Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time –18th October 2026
This Week's Schedule

Sunday 18th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 19th October	**9.30am**	**Requiem Mass for Josie Burke**	Weekday / John De Berbeuf & companions / St Paul of the Cross (OM)
Tuesday 20th October	8.15am-9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Wednesday 21st October	8.15am- 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Thursday 22nd October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday / St John Paul II
Friday 23rd October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 1.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary Marriage Service for Lizzie Carey and Kieran Collings	Weekday / St John of Capistrano (OM)
Saturday 24th October	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday / St Antony Mary Claret (W)
Sunday 25th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika. to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Marriage Matters: *We all need each other* The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Josie Burke, Sarah Barclay, Angela Keyworth, John Joe Quinn, Stella Ellis & Michael Flannery.
Anniversaries: David Froggatt, Catherine Morton & Betty Keane.
Special Intentions: Helen Dermody (BM), Lorraine Parker (SI) & Special Intention.

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule: On Monday, we will celebrate the funeral of Josie Burke with a Requiem Mass at ***9.30am***. Please come along to pray for the repose of the soul of Josie and support her family if you can. On Wednesday there is a funeral service for Michael Flannery at the Rowan Chapel of Stockport Crematorium at 12.15pm.

Wedding: This week we will celebrate the wedding of Lizzie Carey and Kieran Collings on Friday 23rd October at 1pm. We look forward to sharing their joy and promise to pray for them as they begin this new stage of their lives together.

World Mission Sunday: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Leo says, 'Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Sunday, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.' We ask you to please remember the work of missionaries in your prayers this week. Find out more about the work of Missio and how to support the charity at missio.org.uk. There will be a collection at the end of Mass to support the appeal and donations can also be made by using the card machine.

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.

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.

Church Musicians and Singers: The group will rehearse this week at 7pm on Wednesday evening. All are welcome.

50/50: The winners of the September Draw were: 1) Andrew Camilleri 2) James Hewitt 3) Margaret Sidwell & 4) James McGonagle

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!

November Devotions and Dates for your Diaries: The year is passing quickly and we will soon be in November, a month when we typically pray for our departed brothers and sisters. We will offer Masses in the month for our loved ones and envelopes for names to be included in our Masses will be available soon. On Saturday November 14th at 12 noon we will celebrate our annual Parish Mass of Remembrance. With the permission of Mill Lane Cemetery we also hoping to arrange for a blessing of graves service there on one of the Saturdays. More details on that next week.

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

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.

Call for Research Participants: Caritas Salford is carrying out new research into how the cost of living and financial difficulties impact people in, and connected to, our parishes and schools. The research will help to better understand people's experiences, and to inform and shape their campaigning work too. If anyone in your parish would be willing to be interviewed sensitively about their own experiences, please contact Annabeth Taylor at a.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk. All information shared will be treated confidentially and used anonymously.

Reminder: Cause for the Beatification of Pedro Ballester: The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young man from Manchester, and a parishioner here at St Winifred's, who died in 2018 aged just 21. Pedro was known for his warmth, generosity and strong faith. After being diagnosed with cancer while at university, he faced his illness with remarkable courage, offering his suffering in prayer and trusting deeply in God. As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character. For more information or to contribute, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal: Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Post: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.