Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time –25th October 2026
This Week's Schedule

Sunday 25th October	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 26th October		No Mass today	SS Chad & Cedd (OM)
Tuesday 27th October	8.15am-9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Wednesday 28th October	8.15am- 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	SS Simon & Jude (F)
Thursday 29th October	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass Rosary	Weekday
Friday 30th October	**10.00am**	**Requiem Mass for Christina Ellis (Known as Stella)**	Weekday
Saturday 31st October	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am 12 noon	Adoration Confessions Holy Mass	Weekday
Sunday 1st November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	ALL SAINTS

Readings this Week:

When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.

Marriage Matters: *How can I best love you today?*
In today's gospel Jesus says love should be at the centre of our lives, so we must ask 'How can I best love my partner today?' To know how our partner experiences our love best, we need to explore together whether it is through compliments, special time together, presents or acts of service, or simple hugging and kissing.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Christina Ellis, Delia Groarke & Angela Keyworth.
10000Anniversaries: Matthew Ward, David Conyard, William Johnson, Flannan Griffin, Kathleen Gilroy, Neville Stanton, J. Brian & Bridie McGowan.
Special Intentions: Mary Purkiss (Special Intention) & Sr Aquinas & Katherine (Special Intention).

Parish News and Events:

Changes to the Schedule: On Friday, we will celebrate the funeral of Christina Ellis, known as Stella, with a Requiem Mass at ***10.00am***. There will be no adoration or rosary that day. Please come along to pray for the repose of the soul of Stella and support her family if you can. On Thursday there is a funeral service at 11.30am for Peter Acton at Stockport Crematorium.

World Mission Sunday: Thank you for your support to last Sunday's collection which has raised £440 so far.

Congratulations to Hattie, who was baptized yesterday and also to Elliott & Alice, her parents. Also, congratulations to Lizzie & Kieran who were married in our church on Friday. We wish them great blessings and many years of happiness together!

Rosary During October: During the final week of October we will continue to pray the rosary each day (except Friday) after daily Mass and conclude each Mass with a verse of a hymn to Our Lady.

November Masses: During November the daily Masses will be offered for our departed loved ones and envelopes for names to be included in our Masses are available in the porch.

Mass of Remembrance: On Saturday November 14th at 12 noon we will celebrate our annual Parish Mass of Remembrance.

Friends and Family Bingo: Our school's Friends and Family group will host an afternoon of family bongo next Sunday, 1st November, at 2pm. The event is to raise money for school funds. £5 per adult and £1 per child including 2 games of bingo!

Blessing of Graves: On ***Saturday November 21st*** we will attempt a blessing of graves service at Mill Lane Cemetery. We will pray together near the entrance to start and then Fr Mark will meet each family in attendance at their family grave for a brief prayer and blessing. There will obviously be some waiting around for some as it will take Fr Mark time to visit each grave with families. **The service will start at 9am**.

Advent Service of 9 Lessons and Carols: On ***Sunday December 6th at 6pm*** (just 6 weeks away!) we will gather for our Service of 9 Lessons and Carols. With singing led by our school and adult choirs we will herald the coming of the Lord together. Please put the date in your diaries. The service will be followed by refreshments in the hall and the draw for the Christmas raffle.

Parish History: We visited the Diocesan archives this week and made an important discovery: the decree that establishes the parish is dated **9th January 1953** not 9th January 1952 (as the sign near the door of the church says and some previously prepared notes read). So we are 1 year younger than we thought! There is also a typed note from the bishop at the time appointing Fr Burney and establishing the parish (also dated 9th January 1953) and hand-written response from Fr Burney accepting the appointment dated 13th January 1953. Obviously this historical fact changes our plans to celebrate 75 years on 9th January 2027…we will have to defer for a year! Every cloud has a silver lining though and we now have more time to prepare. We will keep working on documenting the history as best we can both from the memories that have been shared, the official documents and the photographs.

Charitable Giving: The Wellspring in Stockport provides people essential support to 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. Next Sunday will be the last for the Wellspring's Harvest appeal. Thank you again for your very generous response to this! After that we will be collecting clothing for the Rucksack Project, also at the Wellspring, for 4 weeks.

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!

Vocations Director Conference: During the first week of November Fr Mark has to attend the National Vocations Director Conference. It's a big week for the parish since it includes All Souls Day (Monday 2nd November) and St Winifred's Day (Tuesday 3rd November). Cover will be provided for daily Masses in the parish, including both of those special occasions, by the recently retired former Bishop of Middlesbrough, Bishop Terry Drainey. Bishop Terry was a priest of the Diocese before he became a Bishop and is Fr Mark's Uncle. It is wonderful to be able to welcome him to the parish. He will also celebrate Mass in the school for the children on the afternoon of St Winifred's Day.

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.

Salford Young Adults Mass: Young adults ages 18 to 35 are warmly invited to our Young Adults Mass at Salford Cathedral on Wednesday 28 October 2026. Mass will start at 7.30PM with the Rosary and Confession from 7PM. There will also be social time following the service. A great chance to pray together and meet other young Catholics across the Diocese.

BBC Songs of Praise are looking for enthusiastic singers of all ages for a recording of the show at Christ Church, Darley Avenue, Didsbury on Saturday 21st November 2026. Doors Open**:** 12:30pm - Recording: 1:30pm – 5:30pm (A 30-minute tea break will be included.) To book your free tickets, either scan the QR Code on the poster in the porch or visit the website: www.bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise