

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th September 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 20th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 21st September		No Mass today	St Matthew (F)
Tuesday 22nd September	8.15am-9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Wednesday 23rd September	8.15am- 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina (M)
Thursday 24th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Our Lady of Walsingham (F)
Friday 25th September	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 26th September	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday / SS Cosmas & Damian (OM)
Sunday 27th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts. "Why be envious, because I am generous?"

Marriage Matters: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts'

God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Paul Goddard, Pat Keane & Geoffrey Wright.

Anniversaries: Jean Drugan Kevin Drugan, Michael Shelley, Bernie Doheney, Pauline Nowlan, John Monaghan, Michael Clancy, Josie Drury, Marie Furphy, Mary Kearney & Mary Mellor.

Special Intentions: 11+ exam students (Special Intention), John Morgan (Special Intention), Martin & Sarah Randles (25th Wedding Anniversary) Mary Mannion (RIP, Birthday) & Florence Mannion (RIP, Birthday).

Parish News and Events:

Home Mission Sunday: Home Mission Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. The second collection today is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work 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!

Upcoming Collections: There are a series of special collections coming up. Last week we held a collection for the Catholic Education Service which raised £430. Thank you for your generous support. Today, is Home Mission Sunday, as noted above. Next week we have been asked to hold a special collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund. This used to be an annual collection but has been held intermittently in recent times. The Trustees have determined to re-establish the annual collections which allows for the support of priests of the Diocese who are retired or unable to continue in active ministry due to ill health. The following week (October 4th), following Harvest Fast Day on Friday October 2nd, there is a collection for the work of CAFOD. Two weeks after that, October 18th, there is a collection for MISSIO. It is a lot to ask all at once. Please support if you can but your prayers for the various missions are greatly valued even if you can't support financially.

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.

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 prepared and can be collected from the back of church. Thank you!

Charitable Giving: 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. The remaining tickets will be on sale today. If you need further information please contact the organisers: Marian: 07462 650726 / Bernadette: 0161 442 5225.

CAFOD Bread and Soup: Everyone is welcome at CAFOD's Bread and Soup Lunch on Tuesday 6th October from 12 to 1.30pm in the Kavanagh Centre. There will be lovely art work from our talented artist, Ev, for sale too. The Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 2nd October.

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).



Other News and Events of Interest:

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham on Thursday 24 September 2026 at The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE. Mass will start at 7PM and will be followed by refreshments.

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. Professor Hurlock is a renowned author on pilgrimages and medieval history, and she teaches Religion and Military History at Manchester Metropolitan University. *(Last week we suggested we were looking at a parish trip to Holywell in collaboration with the school. We have decided to defer the parish element until the Spring, hoping for better weather. If anyone would like to take a lead in organising, let me know.)*

Big Sleep Out: Caritas Salford invite you to join people from across our diocese in 'The Big Sleep Out' to raise funds for hundreds of people in our area currently experiencing homelessness. So dust off your sleeping bag and get ready to wrap up warm whilst we spend the night in the great outdoors for a great cause. For more information and to register please click the following link: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO

School and College Open Events – Several of our local Catholic high schools and Sixth Form Colleges are hosting open events in the coming weeks. We are displaying their posters and flyers on one of the notice boards close to the piety stall. Please take a look if you're interested and go along to the various events.

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/>