

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th July 2026 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 12th July	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 13th July		No Mass today	Weekday / St Henry (OM)
Tuesday 14th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Camillus of Lellus (OM)
Wednesday 15th July	9.15am	Requiem Mass for Andrew Smith	St Bonaventure (M)
Thursday 16th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (F)
Friday 17th July	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 18th July	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
Sunday 19th July	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Holy Mass (with 5 Confirmations) Holy Mass Monsignor Quinlan's Diamond Jubilee Mass	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called 'The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. It is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

Marriage Matters: Listen to the person behind the words

The stony ground is when we are too engrossed in the television, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner. The thorny ground is where we disengage with each other, not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening – hold hands, look in each other's eyes.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Mr Satchell & Andy Smith.

Anniversaries: Nicola Whalley, James McMonagle, Gerry O'Neill, Charlie Hill & Brian Hewitt.

Other: Regina Barlow (Special Intention) & Deceased members of the Hewitt family (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

Change to the Schedule: On Wednesday this week we will celebrate the Requiem Mass for Andrew ("Andy") Smith at 9.15am. Please come along to pray for the repose of Andy's soul and to support his family. There will be no adoration before Mass that day.

Confirmation: Congratulations to the 29 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday last week. We look forward to sharing their faith journey with them as they continue to grow in our parish community. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Next week 5 young people, who were away on a school trip last week, will be Confirmed at Sunday's 9am Mass. We look forward to welcoming them and their families.

Congratulations to Raphael who will be baptized later today. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Greg and Lucia.

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea): Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Today's collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work. Thank you for your support. For more information about the work of Stella Maris, please see their website here: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/>.

Praying for Our Sick and Housebound: We rightly remember our sick and housebound when we gather for Mass and keep them in our prayers. Our prayers for the sick are efficacious and valued and every name has a particular significance for one or more member of our congregation. From this weekend, a list of all our sick and housebound will be placed on the Sacred Heart altar and all are asked to pray for those on the list. Starting in August, we will offer a Mass for all of our sick and housebound on the first Saturday of the month (or closest available Saturday to the first – the particular Mass will be announced) during which the names of all on the list will be read out. We will look for an opportunity later in the year to offer Mass including the Anointing of the Sick for those who wish to receive it. We will continue to pray in our bidding prayers on Sundays for “all the sick and housebound of the parish, especially those on our sick list”, and we will read the names of those who are newly acutely unwell, facing surgery or approaching the end of life.

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 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!***

Lourdes Fundraising – Today, 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! Along with great cakes there will also be some **great art for sale!** Parishioner Evelyn Speak is supporting our young pilgrims' faith journey by selling her art to contribute to their funds. Most are original lino prints and can be bought with a frame or without. The card reader can be used using the tab “Lourdes Fundraising” either for cakes or art!

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 the left side of the porch as you enter the church. Last fortnight's collection amounted to 46.3kg. Thank you for your continuing generosity which is greatly appreciated.

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

Cycle to Lourdes: Fr Mark will set off on his sponsored bike ride to Lourdes next Monday from the church. Funds are being raised to support the “**Lourdes Children and Families Trust**”, a charity with its origins in the Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage. Its mission is to support families, especially families with children with needs, to experience a pilgrimage in Lourdes. For more information, see their website here: <https://www.lourdescaft.com/home>. If you would like to sponsor Fr Mark please use the link here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/caft26-markpaver>.

Other News and Events of Interest:

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

Stop assisted suicide being legalised: Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September. *Right To Life UK* has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. ***Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide:*** <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

Cathedral Reopening: Our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist has reopened with almost 1,000 attending Masses over the first weekend last week. A Mass of dedication of the new altar will be celebrated this week 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/>.