



Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia
30 November 2025 - First Sunday in Advent

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Congratulations to Nathanael Eke, baptised in our parish this week-end. Please pray for all children who are preparing for baptism.

Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to the Emerson family, and Anthony Devine, RIP

December Choir Practice until Christmas

St Mary's church, 7 pm, on the following dates:
 Sunday 7th, Tuesday 9th
 Sunday 14th, Tuesday 16th

Christmas Stall at St Mary's/Gift Shop at Saint Patrick's

Every Sunday before and after Mass

Christmas cards and gifts, Mass cards, baptism cards etc on sale (for now, cash only please). All proceeds go towards parish funds. Please support both parish gift shops this Advent & Christmas season.

Companions of Mary

Monday 1 December, 2 pm St Patrick's Presbytery
 Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

Christmas Jam Night

Tuesday 2 December, St Vincent's Parish Hall, 7.30 pm

No entrance fee, just a donation on the night for light refreshments. Entertainment with Jimmy Cricket, his family playing live and Jonathan Young. Raffle. Proceeds to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Christian Meditation

Wednesday 3 December, 7 pm, at Josie Collier's home
 Please ring Pat on 07717226758 if you are interested in joining this group.

Rosary

Thursday 4 December
 Rosary, online, every Wednesday at 7pm
 For further information, email John at stmarysr90@gmail.com

TLC (Talk, Listen, Care) Bereavement Support Group

Next meets 9 December
 Contact Julie Liepins on 07522 978953 for further information

Parish Christmas Meal

Friday 12 December, 7.30 pm, £35
Riva Restaurant, Hollingworth Lake
 Apologies for the late arrival of the menu, this is now at the back of church and the cost is £35 per person.
***** Please submit your preorder with at least the deposit by 5 December (preferably the full cost as it has to be paid in full before the night).** Any queries, please contact Angela Bradley direct on 07938 167610.

Coffee Morning and Christmas Hamper raffle

St Mary's Parish Hall, 14 December after Mass
 Still time to donate items for the Christmas hampers via Angela Bradley

Services to Sunday 7 December		
Monday 1 December	10am	Mass at St Marys
Tuesday 2 December	10 am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 3 December	10 am	Mass at St Mary's with pupils from school - parishioners welcome
Thursday 4 December		<i>No Mass today</i>
Friday 5 December	10 am	Requiem Mass at St Patrick's for ELLEN BRIERLEY, RIP <i>Nb No Mass at St Mary's today</i>
Saturday 6 December	10-10.30 am	Confessions at St Mary's
	12.00 pm	Mass at St Patricks followed by Confession
Sunday 7 December <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	9.30 am	Mass at St Patrick's with children's liturgy (primary school age only)
	11.15 am	Mass at St Mary's

Flowers in Church

There are no flowers in church during the Advent season, but they'll be back again in readiness for our first Mass on Christmas Eve. You can still contribute to the flower collection held last week. If you are donating in memory of a loved one, you can put your donation in an envelope with their name on it. We'll acknowledge your loved ones name in the newsletter at Christmas. Thank you.



Lost Property: hats, drinks bottles, sun glasses, books, lego, the lens from your spectacles, umbrellas, gloves, cuddly toys ...

You name it, we've found it over the years, but surprisingly, lost property is often not retrieved. It's placed at the back of church (at Patrick's in a basket on the tables, and some of it has been hanging around for a very long time). During Advent all the linen in church is laundered, furniture is polished etc, at which point we intend to dispose of anything unclaimed. So now is your chance, is any of it yours?



Please pray for **CHRISTINE GARVEY, RIP**, a former parishioner of Saint Mary's, who died on Friday, 15 November. Christine's funeral service will take place at Rochdale Crematorium on 5 December at 2.40 pm. Parishioners who remember Christine are welcome to attend, and are invited to join the family at Littleborough Cricket Club afterwards.

Saint Patrick's School Advent Appeal

During the season of Advent, the Caritas team in school are getting involved in the #bethere campaign which is based around the idea of a reverse Advent calendar. Each week during Advent, they will be collecting different items which will be donated to Caritas Salford. The items include: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Shower gel, Anti perspirant for both men and women, Shaving gel or foam, disposable razors and period products. **There is a green box at the back of church for your donations. Please don't place food bank items in the same box.**

Saint Patrick's School 'Mini Vinies' (younger version of the SVP) are participating in the Reindeer Run in aid of Spring Hill Hospice. If anyone in the parish would like to sponsor the Mini Vinnies at this event, they would welcome any donations!

[Reindeer Run | Springhill Hospice](#)

Offertory collection in church for week ending

30 November:

Gift Aid: £262

Loose: £483



Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 30 November:

Anniversary: Konstatins Liepins, Bridget Fagan, Martin Richardson

RIP: Ian Christopher Nuttall

Lately dead: Lilian Walsh, George McLaughlin, Kathleen McCarthy

Others: Liepins family

Laudato Si' Centre Volunteer Call-out: Retired Educators

The Diocese of Salford's Environment Team is inviting retired education staff to volunteer at the Laudato Si' Centre to assist with their successful programme of school visits. Volunteers would be supporting sessions with children from nursery age to Year 11 with activities including arts and crafts, games, and foraging. To find out more, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

December Carol Services: Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme

The Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme will be hosting a series of free carol services in churches across the diocese this December. Each service begins at 6.30pm and includes traditional carols and readings as part of a one-hour programme. Find your nearest service at

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/>

Caritas Salford Advent Appeal

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has released its 2025 Advent appeal to shine the spotlight on the true meaning of Christmas.

To watch their latest animation and to find out more about how to help local people who are facing acute crisis this Christmas, please visit:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/bee-there-2025/>

Advent Talks: Reflecting on Dilexi Te

During Advent, we are pleased to be joined once again by Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te. Join us every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December as we consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

Advice as weather gets colder and energy bills rise

If you or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a free energy advice service that can help. You can find details on their website on how to arrange a free session with their energy advice service team, and lots of other information

www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

GETTING IN TOUCH	WEBSITE: stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk
Parish Administrator St Mary's and St Patrick's	Mr Derek Conway TEL: 644412 OFFICE HOURS: 8.30 am to 2 pm Mon-Wednesday (St Pat's) 9.30am to 12.30 pm Thursday (St Mary's)
Safeguarding	St Patrick's: Mrs Monica Walczak 07803 345175, St Mary's: Mrs Angela Garvey 01706 350373
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Parish Centre, St Mary's	Angela, 01706 372990
Gift Aid	St Mary's: Clare Davies, St Patrick's: Derek Conway 01706 644412
Gift Shop	St Mary's: Clare Davies, 07813 655014 St Patrick's: Derek Conway 01706 644412

We pray for those who are sick:

Robert Fitzgerald, Mary Ascough, Pat Brown, David Cunningham, Ann Deering, Beryl and Peter Hampton, Jane Mason, Pat May, Anthony McCarron, Cindy Nuttall, Peter O'Donnell, Anne Peacock, Vanessa Mennella, Diane Sheila Byrne, Ian Murton, Jonathan Wallwork, Ilona Eckhard, Christine Wildman, Pat Roche

If you would like to include someone on the sick list please fill in the relevant form (available from the back of church). (This is to comply with safeguarding rules.)

Lately Dead:

Lilian Walsh, George McLaughlin, Kathleen McCarthy, Terry Clarke

May they rest in the peace of their Crucified and Risen Saviour

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 30 November:

Konstatins Liepins, Bridget Fagan, Martin Richardson Jeffrey Stansfield, Ted Lloyd Ronald Wilson, Joanna Cashin, Lesley Gannon, John Anthony Joy, Bridget Fagan, Patrick Murray, Eileen Tidswell, Bridget Fagan, Edith Gannon, Fr Joe Carter, William Ashurst, Giles Michael Elliot, Alice Brierley, Peter James Kearney, Nora Hill, Felix Garcia, Mary Kershaw, Rose Halstead, Antoni Soja, Annie Lavelle, Teresa Kenny, Enda Richards, Stanley Maloney, Patricia Tomlinson, Catherine Galvin

Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold

On Saturday 14 February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.

Pilgrimage 2026: Rome, San Giovanni and Assisi

12-21 October, 2026, 10 days, £1450 pp sharing or £1690 for a single room. (3 nights Half board at each location)

If you would like a detailed Itinerary, booking form or further details contact

Jeanette 07717 222 830 or Adrian at Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115

Rota for w/c Monday 1 December

	St Mary's	St Patrick's
Greeters	Pat Jeanette	Christine Kate (7th)
Welcome	Joan	Kene Idigbe
Readers		Kene Idigbe, James Power, Caron Clegg
Eucharistic Minister	David Parkinson Mary Wright	James Slater, James Parathot, Lilly
Gift Shop	Clare	TBA
Musicians	Jeanette	TBA
Children's Liturgy		Monica
Musicians	Jeanette	TBA
Church Closing		Christine (7 Dec)
Counters	Own rota	Ketty and Alan (9 Dec)