

## Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to St Mary's Emerson Family  
St Patrick's Mrs Anne Griffin

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 12th March at 3pm St Mary's

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, Josie Collier's

All welcome

Ring Pat on 07717226758

## Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia 8 MARCH 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### St. Mary's of the Annunciation

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## Services to Sunday 15th March

Monday 9th March	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 10th March	10am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 11th March	10.30am	Requiem Mass John Ostafijczuk St Patrick's No mass at St Mary's
Thursday 12th March	-	No Mass
Friday 13th March	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 14th March	10-10.30am 12pm	Confession at St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confession
Sunday 15 March	9.30am 11.15am 4.00pm	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's Stations of the Cross St Mary's

## Ardú an Bhraataigh Raising of the Tricolour

On Tuesday 17 March at 11am the Irish Tricolour will be raised over Rochdale Town Hall by the Mayor, Councillor Janet Emsley This is a great honour for our Irish Community here in Rochdale. The event is open to everyone

Mass in honour of St Patrick will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church at 10 am. Entrance to the Town Hall will be via the Side Entrance next to the Clock Tower This leads to the Martlet Restaurant formerly known as the Clock Tower Restaurant where light refreshments will be available

Along with the Mayoral party the Irish Consul General will be in attendance along with several Councillors and members of the general public Fáilte roimh cách!



## Mary's Meals –St Mary's Coffee Morning

Thankyou to the parishioners of St Mary's for there

Donation of £97.20 raised from the 1st Sunday of the month coffee morning in support of Mary's Meals



## St Patrick's Social Committee

If any parishioner wishes to join the committee , please advise Derek Conway, Parish Administrator

E-mail [saintpatrickrochdale@hotmail.com](mailto:saintpatrickrochdale@hotmail.com)

Telephone 01706-644412

Details of the first meeting will be advised in the coming weeks

## Digital Donation Box

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

Across both churches we took £145 , £120 of which was gifted aided . A further £90 in CAFOD donations was processed.

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



## 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)

**Offertory collection in churches for week ending 1st March**  
**Gift Aid £415**  
**Loose £451**  
**Electronic Plate £ 145**



**Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 8th March**

**Lately Dead** Joyce Creagh x 3, Sheila Thompson, Don Hawksworth  
 Pat Roche, Neville Cottam

**Anniversary** Harriet & John Heslop , Hannah Bostock , Mary Sweeney

**Birthday** Joseph Tidswell , Anne Peacock

**Sick** Marie Byrne

**RIP** John Morris , John Ashworth



**Novena to Saint Joseph March 10th to March 18th**

This prayer, it is said, has "has never been known to fail, provided that the request is for one's spiritual benefit or for those whom we are praying for." Pray it for nine mornings.

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.  
 Amen.

**Why not come with us**

**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 Rotondo where Padre Pío 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 .**

**Cost per person sharing: £1450 Single Room: £1690**

<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

**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 Roche, John Ostafjickuk, Joyce Creagh , Sheila Thompson Don Hawksworth , Neville Cottam**  
**May they rest in the peace of her Crucified and Risen Saviour**

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 8th March:**

**Gerry Burns.,Barbara Quinlan,. Emma Day , Peter Tuffy , Margaret Warner, Margaret Rose Howarth, Anita Kershaw James Francis McCabe . Gerald Murphy, Kevin Sweeney, Audrey Daria Finn , Walter Steeple, Mary Clayton Rose Crawford, Franz Norton , Alfred Berry , Joseph Sweeney Sarah Hamilton , Olivia McGrail, Rev Fr Ernest Banks PP, Hannah Bostock, Geroge Henry O'Connor Fredrick Walker , Bride Greenwood , Marie Jubb**

**Choir Practice**

Choir practice will continue each Sunday in St Mary's Church 7pm

We are now practising for Holy Week and for our annual Evening of Prayer and Reflection that will take place as St Mary's on Palm Sunday Evening 29th March.

The choir will be singing at the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) in whichever church the Services take place. Any musicians or singers who would like to join in these please Whats App or Phone

**Jeanette 07717 222830 or Peter 07711 884338** or just come along to the practice on Sunday, you will be most welcome

**Rota for Sunday 15 March**

	St Mary's	St Patrick's
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Helen A	Kath McFadden Kath Lomax
<b>Welcome</b>	Joan	James Slater
<b>Readers</b>	Kath N David N	Diane Elford James Slater Harrison Kenedium
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Julie Leipins Helen Ashworth	Reg, Kath, Christine
<b>Gift Shop</b>	Clare	Eileen Dunn Pat Lord
<b>Musicians</b>	Jeanette	Dale, Philippa
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	-	Lucy & Caron
<b>Church Closing</b>	-	Thomas
<b>Counters</b>	Own rota	Roger & Breda