



## PEACE - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to Peter Wright & Mary Fitzgerald

### 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 8th December, meet outside parish house 9.45am for retreat

Next meeting

Monday 12th January, 2 pm St Patrick's Presbytery  
Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

### Rosary

Thursday 11 December

Rosary, online, every Wednesday at 7pm

For further information, email John at

[stmarysr90@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysr90@gmail.com)

### TLC (Talk, Listen, Care) Bereavement Support Group

Next meets 9 December

Contact Julie Liepins on 07522 978953 for further information

### Christian Meditation

The next meeting is on Wednesday Dec 17th 7pm, venue TBA

Please ring Pat on 07717226758 if you are interested in joining this group.

### 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

### 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 7 December 2025 - Second Week of Advent

### St. Mary's of the Annunciation

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### Services to Sunday 14 December

Monday 8 December	10am	Mass at St Marys Solemnity of Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 9 December	10 am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 10 December	10 am	Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 11 December	10 am	St Marys - Requiem Mass James Henry Clarkson
Friday 12 December	10 am	St Marys
Saturday 13 December	10-10.30 am 12.00 pm	Confessions at St Mary's Mass at St Patricks followed by Confession
Sunday 14 December <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	9.30 am 11.15 am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's

### Christmas Masses

	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day
St Patricks	6pm	9.30am	
St Mary's	8pm	11.15am	12.00pm



### Afternoon Tea with Entertainment St Mary's Sunday 30th November

A huge thankyou to all who worked so hard to give everyone who attended, such an enjoyable afternoon

£981.15 was raised for church funds

### Flowers in Church—Thankyou

We are so grateful for donations to our flower collections held last week in both churches and in memory of loved ones. Monies received

St Mary's £210

St Patrick's £355



Carol Service  
St. Mary's church,  
Thursday 18 December  
Mulled wine and  
Mince Pies to follow

Offertory collection in church for week ending

30 November:

Gift Aid: £399

Loose: £515



### Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 7 December

Anniversary: Peter Wright, Josie Schembri, Mary Fitzgerald

Birthday Anniversary Lucy Tomic

Lately dead: Liesal Silecic, Christine Garvey

Sick: Marie Byrne

### St Mary's RC School Nativity Play

All parishioners are very welcome to attend the play on Wednesday 10th December at 1.30pm

If you are attending, could please confirm with the school (telephone 01706-378032). Refreshments will be provided.

### St Mary's RC School Christmas Fair

Friday 12th December from 3.15pm in the school, all welcome.

### Christmas Cards for Prisoners— St Mary's

Cards at the back of the church, please place in the basket when written

### 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/>

### 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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport)

<b>GETTING IN TOUCH</b>	WEBSITE: <a href="http://stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk">stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk</a>
Parish Administrator St Mary's and St Patrick's	Mr Derek Conway TEL: 644412 <b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> 8.30 am to 2 pm Mon-Wednesday (St Pat's) 9.30am to 12.30 pm Thursday (St Mary's)
Safeguarding	<b>St Patrick's:</b> Mrs Monica Walczak 07803 345175, <b>St Mary's:</b> 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:

Liesal Silecic, Christine Garvey

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

### We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 7 December:

Arthur Higginbottom, George Thomas Lingard, Marian Nyland, Margita Smith, Stephen Reviles, John Bottomley, Catherine Riley, Andrew Duffy, Rose Kelly, Bernadette Oddy, Joyce Nuttall, Jack Renfrey, Margaret Hughes, Theresa Sherlock, Lorriane Simpson, John McHugh, Jack Shepherd, Peter James Wright.

### Companions of Mary

The Companions of Mary would like to thank all parishioners who supported their Christmas hamper raffle last week. The winning ticket was green edged number 285 and was claimed.

The proceeds of £164 will be added to other monies raised this year. The monies will be shared between the parish and local charities supporting families and children.

With grateful thanks for your support during 2025

### New Readers at St Mary's

If anyone would like to join the readers at St Mary's Church for the 11.15 Sunday Mass please contact

Helen Jungmayr [helenmmj54@gmail.com](mailto:helenmmj54@gmail.com)

### Rota for w/c Monday 8 December

	St Mary's	St Patrick's
<b>Greeters</b>	Sandra Cherie	Pauline Eileen
<b>Welcome</b>	David	Harrison Kenedium
<b>Readers</b>	Tony M Kath P	Annette Slater Harrison Kenedium, Diane Elford
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Helen Ashworth Christina Wall	Christine, James Parathot, Kath
<b>Gift Shop</b>	Clare	Christine, Kath
<b>Musicians</b>	Peter	Tom, Caron
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Annette & Mark
<b>Church Closing</b>		Kath
<b>Counters</b>	Own rota	Christine & Derek