

Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th September 2026 This Week's Schedule

Sunday 27th September	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 28th September		No Mass today	St Wenceslaus or Ss Laurence Ruiz and Companions (OMs)
Tuesday 29th September	8.15am-9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (F)
Wednesday 30th September	8.15am- 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Jerome (M)
Thursday 1st October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Therese of the Child Jesus (M)
Friday 2nd October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	The Holy Guardian Angels (M)
Saturday 3rd October	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
Sunday 4th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

“Once a sinner, always a sinner.” That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: “Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.” All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives

Marriage Matters: *Maintain a common purpose*

Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: “Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.”

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Colin Sutton, Jim Earp & Geoff Wright.

Anniversaries: Joanna Murtough & Julia Philbin.

Special Intentions: P. Gerard Hall (Special Intention), Korean Thanksgiving: Yulia Yun, Joseph Won, Clara Kim & Deceased family members (Special Intentions).

Parish News and Events:

Sick & Retired Clergy collection: Our diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy Fund ensures our retired priests can begin the next chapter of their vocation with confidence, knowing the Church they have served will continue to accompany them as they age. Every gift to the fund helps to provide the care, dignity and practical support our priests deserve after years of dedicated service. Please remember our retired clergy in your prayers and if you can, make a gift to the appeal today. Leaflets with more information are available at the back of church. Donations can also be made on the card machine or by scanning the QR code here and following the instructions.



Home Mission Sunday: Thank you for your support for the Home Mission collection, which raised £415.

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!

RCIA: Our RCIA course begins this **Tuesday, 29th September** at 7pm in the Kavanagh Centre. As well as for those seeking Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church 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 drop us a line at stwinifredstockport@gmail.com.

Sacramental Programme: Our Sacramental Programme begins today with one of the two groups gathering after the 11am Mass for the first catechetical session in the Kavanagh Centre. At the time of printing we expect somewhere around 35 children and their families to take part this year. Please keep them in your prayers!

Confirmation Candidates: Yesterday the final candidate of our Confirmation programme received the Sacrament at the 12 noon Mass. Congratulations to Kate! 36 candidates received the Sacrament this year in total and we invited them all to receive their certificates at the Masses today. We pray that the reception of the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit inspires them to grow in holiness and give witness to their faith in the world through their words and works and the choices they make in their lives. Please pray for them and for all our young people!

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.

CAFOD Harvest Appeal: The CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is this **Friday, 2nd October** (the parish has not received any envelopes this year, presumably by mistake). Next **Sunday, 4th October**, there will be a short appeal at the end of both Masses about the work of CAFOD and a retiring collection. 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, Evelyn, for sale, too.

Church Musicians and Singers: Our growing band of musicians and singers are beginning to meet to work on some pieces including for a Christmas service (more information about that to follow). All are welcome to join the rehearsals which will pick up from here. The first one is this **Thursday, 1st October at 7pm** in the church. They are particularly in need of a bass singer but generally no experience is required.

Macmillan Afternoon Tea: Many thanks to all who came to enjoy the Macmillan Afternoon tea on Thursday in the Kavanagh Centre. Due to everyone's wonderful efforts and generosity over £2,000 was raised for a great cause. Thank you!

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:

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.

Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon?

If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to the next 'Come and See' event, which takes place on Saturday 3 October 2026 between 10am and 2pm. The event will be held at St John Henry Newman Parish, 5 Roseneath Road, Urmston, Manchester, M41 5AX. There will be opportunities to talk to some of our deacons and find out more about their journey and the ministry without committing to anything further. For more information please email diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has a range of resources, information and prayers for you to access and use in your parish. Find out more and download information at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/refugees

As Pope Leo said: "It is not a question of numbers or statistics. The Gospel invites us not to calculate: *even one*. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26)"

Retreat at Boarbank Hall, near Grange-over-Sands: There are a small number of places left for a retreat being offered at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria by the Canonesses of St Augustine. The theme is *Re-creation! St Francis & Friends*, from 1st – 8th October. Great accommodation, hearty food, beautiful and prayerful surroundings. See poster on the notice board for further information or visit their website to learn more: www.boarbankhall.org.uk