Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time –11th October 2026
This Week's Schedule

Sunday 11th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 12th October		No Mass today	Weekday / St Wilfrid (OM)
Tuesday 13th October	8.15am-9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday / St Edward the Confessor (OM)
Wednesday 14th October	8.15am- 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday / St Callistus (OM)
Thursday 15th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	St Teresa of Avila (M)
Friday 16th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday / St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque (OM)
Saturday 17th October	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	St Ignatius of Antioch (M)
Sunday 18th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it ? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life ? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

Marriage Matters: *Add another stitch*
God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesy in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Adene Moore, Angela Keyworth, Sarah Barclay & Mary Walsh.
Anniversaries: Eric Collins & Mimi Vance.
Special Intentions: Pearl Collins (BM).

Parish News and Events:

Congratulations to Lily Rose who was baptized yesterday. Congratulations also to Angela & Martin, his parents.

Rosary During October: October is one of two months in the year where we show special devotion to Our Lady. 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.

Sacramental Programme Presentation Mass: Today we welcome all those taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year for a short rite of Presentation and Commitment to the Programme. The rite will take place after the Homily at the 11am Mass today. Please keep all of our children and their families in your prayers.

Upcoming Funeral: Please note that the Requiem Mass for Josie Burke will be on Monday 19th October at 9.30am.

CAFOD Harvest Appeal: Thank you for supporting the CAFOD Appeal last Sunday, which has so far raised over £900. The collection will remain open for a couple more weeks.

Cafod Soup Lunch - Many thanks to everyone who helped with this, donating time and goods. Some pupils from our school also gave up their lunch hour to sing and to help. The surplus food was taken to the Wellspring. About £400 was raised for the Harvest Appeal.

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.

World Mission Sunday – next Sunday 18th October, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission. A special collection will take place to support this cause. This will be the final special collection for while. Thank you for your continued support as always.

Station Number 11: The 11th Station of the Cross has now been repaired and is back in its place. Can you spot which character has had his face renewed? Thank you to Jane Robbins who did the work for us. Jane teaches at the Art class that uses the parish centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To find out more about her work see here: https://janerobbinssculpture.co.uk/

Church Musicians and Singers: Our growing band of musicians and singers are currently meeting at 7pm in the church to work on some pieces including for a Christmas service (more information about that to follow). All are welcome to join.

Invitation to Celebrate St Winifred's Feast Day in School: On Tuesday 3rd November our school will be celebrating St Winifred's Feast Day and would like to extend a very warm invitation to all parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends of our school community to the school hall from 8:50am to 9:30am for tea, coffee and cake as we come together to celebrate our patron saint. Our children will continue to celebrate throughout the day: all classes will visit the hall during the morning to share special hymns dedicated to St Winifred and in the afternoon there will be a Mass in the school for the children. We look forward to making our parish feast a joyful occasion for our whole school and parish family!

Other News and Events of Interest:

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 7th, 2026 at Our Lady's Social Club, Flint Street, Stockport, SK38BD. Doors open at 7pm, £10 entrance fee.

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

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.)

Ecological Rosary at the Laudato Si' Centre: All are welcome to the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre on Friday 16 October from 1:30-2:30pm to pray the Rosary with ecological reflections. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in prayer and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and to register.

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.

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.