 10th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 11th July	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St Benedict
Sunday 12th July	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

Today's Gospel in an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is 'kind and full of compassion.'

Marriage Matters: 'Yoked' to Him we are not overburdened

A 'yoke' keeps oxen together when carrying a heavy load or ploughing a field. On the day you married you chose to be 'yoked' together 'till death us do part'. The burdens of life can lower your spirits and create a barrier to intimacy in your relationship. Jesus says: "Stay 'yoked' to me and I will help you, however heavy the load."

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Bernard Crichton & Michael Meenaghan.

Anniversaries: Helen Dermody, Robert Boys, Tracey Woodburn, Charlie Hill, Bridget McCann & Mabel Hewitt.

Other: Arthur Pickering (Birthday), Patricia Owen (Special Intention), Regina Barlow (Special Intention) & Deceased members of the Atkinson Family.

Parish News and Events:

Congratulations to twins Cónnla & Maeva who were baptised yesterday. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Ciara & Paul.

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.

First Holy Communion: Today we welcome the children who completed their Holy Communion in June to the 11am Mass, followed by a simple celebration in the Kavanagh Centre.

Lourdes Petitions: One of the traditions of a pilgrimage to Lourdes is to take petitions (prayer intentions) to be held in prayer on the journey and placed at the Grotto to be entrusted to Mary. If you would like your petitions to be included please write them, enclose them in an envelope and place them in the basket which will be at the foot of the altar for the next few weeks. ***Please do not put any money in the envelopes!***

Peter's Pence: Thank you for supporting this collection which raised £450.

CAFOD Tea, Coffee & Cake Event: Our young confirmation candidates raised the wonderful amount of £500 for CAFOD last week. Well done to them and thank you for your support!

Lourdes Fundraising – date for your diary! Next **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!

Great Art for Sale! Once again our Parishioner Evelyn Speak is supporting our young pilgrims' faith journey by selling her art to raise funds for their Lourdes pilgrimage this year. Most are original lino prints and can be bought with a frame or without. They will be available (along with the cakes!) at next Sunday's fundraiser.

Stella Maris: Next Sunday there is a special collection for the work of Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea.

Charitable Giving: The Foodbank is most urgently in need of soap, toothpaste, coffee, tinned fruit and cat and dog food as well as long life milk, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and toothbrushes. The box for donations is on the left side of the porch as you enter the church. Thank you for your continuing generosity which is greatly appreciated.

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.

50/50 draw: The winners of the June Draw: - 1) Austin Daly 2) Roland Bright-Thomas 3) Pat Cassidy 4) Janet McHale 5) Marie McLaughlin

New home for a Snooker table? There is a snooker table in the Kavanagh Centre which is not used. It seems best to seek a new home for it. Does anyone know of a charity who might welcome it? Or would anyone like it for a games room at home? It's approximately 7 x 4 feet and comes with cues, rests and balls.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Cathedral Reopening: Our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist welcomed worshippers and visitors back from yesterday, Saturday 4 July, and this weekend is one of celebrations to mark the completion of this significant project. Having served as the spiritual heart of the Diocese of Salford for more than 175 years, the cathedral required extensive restoration to address longstanding repairs to its stonework and infrastructure while ensuring it could continue to meet the needs of a growing community. A key element of the project has been the restoration of many of the cathedral's historic features, including the reinstatement of original decorative schemes and the conservation of stained-glass windows, bringing renewed colour, vibrancy and beauty to this sacred space. A Mass of rededication will be held on the Diocesan Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16th, at 12 noon. Hopefully all will get a chance to visit and see the Cathedral in its renewed splendour over the coming weeks and months. For more information please see here: <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/a-new-chapter-in-salfords-history/>.

Retreats at Boarbank Hall, near Grange-over-Sands: The Canonesses of St Augustine, based at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria, offer the perfect escape from work for those who want to combine holiday, retreat, the chance to deepen their faith and make new friends. This year there are two opportunities: The first is for working Catholics: *A retreat focused on Mary, Mother of God and of the Church*, 1st-8th August 2026 and in the autumn *Re-creation! St Francis & Friends*, from 1st – 8th October. Great accommodation, hearty food, beautiful and prayerful surroundings. See poster on the notice board for further information or visit their website to learn more: www.boarbankhall.org.uk

Help end Child Poverty in our Parishes: Child poverty is increasing in our area, with latest statistics from the government showing almost one in three children are growing up in poverty. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford supports local families facing crisis and is asking us to join them in taking action to help. There are lots of different ways you and your parish can get involved. Please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/endchildpoverty to find out more.