

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th July 2026 **This Week's Schedule**

Sunday 26th July	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 27th July		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 28th July	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday
Wednesday 29th July	9.30am	Holy Mass	SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus (M)
Thursday 30th July	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday / St Peter Chrysologus (OM)
Friday 31st July	9.30am	Holy Mass	St Ignatius Loyola (M)
Saturday 1st August	11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Confessions Holy Mass	St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori (M)
Sunday 2nd August	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, can make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.

Marriage Matters: Discover what loving really means

Instead of praying for 'treasure', King Solomon prayed for wisdom '*to discern good from evil*'. When discerning what 'loving' really means, you find '*hidden treasure*' in these weekly reflections on Scripture. They will also help you to discover the 'hidden treasure' in each other. Sharing this, you sow 'seeds' of love in the minds and hearts of others.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Joan Kelleher.

Anniversaries: Monica Hartley, Maura O'Donoghue, Mary Hall & John Peter Birch.

Other: Tom Usher (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule: There will be no adoration from Tuesday 21st July until Wednesday 5th August. We will return to the usual schedule on Thursday 6th August.

Praying for Our Sick and Housebound: As mentioned in the newsletter previously 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 15th**, 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.

Charitable Giving: The Foodbank has updated their list of urgently needed items to include coffee, long life milk, tins of coconut milk, meat (ham, corned beef, etc), soup, tomatoes, fruit and rice pudding. Also, bars of soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, cat and dog food. The box for your donations is on the left side of the porch as you enter the church. Thank you for your generous donations which amounted to 54.2kg for the previous 2 weeks.

Sacramental Programme 2026 to 2027: We are looking to get an early sense of numbers for next year's Sacramental Programme (preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) to help with our planning. As last year, the programme will be run from the church and led by teams of catechists. If your child is in year 3 or above, is baptised and has not yet made their First Holy Communion they are eligible to take part. Please email Mary Ward in the office to register your interest (stwinifredstockport@gmail.com). More information will be forthcoming.

Help Us Celebrate 75 Years of Our Parish! January 2027 will mark 75 years since our parish was erected. We will give some thought over the coming months as to how to mark this milestone. As a start, do you have any photographs of parish life from years gone by? We are looking for pictures of church celebrations, processions, first holy communions and other sacraments, parish groups, social events and other special occasions to help celebrate our parish's 75th anniversary. A selection of photographs will be enlarged, framed and displayed in the Kavanagh Centre as a lasting celebration of our parish's history. Please bring your original photographs to the Kavanagh Centre after the **9.00am or 11.00am Mass on 9th or 16th August**, where they will be scanned and returned to you. Alternatively, place them in a clearly labelled envelope (with your name and contact details) in the **Photo Collection Basket** at the back of church. Once scanned, they can be collected from the **Photos Returned Basket**. Digital photographs can be emailed to [**stwinifredstockport@gmail.com**](mailto:stwinifredstockport@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us preserve these precious memories.

Other News and Events of Interest:

Lourdes at Home: The 92nd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John, will take place from Thursday 30 July - Wednesday 5 August. If you are not able to join us in Lourdes, please be assured of our prayers for all in the diocese during our time on pilgrimage. You can still participate in our celebrations of Mass via '**Lourdes at Home**'. This year we will be live-streaming extra Masses in the programme so that those not with us in person can still join in our Masses and processions. All live streaming links, liturgy sheets and the programme for the week can be found on the '**Lourdes at Home**' page of our website - www.salfordlourdes.co.uk. We hope you can join us.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: 26 July 2026 - "The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family, and even those who have no-one to visit them." Pope Leo XIV.

As World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly approaches, take a look at a free resource from Caritas Salford, on celebrating and developing relationships with older family members and older people within our parish and wider communities: www.caritassalford.org.uk/OlderPeopleResource

Services to Support Local People

Caritas Salford runs a wide range of community and outreach services to help people in our diocesan communities who are experiencing poverty, homelessness, isolation and discrimination. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from their support, you can find details on their website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/services

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>