



LOVE - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to the Memory of Bill Eaton Emerson family

To avoid disappointment book a lamp now for 2026, especially if you want a particular date. Lamps cost £5 and burn for a week- some dates already taken!.

St Mary's Choir

Many thanks to the choir for all their hard work over the last weeks preparing for Afternoon Tea, the Carol Service and Christmas Masses .

Now enjoy a well earned rest, until our practices recommence mid January- date will be announced later.

Merry Christmas to you all, and very good wish for 2026

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

Next meeting

Monday 12th January , 2 pm St Patrick's Presbytery

Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

Rosary

Thursday 8th January at 3pm

Rosary, online, every Wednesday at 7pm

For further information, email John at stmarysr90@gmail.com

TLC (Talk, Listen, Care) Bereavement Support Group

Next meets 13 January

Contact Julie Liepins on 07522 978953 for further information

Coffee Morning St Marys
4th January after mass Parish Centre



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

Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia 21 December 2025 - Fourth Week of Advent

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Services to Sunday 28 December

Monday 22 December	10am	Mass at St Marys
Tuesday December 23	10am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	10am 6pm 8pm	Mass at St Marys Mass at St Patricks Mass at St Marys
Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day)	9.30 am 11.15am	Mass at St Patricks Mass at St Marys
Friday 26 December (Boxing Day)	12pm	Mass at St Marys
Saturday 27 December	10-10.30 am 12.00 pm	Confessions at St Mary's Mass at St Patricks followed by confession
Sunday 28 December	9.30 am 11.15 am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's

Christmas Flowers in Church—Thankyou

We are so grateful for donations to our flower collections in memory of loved ones

David Barton Hammersley , Patricia Hammersley
William Lester Hammersley, Carmela Tadeusiak,
Stanislaw Tadeusiak, Anna Mystkowska
Branislaw Mystkowska Bernadette Jackson
Nicholas Reid, Terence Clarke, Kitty Stockley
Stan Dziobek, George Borg, Anna Turvey ,
Special Intention ,the families of Barlow , Bateson, &
Hankinson , Thomas & Agnes Fleming , Steven Hughes
Harry Hawksworth



St Mary's Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to those who purchased tickets. The raffle raised £97.20 for church funds. A special thankyou to Angela Bradley for organising.



We wish all the pupils and staff in our parish schools an enjoyable, restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year



Offertory collection in church for week ending

30 November:

Gift Aid: £441

Loose: £541



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, Illona 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:

Jonathan Wallwork, Trisha McNicholas

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

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 21 December:

James Gallagher, Francis Desmond Byrne, Margaret Mary Keane
Patrick Mullaney, Leonard Williams, Thomas Fleming
Kathleen Naven, Agnes Lye, Hannah Kerrigan, Michael Tomic
Mykola Dydyk, Anna Viktoria Vinstrup, Gerard Noel Peacock
Mary Cecelia Tinsley, Barbara Hopkins, Herbert Kershaw,
Helen Nixon, Teresa Kerton, James Wood, Michael Robin,
Fai-Ha-Lam, Eric Rigg, Loraine Ackerley, Pia Greenwood
Mattie Kershaw, Tom Lucas, Keith O'Connor, Jessie Bowdler.

Bishop John's message for Caritas: Bee-ing there this Christmas

Demand for our diocesan charity Caritas Salford's services is greater than ever as more and more people in our diocese experience poverty, homelessness and discrimination. If you haven't seen their Bee There Advent appeal yet, which asks if you are able to help support people locally, you can read more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere

Bishop John has recorded a special message to tell us more about why it's so important, especially at this time of year:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/bishop-john-christmas-25/

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026

We are delighted to announce the date for our 2026 diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 2nd May, with the option to extend your pilgrimage with an overnight stay on Friday 1st May. You can now register your interest by calling our pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209 or e-mailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



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
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

Rota for Sunday 28 December

	St Mary's	St Patrick's
Greeters	Angela David	Kath McFadden Kath Lomax
Welcome	David	Kene Idige
Readers	Tony M Rachel	Ademayowa Odeleye Kene Idige Annette Slater
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Wright Kath Pollard	Kath, Christine, James Parthot
Gift Shop	Clare	Fran Caldecutt, Christina Chadwick
Musicians	Peter	Tom, Caron
Children's Liturgy		-
Church Closing		Kate
Counters	Own rota	-