

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th September 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 6th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 7th September		No Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday 8th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
Wednesday 9th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday / St Peter Claver (W)
Thursday 10th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Ambrose Barlow (F)
Friday 11th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 12th September	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass (Monthly Mass for the Sick)	Weekday
Sunday 13th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

No man is an island..." How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'

Marriage Matters: *To listen is to Love* Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise "...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them". In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Tom Kennedy, Jonathan Maycock

Anniversaries: Mary Neary, Wilf Law, Peter Bodnar, Charlie Hartley, Basil Charles

Other Intentions: Fr Tom Connelly, Philip Dermody

Parish News and Events:

RCIA: Interested in Baptism or becoming Catholic? We run a course every year from September to Easter to help adults prepare. The course will run on Tuesday evenings starting on **Tuesday 29th September 2026**. It is also a good course 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.

St Winifred's Church Monday Club: After the summer break, the Monday Club will re-start tomorrow, 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 for a chat and a game of bingo!

Monthly Mass for the Sick and housebound: Next Saturday, 12th September, we will celebrate our monthly Mass for the Sick of our parish where all those on our long-term sick list, whose names are remembered on our Sacred Heart Altar, will be prayed for by name. Please continue to keep those who are sick and housebound in your prayers.

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. Please email Mary Ward in the office to register your interest (stwinifredstockport@gmail.com). There will be a meeting this **Tuesday, 8th September, at 7pm** in the Kavanagh Centre which at least one parents or carer of any child hoping to take part in the programme must attend.

Education Sunday: Next Sunday is Education Sunday and we are asked to hold a second collection to support the work of the Catholic Education Service.

Charitable Giving: After supporting the Foodbank during the summer, we turn our community attention this week to support Wellspring's Harvest Appeal. The Wellspring provides essential support to people without a home or who are at risk of losing their home. They provide 2 meals a day but also advice and 1:1 support for the problems people face in their lives. This is their Wish List. Coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, cordial, semi-skimmed milk; tins of meat, vegetables, tomatoes, baked beans, rice pudding, custard, fruit (not peaches); self-raising flour, caster sugar, sweet biscuits (individually wrapped), multipacks of crisps; ketchup, mayonnaise, brown sauce, gravy granules, cooking oil, pepper. The box for your donations is on the left side of the porch as you enter the church. Thank you for your generous donations.

Macmillan Afternoon Tea: On Thursday 24th September from 2pm to 4pm afternoon tea will be served in the Kavanagh Centre to raise money for Macmillan Nurses. Tickets will be on sale after both Masses today priced at £10.

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).



Help Us Celebrate 75 Years of Our Parish! 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. Questions to prompt you have been pre-prepared and can be collected from the back of church. Thank you!

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.



August 50:50 Club Winners! 1) £200: Evelyn Maher; 2) £100: Celia Chipperfield; 3) £50 Terry McHale; 4) £25 Clare Downing

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. See here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>.

Please contact your MP before this Friday!

CAFOD Petition: Thank you to all those who signed the Third world debt petition. There were 109 signatures from our parish. It has been sent to CAFOD and will be presented with the others to the Prime Minister later in the year.

Caritas Fundraising Concert: Friday 18th September, 7pm at St Ambrose Barlow High School Swinton M27 6QP. A double bill featuring genre defying priest band **The Mercy Brothers** and the sublime **Solanus String Quartet** to raise money for Caritas and to mark the 25th anniversary of priesthood of Fr Chris Gorton, member of both musical ensembles. The evening will also feature the school's steel band and their rock band. For tickets please visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fr-gorton-silver/>

Caritas Conference: Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford: Caritas Salford invites you to join them for a free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV. This conference will be held on Saturday 10th October from 11AM to 3.30PM. See here for more: www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference.

Job Vacancies in the Diocese: Two vacancies are currently open: 1) Cathedral Business Manager; and 2) Choral Director: Schools Singing Programme. Please find more information about these jobs and how to apply on the Diocese website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>