

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026** **This Week's Schedule**

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| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>    | 9.00am<br>11.00am                                | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                      | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time                         |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>    |                                                  | No Mass today                                               | Weekday                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | 9.30am                                           | Holy Mass                                                   | St John Mary Vianney                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b> | 9.30am                                           | Holy Mass                                                   | Weekday / Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (OM) |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 8.15am – 9.15am<br>9.30am                        | Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                      | The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)                    |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>    | <b>9.30am</b>                                    | <b>Requiem Mass for Joan Kelleher</b>                       | Weekday / SS Sixtus 11 and his Companions (OM)             |
| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 9.30am – 10.30am<br>11.00am – 11.45am<br>12 noon | Adoration<br>Confessions<br>Holy Mass (with 1 Confirmation) | St Dominic                                                 |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>    | 9.00am<br>11.00am                                | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                      | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time                         |

### ***Readings this Week:***

Divine providence is a wonderful thing: God is so generous with his creation (it is human greed that denies some their rightful share). The Kingdom of God is the time and place when this vision will be fully realised, when all who wish may 'come to the water', when all who are hungry may 'eat as much as they want', when what is left over is still enough for all the twelve tribes of Israel. Our contemplation of the kingdom of God, through the parables and miracles of Jesus, should stir us up to build this kingdom here and now. The miracle of Divine providence is allowed to work when human greed and selfishness give way to the power of the Spirit working within us, and we share all we have with those in need. Our hearts are set on the kingdom of God, where there is corn and wine and milk in abundance.

### ***Marriage Matters: It can be hard to have compassion sometimes***

It's hard to have compassion for my spouse when caught up in my own worries and stress. Jesus moved on from His own sadness to see the need of the crowds; He fed them. We witness to the Good News that nothing can come between us when we nourish each other in all ways - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

### ***Mass Intentions Received:***

**Latently Dead:** Joan Kelleher & Marie McMahon.

**Anniversaries:** John McKendry & Stella Youngju Choi.

### ***Parish News and Events:***

**Changes to the Schedule:** We will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Joan Kelleher on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am. Please come along to pray for the repose of the soul of Joan and support her family if you can. There will be no adoration before Mass that day.

**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](mailto:stwinifredstockport@gmail.com)). More information will be forthcoming.

**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.

**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:***

**Taizé Service:** Tuesday, 4 August at 7.00 pm and the first Tuesday of every month at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1PL. This service is calm and meditative with Bible readings, prayers, reflections, and beautiful chants. Refreshments will be served after the service. For further information, please contact: Margaret 0161 258 2698.

**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](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk). We hope you can join us.

**St Winifred's Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference:** Our parish SVP would like to remind everyone to be the “eyes and ears” to help them identify need – whether material or spiritual - in our parish and surrounding area. They are available to visit anyone in need of a visit (of whatever faith or no faith), they can offer lifts for anyone who struggles to come to Mass and they would welcome hearing of any particular need to explore whether they can offer help. They continue to visit the housebound in nursing homes and private homes, as well as visiting Styal Prison. They work alongside Caritas with our school, supporting the pre-loved uniform programme with local schools and collection of clothing for the SVP shop in Withington (if you can help to work at the shop it would be appreciated, as they need volunteers). Please get in touch if you know a person or family in need of support. Please also make contact if you are interested in becoming a member of the conference. All welcome! Contact information: SVP Conference President, Joe Dolan on 07355 998329.

**Cemetery Bank Holiday Masses:** There will be Masses this August Bank holiday, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, in at least two of our cemeteries. St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley at 11am and Southern Cemetery at 12 noon. It will be held outside the Chapel in both cases and there will be limited or no seating so bring a chair if you need one!

**Join the Catholic Medical Association:** Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>