

# Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026 This Week's Schedule

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| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 9.00am<br>11.00am                                | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                            | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time                                  |
| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>    |                                                  | No Mass today                                                     | Weekday                                                                 |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | 8.15am-9.15am<br>9.30am<br>10.00am               | Adoration<br>Holy Mass<br>Rosary                                  | Weekday / St Bruno (OM)                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> | 8.15am- 9.15am<br>9.30am<br>10.00am              | Adoration<br>Holy Mass<br>Rosary                                  | Our Lady of the Rosary (M)                                              |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | 8.15am – 9.15am<br>9.30am<br>10.00am             | Adoration<br>Holy Mass<br>Rosary                                  | Weekday                                                                 |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 8.15am – 9.15am<br>9.30am<br>10.00am             | Adoration<br>Holy Mass<br>Rosary                                  | St Henry Newman (F)                                                     |
| <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> | 9.30am – 10.30am<br>11.00am – 11.45am<br>12 noon | Adoration<br>Confessions<br>Holy Mass For the Sick and Housebound | SS Denis & His Companions/ St John Leonardi / St Paulinus of York (OMs) |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | 9.00am<br>11.00am                                | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                            | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time                                   |

### ***Readings this Week:***

Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce ?

**Marriage Matters:** *Loving and honouring each other and the Lord.* When you married you took each other for *better, for worse.* God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.

### ***Mass Intentions Received:***

**Lately Dead:** Geoff Wright & Sheila Little.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Mary Sidwell, John Heenan, Mary Brett, Peter Hartley & John Dixon.

**Special Intentions:** Patricia Cram (Special Intention), Maddy Harsant (BM).

### ***Parish News and Events:***

**Congratulations** to Antonio Dominic who was baptized yesterday. Congratulations also to Andrew and Nathalia, his parents.

**Sick & Retired Clergy collection:** Thank you for your support of last week's second collection, which raised £795 to support the retired clergy fund. Please continue to keep all of our retired clergy in your prayers.

**Monthly Mass for the Sick and Housebound** – This coming Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will offer our monthly Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish. Please come to pray for all of our sick and housebound.

**Rosary During October:** October is one of two months in the year where we show special devotion to Our Lady. The month includes, of course, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, this coming Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. During the month we will pray the rosary each day after daily Mass and conclude each Mass with a verse of a hymn to Our Lady. Our school children are also demonstrating their devotion to Our Lady with lunchtime rosaries led by prayer leaders.

**CAFOD Harvest Appeal:** At the end of our Masses today we will hear from our parish CAFOD representatives about CAFOD's Harvest Appeal. There have been a lot of second collections recently but do consider supporting CAFOD if you can. Their work throughout the world provides essential help where needed most by, for example, helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

**CAFOD Bread and Soup Lunch** is on **Tuesday 6th October from 12 to 1.30pm** in the Kavanagh Centre and funds raised will go to support the CAFOD Harvest Appeal. There will be lovely art work from our talented artist, Evelyn, for sale, too. Come along and bring a friend!

**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.

**Station Number 11:** You may notice that the 11th Station of the Cross is currently missing. Recently one of the roundel icons that adorns our church fell from its place onto the 11<sup>th</sup> Station image below. While the icon was unaffected, it decapitated one of the characters from the image in the station. Fortunately, the lady who teaches the art class in our parish centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays has an expertise in alabaster sculpture and so is ideally placed to do the repairs for us. We will see if we can spot the difference when the Station returns! The icon will also be put back (more firmly) in place in due time

**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). The next rehearsal is this **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in the church. They are particularly in need of a bass singer but generally no experience is required.

## ***Other News and Events of Interest:***

**Taizé Service:** Tuesday, 6 October at 7.00 pm and the first Tuesday of every month at Church of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1PL.

**Ceilidh in Support of the Homeless:** Organised by the Saint Vincent De Paul Society and hosted by the Gay Gordons, Manchester, will be held on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Our Lady's Social Club, Flint Street, Stockport, SK38BD. Doors open at 7pm, £10 entrance fee.

**Eucharistic Healing Service:** There will be a Eucharistic Healing Service at Salford Cathedral (Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL), with Fr Frankie Mulgrew on **Friday 16th October at 7.30pm**. Their previous service brought numerous beautiful testimonies of people experiencing physical and spiritual healing through the power and presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. All are welcome to come and encounter the healing love and mercy of Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. (Parking available on Ford St.)

**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](http://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 For more information, please email [diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Homelessness - Write to your MP:** Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, are asking for help from people in our parishes and would like as many as possible to call for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and uplifted in line with local rents. The current rates are a significant driver of homelessness, and a letter to your MP could help bring about change to support local families and adults at risk. Find out more and access the free template letter and more on the Caritas website at: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness)

**Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly:** GMCT invites you to their Annual Assembly on Wednesday 14 October 2026. Entitled 'The Quiet Revival' there will be a presentation by the Bible Society and Q&A sessions on Engaging with Young People and Engaging with Children. The event will be held at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP from 6.30PM to 9PM. Parking will be available on site.