

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th August 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 30th August	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 31st August		No Mass today	Weekday / St Aidan & SS of Lindisfarne (OM)
Tuesday 1st September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Wednesday 2nd September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Thursday 3rd September	10.15am	Requiem Mass for Tom Kennedy	St Gregory the Great (F)
Friday 4th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Cuthbert (OM)
Saturday 5th September	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday / St Teresa of Calcutta (OM)
Sunday 6th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

Marriage Matters: The 'sign' of growth is change

St Paul urges us to think of God's mercy and change the way we behave so that the will of God is visible in us. As husbands and wives we can help each other in this endeavour, so that a renewed and deeper love is revealed in our relationship and, in turn, reflected out to our family, friends and community.

Mass Intentions Received:

Latently Dead: Tom Kennedy, Tom Doveston, Peter Howard, Josephine Kealey & Michael Mulholland.

Anniversaries: Tom Dempsey, Marjorie Moreton, Paul Moreton, Kitty Bellak, Virginia Kangley, Anna Mazur & Paddy Whelan. **Other:** Barbara Otto (Special Intention) & Mulholland family (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule this Week: We will celebrate a ***Requiem Mass for Tom Kennedy on Thursday 3rd September at 10.15am.*** There will be no adoration before Mass that day. Please come along to pray for the repose of the soul of Tom and support his family if you can.

Congratulations to Emily and Andrew who were married in our church on Friday. We wish them great blessings and many years of happiness together!

RCIA: Are you an adult who is interested in Baptism or becoming Catholic? We run a course every year from September to Easter to help adults prepare. The course will be on Tuesday evenings and is also for any Catholic who wishes to learn more about their faith. If you would like to take part please register your interest by email on stwinifredstockport@gmail.com. Further information and course start date will be provided.

Altar Servers: We are always keen to recruit new altar servers. If you are interested speak to Fr Mark after Mass or (if you are under 18) ask a parent to send us an email. All training will be provided! Come and join our excellent team!

Sacramental Programme 2026 to 2027: 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 in our Sacramental Programme which will begin in September. Our opening meeting for parents and carers will be on **Tuesday September 8th at 7pm**. Please email Mary Ward in the office to register your interest (stwinifredstockport@gmail.com).

Community for Catholic Mums: We received an email this week from a parishioner who wants to share a new initiative she is part of: **Catholic Mothers Group:** Connect with other local mums for faith and fellowship. We meet monthly to chat and pray the rosary while the kids play. For details, see the noticeboard flyer, email Clare at: catholicmotherssouthmanchester@gmail.com or click the QR code to join their Whatsapp community.



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, toothbrushes, cat and dog food. The box for your donations is on the left side of the porch as you enter the church. Our latest donation was 52.6kg. Your donations are always received very gratefully. Next week will be our last one until Christmas as we will be collecting for Wellspring, which is our local charity for rough sleepers and those who are in danger of losing their homes.

Parish WhatsApp Channel: Sign up to our parish WhatsApp channel to get the latest news, updates and weekly newsletter straight to your phone. Within WhatsApp, notices will appear under “Updates” (the bottom left of the menu bar). Scan the QR code (or search for “St Winifred’s, Heaton Mersey” within the “Updates” function in WhatsApp).



St Winifred’s Church Monday Club: After the summer break, the Monday Club will re-start on Monday 7th September. The Monday Club is always happy to welcome new members to their afternoons in the Parish Centre behind the Church from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Please come along if you are interested to join us!

Parish 75 Year Anniversary! Plans are beginning to take shape for marking our 75th anniversary. **January 9th 2027** will mark 75 years to the day since our parish was erected. We intend to celebrate a special Mass that day and hold a parish celebration in the Kavanagh Centre. More details to follow but please mark your diaries. In the meantime, a small project team is busy gathering photographs and memories of parish life throughout the decades. If you have any photos of church celebrations, processions, first holy communions and other sacraments, parish groups, social events and other special occasions please place them in a clearly labelled envelope (with your name and contact details) in the **Photo Collection Basket** at the back of church. We will scan them and then they can be collected from the **Photos Returned Basket**. If you already have digital photographs, they can be emailed to stwinifredstockport@gmail.com. The team are also putting together a history of the parish. If you would be willing to be interviewed to share your memories (even relatively recent ones), please send an email so it can be arranged. Or, if you prefer, please jot down your memories and send them in. Thank you!

Our School:

Our children return to school this week after their summer holidays. We pray for them, for our families, teachers, staff and the whole school community and all that is in store for us this academic year.

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. The bill can be stopped if MPs vote it down on 11 September. *Right To Life UK* has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you email your MP. **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.

CAFOD Petition: In 2027, the UK will host the G20 - a crucial gathering of the world’s 20 most powerful economies. CAFOD have created a petition to call on the Prime Minister to use this gathering to tackle the global debt crisis. Governments across the global south have an impossible choice between serving their people or paying their creditors. Every day this continues, millions are suffering the effects. G20 leaders have the power to fix the global debt system. This week and next week our parish CAFOD volunteers will have a physical version of the petition for you to sign. There is also an online version here: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition>. Please sign CAFOD’s petition today and strengthen our call for greater ambition and action, not just words, from the UK government.

Taizé Service: Tuesday, 1 September at 7.00 pm and the first Tuesday of every month at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1PL.

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group meet at St Vincent’s, Altrincham and provide an opportunity for young Catholics to grow in faith and build community. September dates are: **Saturday 5th September at 6.30 pm; Saturday 26th September at 6.30 pm (Bible study, please bring your Bible or let us know if you would like one).** Anyone who would like to join can email them at southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com.