

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th July 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 19th July	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Monsignor Quinlan's Diamond Jubilee Mass	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 20th July	8.00am	Holy Mass	Weekday / St Apollinaris (OM)
Tuesday 21st July	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday / St Laurence of Brindisi (OM)
Wednesday 22nd July	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Mary Magdalene
Thursday 23rd July	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Bridget of Sweden (F)
Friday 24th July	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday / St Sharbel Makhlof (OM)
Saturday 25th July	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	St James (F)
Sunday 26th July	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

There is no room in a good field for weeds and rubbish: so in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no room for 'all things that provoke offences, and all who do evil'. They must be got rid of, for the sake of the good wheat, for the sake of the good subjects of the kingdom. But this weeding out will not take place until harvest time - in case one piece of good wheat is destroyed with the weeds. This shows the mercy of God: everyone has chance after chance to prove that they are wheat, not darnel; there are no quick judgements in the kingdom of heaven, and things are never as black and white as we think. Only at the end of time will evil stand out clearly, so that it can be disposed of, and only the Son of Man can judge.

Marriage Matters: *Attentive listening* - The Gospel today raises questions about our ability 'to listen'. We easily hear criticism in a comment, or a question which often puts us at odds with each other. But if we listen with our hearts, in the way Jesus commanded us to do, we are enabled, in all our relationships, to follow His command "...listen, anyone who has ears".

Mass Intentions Received:

Latently Dead: Andy Smith, Eileen Clarke & Ann Widdicombe.

Anniversaries: Mary & James O'Mahoney, Marie Brian, Anthony Casey, Maura O'Donoghue, James McCann, William Hall.

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule: There will be a Mass this coming Monday at **8am** for anyone who wishes to attend. There will be no adoration from Tuesday 21st July until Wednesday 5th August. We will return to the usual schedule on Thursday 6th August.

Welcome Back Monsignor Quinlan: It is a delight to welcome Monsignor Quinlan back today and to be able to celebrate his 60th Anniversary of the Priesthood at 3pm this afternoon. Monsignor will be with us for the next couple of weeks and will be covering the weekly schedule until Wednesday 5th August.

Congratulations to Alfie who was baptized yesterday. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad, Harry and Emma.

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea): Thank you for your support of last Sunday's collection, which raised £450.

Lourdes Fundraising – Thank you for last week's support of the cake / art work fundraiser, which raised the tremendous total of £918.

Praying for Our Sick and Housebound: As mentioned in the newsletter last week the names of our sick and housebound who have asked for prayers are in place at our Sacred Heart Altar. Please do take a moment to offer a prayer for them. We will offer our first monthly Mass for the sick of our parish on **Saturday August 8th**, during which all on the list will be prayed for by name. 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. Please do let us know by email if you know of someone in those circumstances. Please also let us know of anyone who should be added to the list or taken off. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fr Mark, Fr Chris Gorton and 4 others will set off to Lourdes tomorrow morning from the church at around 9.30am. As noted there will be Mass in church at **8am** for anyone who wishes to attend. Fr Mark will take the petitions we have received so far with him but there is still another week to get your petitions in – Margaret Isaacs will collect them and take them when she travels down on July 30th. **Please do not put any money in the envelopes!**

Thank you for the wonderful support in sponsorship which has been incredibly generous and will make a huge difference to the work of the charity and the people they can support! If you would like to find out more about the Lourdes Children and Families Trust, see their website here:
<https://www.lourdescaft.com/home>.

Fr Mark and Fr Chris will offer Mass each day during the journey and will be praying for all the people and needs of the parish, especially any petitions submitted or prayers requested. Other pilgrims – there are 20 in all from the parish - set off the following week (on 29th or 30th depending on the mode of travel). Please pray for a safe and blessed pilgrimage for all.

Charitable Giving: The Foodbank is most urgently in need of soap, toothpaste, coffee, tinned fruit, cat and dog food, 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. Thank you for your continuing generosity which is greatly appreciated.

Sacramental Programme 2026 to 2027: If your child is in year 3 or above in the next academic year, is baptised and has not yet made their First Holy Communion they are eligible to take part in our Sacramental Programme (preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) for next year. Please email Mary Ward in the office to register your interest (stwinifredstockport@gmail.com). More information will be forthcoming.

Other News and Events of Interest:

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: 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 which had been rejected by the House of Lords. The Catholic Church's clear principled objection to this Bill remains and the Bishops of England and Wales have renewed their call for Catholics and people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains the Bishops' strong opposition to this legislation:

“The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading.”

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>

Love knitting, crocheting, sewing or making? Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for creative parishioners who might be able to help them raise funds to help support people in our parish communities who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. They're looking for people who can either make items to sell in aid of the charity, or groups of people from our parishes who can be paired with local schools to help knit hats and scarves for pupils to wear in their Big Sleep Out fundraisers. If you can help, please get in touch with the team at fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2250.

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.