Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Winifred

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th November 2026

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 8th November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 9th November		No Mass Today	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)
Tuesday 10th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Leo the Great (M)
Wednesday 11th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Martin of Tours (M)
Thursday 12th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	St Josaphat (M)
Friday 13th November	8.15am – 9.15am 9.30am	Adoration Holy Mass	Weekday
Saturday 14th November	9.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.45am **12 noon**	Adoration Confessions **Holy Mass of Remembrance for the Deceased**	Weekday
Sunday 15th November	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings this Week:

"A huge number, impossible to count" – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the "anonymous" saints, whose names we don't remember - but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own "journey of perfection". What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit - these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the "named" saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

Marriage Matters: *We too may go through tough times*
Today's Gospel tells us that it is not only when we are strong that we live out God's plan for our marriage. Sometimes, when we are weak, our Sacramental way of life is mainly using our energy to minister to each other. A lot of joy can be found when we walk down a difficult road together.

Mass Intentions Received:

Lately Dead: Angela Keyworth.
Anniversaries: James Ward, Marjorie Moreton, Paul Moreto, Kitty Bellak, Charlie Kearney & Molly Gough.
Special Intentions: Lorraine Parker (Special Intention) & Mary Hall (Birthday Remembrance).

Parish News and Events:

Congratulations to Annie Rose who was baptized yesterday. Congratulations also to Kaylum and Grace, her parents.

Remembrance Sunday: Our 11am Mass this Sunday will begin with one minute of silent prayer to remember all those who have given their lives in protection of our freedoms.

Mass of Remembrance: On ***Saturday November 14th at 12 noon*** we will celebrate our annual Parish Mass of Remembrance followed by a reception in the Kavanagh Centre.

50/50 Draw: The winners for October: 1) Philomena Harkin 2) Matthew McHugh 3) Greta Kerins 4) Sue Johnson.

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

Red Wednesday is an annual day dedicated to highlighting the plight of persecuted Christians throughout the world. This year Red Wednesday is on ***18th November***. We will light the façade of the church in red and, at ***7pm***, hold a Holy Hour to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

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 4 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 now have more time to prepare for the celebration of our 75th anniversary. It strikes me that a good way to do this would be to spend the year from 9th January 2027 to 9th January 2028, that is our 75th year, celebrating different aspects of our parish life and reflecting on our mission into the years ahead. If you are interested in being part of a group to help plan a series of appropriate events and celebrations for the year ahead, please let me know.

In the meantime, 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: We now turn to the 'The Rucksack Project' for the next four weeks. The idea is really simple – they aim to provide essential items for as many people facing homelessness as possible during the winter months. The items needed are rucksacks, sleeping bags, flasks, gloves, hats, torch, men's & women's underwear, socks and wet wipes. Also men's joggers, jeans, winter/waterproof coats, t-shirts (sizes M/L), hoodies and boots or trainers (sizes 7 - 11); men's and women's toiletries. Items need not be new but should be in good condition. If you prefer to go online to donate, go to wellspring.co.uk and follow the links. We had a fabulous response to this last year. Let's have one again!

The Cafod World Gifts catalogues have arrived and are available at the back of church! World Gifts are a range of meaningful, life changing virtual gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities around the world. Please take a catalogue home and look through it or visit *world.gifts.cafod.org.uk* You may be surprised by what you can buy and gift to others!

Christmas Raffle: Tickets for the Christmas raffle will be on sale after Masses today. If anyone is able to help with donating any raffle prizes, including any cash donations, please leave them in the sacristy or at the presbytery. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Parish Christmas Fair: This year's Christmas Fair will take place **Saturday, 5th December at St. Winifred's School (1pm – 4pm).** Any tombola donations of bottles / chocolates would be happily received. We would be grateful for any donations of ***delicious home baking***, if anyone is able to help!

Other News and Events of Interest:

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella: The relics of St Gerard Majella will be coming to Our Lady of Grace Church Prestwich (M25 1AS) on Monday 23 November from 5:30pm. Mass at 6:30pm St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. You are most welcome to join us.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies - British Sign Language: Starting in January 2027 the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies will be available in the Diocese in British Sign Language. Spread over one Saturday each month at St. Patrick's church, Livesey St, Manchester, each module will be taught through BSL and, for those seeking to gain the certificate, it can be assessed via BSL signed video. The programme is designed for Deaf persons interested in being involved more fully in the local Deaf community, providing support and empowering them to share fully in the life of the church. For further information contact Fr Paul Fletcher SJ (pmf1uk@yahoo.co.uk) or Peter McDonough (peterjmcdonough@gmail.com

Signed Mass for Deaf Community: Mass is signed every Sunday at St. Patrick's church, Livesey St, Manchester, M4 4FH at 11:30am. In addition, St Joseph's Chaplaincy to Deaf People provides a rich programme of socials, retreat days, trips and pilgrimages each year. Please come along. For more information contact: Fr. Paul Daly (paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Peter McDonough (peterjpmcdonough@gmail.com)