

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th August 2026 This Week's Schedule

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| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>     | 9.00am<br>11.00am                                | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                                     | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time        |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>    |                                                  | No Mass today                                                              | St Laurence (F)                           |
| <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | 8.15am – 9.15am<br>9.30am                        | Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                                     | St Clare (M)                              |
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b> | 8.15am – 9.15am<br>9.30am                        | Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                                     | Weekday / St Jane Francis de Chantal (OM) |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 8.15am – 9.15am<br>9.30am                        | Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                                     | Weekday / SS Pontian & Hippolytus (OM)    |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>    | 8.15am – 9.15am<br>9.30am                        | Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                                     | St Maximilian Kolbe (M)                   |
| <b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>  | 9.30am – 10.30am<br>11.00am – 11.45am<br>12 noon | Adoration<br>Confessions<br>Holy Mass ( <i>Monthly Mass for the sick</i> ) | Weekday                                   |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>    | 9.00am<br>11.00am                                | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                                     | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

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

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.

**Marriage Matters: *Walking on water...falling through fear*** - Peter got out of the boat but, with fear of sinking, he took his eyes off Jesus. Life today is like travelling in a small boat on the rough sea of secularism that mocks religion and seeks to end traditional marriage. Life's storms can change into a gentler breeze when we get out of our boat and walk with Jesus.

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

**Lately Dead:** Joan Kelleher & Andrew Smith (Month's Mind).

**Anniversaries:** Harry Campbell & Marion Farmer.

**Other:** Angela Oatley (Special Intention) & John Wright (Special Intention).

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

**Thank You Monsignor!** As Monsignor Quinlan returns home to Tralee, via North Wales, this weekend we thank him for his generous cover these past two weeks. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with him and for many to visit during the weeks since. It was pleasing that he said he felt he had come "home" which is testament to the welcome he received from all in the parish. Thank you, Monsignor, safe travels and see you soon!

**Lourdes Pilgrimage: Huge Thank You!** With everyone safely returned from another enormously fulfilling pilgrimage to Lourdes, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for all of the prayers, sponsorship and support. It was great to see the work of CAFT in action and our own 13 strong youth group offering themselves in prayer and service all week as part of the wider pilgrimage. They had a wonderful week of faith, shared fellowship and service. Their participation is only possible due to your generosity which, through the parish contribution and fundraising, reduces the cost for each young person by two-thirds. 5 adults from our parish were also part of the volunteers – including two in the nursing team – and all were glowing from the experience. We were blessed too to have a pilgrim from our parish amongst the sick and infirm and I know that she too had a wonderful time.

On a personal note, thank you for the incredibly generous sponsorship for the cycle to Lourdes as well as the prayers and encouragement for the journey. It went by like a flash and, with a slight detour to avoid the fires in France and despite a couple of days when the temperature topped 40°, we all made it in one piece. My bike is in transit on the way back...I hope...but I am in no big rush to get back on it!

**Sacramental Programme 2026 to 2027:** Our Sacramental Programme (preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) will be run from the church, led by teams of catechists and will begin in September. 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)).

**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 as we continue to remember them in our bidding prayers. We will offer our first monthly Mass for the sick of our parish next **Saturday August 15th**, during which all on the list will be prayed for by name.

**Charitable Giving:** The Foodbank has updated their list of urgently needed items to include coffee, long life milk, tins of meat (ham, corned beef, etc), coconut milk, soup, tomatoes, fruit, rice pudding, 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. Our latest contribution amounted to 52.1kg, equivalent to 26 meals.

**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.

**50/50 draw:** The winners of the July Draw: 1) Jenny Darlow 2) Liam Maguire 3) Pat McKendry & 4) The Sewing Club.

## ***Other News and Events of Interest:***

**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 Dooley, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains the Bishops' strong opposition to this legislation:

"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>. It would be good to show our MP that many of his constituents are not neutral on this attack on the sanctity of life.

**Open Afternoon at the Lalley Centre:** There will be a special open afternoon at the Lalley Community Allotment run by our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, on Tuesday 18 August from 12:00-3:30PM. For more information please contact the team at [lalleycentre@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:lalleycentre@caritassalford.org.uk) or simply pop along on the day to Caritas Lalley Community Allotment, St Malachy's RC Primary School, Eggington Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M40 7RG

**A Talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer:** Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ will be giving an online talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer on Thursday 17 September from 7pm. Please visit the diocesan website to register your place: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/>

**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!

### **Parish Administrator Role**

The parish of Our Lady & St Alphonsus Moss Side are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide a broad range of support to the parish including communications, coordinating the liturgical calendar and parish events, parish administrative tasks and liaising with volunteer and community groups. To find out more about the role and how to apply, please visit the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>