

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th September 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 13th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 14th September		No Mass today	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 15th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
Wednesday 16th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	SS Cornelius & Cyprian (R)
Thursday 17th September	9.30am	Holy Mass	Weekday / St Robert Bellarmine & St Hildegard of Bingen (W)
Friday 18th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 19th September	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday / SS Januarius & Theodore of Tarsus (W)
Sunday 20th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying “That’s it; you’ve just gone too far this time: never again”? When Jesus says that we must forgive ‘seventy-seven’ times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn’t just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: “Father, forgive them...” As his disciples, we must do likewise.

Marriage Matters: The call to forgive

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today’s gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

Mass Intentions Received:

Anniversaries: Patrick Kildunne, Frank Lafferty, Elaine McGuire, Paddy Barrett, Roddy O’Neill, Bill Matthews, Agnes and Jack McCarthy.

Special Intentions: Margaret Keane.

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the schedule this week: There will be no Adoration before Mass on Tuesday to Thursday this week. Adoration will return on Friday morning.

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!

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).



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.

Sacramental Programme 2026 to 2027: 39 families have expressed interest in the Sacramental Programme this year and most came for the opening meeting last Tuesday evening. We will have two groups, as in previous years, with catechetical sessions taking place after the 11am Sunday Mass. Our first session for group 1 will be on **Sunday 27th 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 as soon as possible to register your interest (stwinifredstockport@gmail.com). If you are interested in being part of our team of catechists, please also send an email – no specific training is required and you will be introduced gently!

75th Anniversary: Please continue to bring any photographs you have of memorable moments in the parish. Place them 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!

Education Sunday: Today is Education Sunday, one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 178 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. There will be a closing collection today for the work of the Catholic Education Service. Please pray for all those involved in Catholic Education especially for our parish school community and our local Catholic High Schools.

Support for Those Affected by Flooding in Nepal: As far as we can see CAFOD do not have a specific fund to respond to the emergency in Nepal. Their response is through their general emergency fund which supports emergencies in different parts of the world including Nepal, Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan. For more information about their emergency fund see here: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies>

Charitable Giving: After supporting the Foodbank during the summer, we turn our community attention to support Wellspring's Harvest Appeal. The Wellspring in Stockport 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 support.

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. Entrance to support a great cause, £10. A bargain for the best tea and cakes in the Heaton.

CAFOD Bread and Soup: Save the date! The CAFOD Bread and Soup Lunch will be on **Tuesday October 6th** in the Kavanagh Centre. More details to follow.

Raising funds to prevent and tackle homelessness across the Salford Diocese: Last weekend, a parishioner's daughter - Dee Cottrill - participated in a 10km Lancashire Hike for the diocesan local charity, Caritas Salford. Her aim, in taking on this challenge, was to support local children, families and adults who are experiencing poverty and either at risk of, or living in, homelessness. If you are able to, please consider sponsoring the JustGiving page for this event www.justgiving.com/campaign/lancashire-hike (and mention our parish). Alternatively, you can pass on cash or a cheque, or donate online using your card: www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate mentioning her name and this parish.

Other News and Events of Interest:

A Talk on St Winefride's Well (Holywell) will be given by Professor Kathryn Hurlock on Saturday 26 September at St Ann's Parish Centre, Stretford, M32 8LF. The talk will begin at 10:30am and finish around midday. There is a suggested donation of £5. St Winefride was a 7th-century Christian martyr and is the patron Saint of Holywell. Professor Hurlock is a renowned author on pilgrimages and medieval history, and she teaches Religion and Military History at Manchester Metropolitan University. *(At the time of printing we are in the process of planning a parish visit to Holywell in collaboration with our school. More details hopefully by next week – but this talk might be good preparation!)*

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 Receptionist and Administrator; 2) Cathedral Business Manager; and 3) 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/>