

## Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to St Mary's 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!.

## Companions of Mary

Next meeting

Monday 9th March 12.30PM, meal at The Oxford, Whitworth Rd

Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

## Rosary

Thursday 5th March at 3pm

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 Tuesday 10th March

Contact Julie Liepins on 07522 978953 for further information

## Christian Meditation

The next meeting for this group will take place on Wednesday 11th March 7pm, venue to be advised. All welcome

Ring Pat on 07717226758

### World Day of Prayer 6th March

St Barnabas 2.30pm

St Barnabas Drive, Shore Littleborough  
OL15 8EJ

### World Day of Prayer Day 6th March

The service in the area of St Patrick's will take place at St Andrew's church Entwisle Rd (near Aldi) at 10.30am

It has been written this year by the women of Nigeria. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Everyone is welcome: please come!

### Digital Donation Box

Thankyou to those parishioners who again donated via the terminals last week.

Across both churches we took £192, £125 of which was gifted aided. A further £15 in CAFOD donations was processed.

Thankyou again for your support which will make a real difference to our churches funds



## Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia 1 MARCH 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### St. Mary's of the Annunciation

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### Services to Sunday 8th March

Monday 2nd March	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 3rd March	10am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 4th March	10am	School mass at St Mary's all parishioners welcome
Thursday 5th March	10am 1.30pm	Requiem mass St Marys -Mary Clarkeson School mass Alice Ingham all parishioners welcome
Friday 6th March	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 7th March	10-10.30am 12pm 2pm	Confessions at St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confessions Filipino Mass
Sunday 8th March	9.30am 11.15am 4.00pm	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's Stations of the Cross St Mary's

### Mary's Meals

Mary's meals have written to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the £530

donation given by parishioners in support of their work



### 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](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

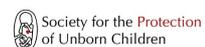
### A plea for prayers for S.P.U.C.

(Society for the protection of Unborn Children)

They are fighting two deadly bills to legalise Assisted Suicide and decriminalise Abortion up to birth.

During the first half of 2026, these two deadly bills will come before the House of Lords. If passed they will return to the House of Commons

Please support S.P.U.C.



**Offertory collection in churches for week ending 22 February**  
**Gift Aid £338**  
**Loose £452**  
**Electronic Plate £ 192**



**Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 1st March**

**Lately Dead** John Ostafijczuk , Joyce Creagh x 3  
**Anniversary** Mary Elizabeth Renshaw  
 Special Intention x 3  
 Sick Person x 2

**We pray for those who are sick:**

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

*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**

**Pat Roache, John Ostafijczuk, Joyce Creagh**  
 May they rest in the peace of her Crucified and Risen Saviour  
**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 1st March:**

**Alice Gleeson, Richard Ripley, William Ayres, Joseph Tidswell, Kathleen Russell, Elizabeth Moran, Matthew Devlin, Susan Heaney, Robert G Woodwards, Jill Sykes, Mary Elizabeth Renshaw, Veronica Brierley, Honorah Cooney Joseph Kershaw, Betty Turner, Thomas Costello, Celia Fielding Michael James Delaney, Celia Fielding, Catherine Tinsley Baby Sidney Francis Kershaw, Fred Suthers, Peter Cushen Billy Howorth, Wilbert Harold Stott, Edward Mullaney Ronnie Chadwick, Harry Hemsley, Francis Tate Beryl Davies**

Pat Roache , a regular and valued parishioner of St Patrick's passed away on Thursday 19th February , funeral details to be advised.

Please keep Pat and her family in your thoughts and prayers 

**Why not come with us??? 6 places left!!!**

**Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Assisi. Oct 12 - 21st 2026**

10 days spending three nights half board in each venue. So many highlights: visiting the most famous places in Rome - including the weekly Papal Audience; then San Giovanni Rotundo where Padre Pio lived and ministered for the last fifty years of his life; and finally we travel on to the Umbrian Hills to the town of Assisi - dedicated of course to St. Francis and where in the Church of St Marie Maggiore you can see the intact body of our new Saint Carlo Acutis. This is certainly a unique Pilgrimage not to be missed. If you are interested ring Jeanette on 07717222830 .

**Choir Practice**

No Choir Practice on Sunday 1st March, but will continue each Sunday from March 8th

We are now practising for Holy Week and Easter and for the Evening of Prayer and Reflection that will take place as St Mary's on Palm Sunday Evening

All welcome-a good time to join us



**Coffee Morning St Marys after mass**

Parish Centre , all welcome



**Gift Shops –St Patrick's & St Mary's**

The gift shops located at the back of the churches and are open before and after Mass every Sunday

- Inexpensive gifts suitable for Baptism , First Holy Communion e.g. Rosary Beads, First Missals, Bracelets, etc and a wide selection of cards
- Mass , Sympathy, Get Well, , Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation.
- You can also pay using our terminals
- Feel free to pop in !



<b>GETTING IN TOUCH</b>	WEBSITE: stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk
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
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 8 March**

	St Mary's	St Patrick's
<b>Greeters</b>	Sandra Cherie	Kath McFadden Kath Lomax
<b>Welcome</b>	David	Monica Walczak
<b>Readers</b>	Jeanette Pat S	James Power Monica Walczak Joke Kazeem
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mary Wright Christina Wall	James Parathot, Lilly, James Slater
<b>Gift Shop</b>	Clare	Fran Caldecutt Christine Chadwick
<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