



Parish Bulletin

Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday January 12
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 1:1-8;
Ps 116(115):12-13. 14-15. 16-17. 18-19. R17a; Mark 1:14-20.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday January 13
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1. 4-5. 6-7. 8a-d. R1a;
Mark 1:21-28.
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
12:00 noon Funeral—Patricia Fitzgerald, St Mary's
2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Holy Family—all welcome.

Wednesday January 14
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20;
Ps 40(39):2. 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a; Mark 1:29-39.
9:15AM School Mass, Holy Family Primary School
12:00 noon Funeral Mass—Adele Fitzpatrick, St Mary's

Thursday January 15
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Ps 44(43):10-11. 14-15. 24-25. R27b;
Mark 1:40-45.
9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday January 16
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89(88):16-17. 18-19. R cf. 2a;
Mark 2:1-12.
8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
6:30PM Bible study hour, St Mary's (meeting room)

Saturday January 17
St Anthony, Abbot

 Ephesians 6:10-13, 18; Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 11. R cf. 5a;
Matthew 19:16-26.
**11:00-11:45AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's.**
12:00 noon Mass, St Mary's

Sunday January 18
2nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

 Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a;
1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.
9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.
9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's
10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.
11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family
Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning
Masses.
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

(Divine Office Week 2)

Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, please
speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.
Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.

We Pray For...

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamariae O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Anthony Baron and Anthony Ward.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Sam McLellan, Adele Fitzpatrick, James McManus and William Grant.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of Dave Webster and Albert Gleave.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Cath Taylor in memory of her husband, Gerry Taylor.

Donating a Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle is a silent herald that Christ is substantially present (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) in the Tabernacle.

You are invited to sponsor this 'living flame' to keep watch before the Lord, in memory of a loved one. To arrange this, please enquire at the piety shop at Holy Family Church after the 11:15 Mass on Sundays. The remembrance of your loved one will be published in the bulletin as close as possible to a date of your choosing.

Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the death of **James McManus**, whose funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church on Monday, January 19 at 12 noon.

We recently announced the deaths of: **Patricia Fitzgerald**, whose funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church this coming Tuesday, January

13 at 12 noon, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery, 12:45pm.

Adele Fitzpatrick, whose funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church this coming Wednesday, January 14 at 12 noon, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery, 1:15pm. We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFM-UK)

Members of our parish community are invited to *The Great Awakening 2026-Catholic Evangelisation and Healing Convention*, organised by Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFCM-UK). This national gathering will take place on Saturday January 24, 2026, at the Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich (B70 7JW).

There will be free transport to and from the venue. If you interested, please see Cn Michael or Fr Celestine.

Safeguarding Survey – Public Call for Information

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are completing a safeguarding inspection within the Diocese of Salford, and would like to

hear the views of as many people as possible regarding their arrangements for safeguarding.

Responses will be collected anonymously unless you choose to provide your contact information, and the survey will close at 11:45pm on Friday, January 16, 2026.

To submit your response, simply scan the QR code:



Changes to Mass Arrangements This Week

The 9:15 Mass on Wednesday, January 14, will be celebrated at **Holy Family Primary School**. The only church celebration on that day will be the funeral Mass at St Mary's, 12 noon.

Thank You

We are grateful to the members of the Cuppa Club for their generous donation of £400 to the Parish.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: December 27. Winning no. 21 – Jacquie Faulkner. Prize: £300. To church fund: £290. Next draw: Saturday, January 31. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday, January 30. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: December 27. Charity: St Mary's Church Building & Repairs Fund. Winning no. 21 – Hayley Rafferty. Prize: £300. To charity: £260 (3 numbers unsold = £30). Next draw: Saturday, January 31. Charity: Cancer Research UK. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday, January 30. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 96 v1-3

Abba, Father, send your Spirit

PENITENTIAL ACT

General Confession

All say together:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and
sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,

(Striking breast:)

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our
God.

Kýrie Eléison

All sing together:

Kýrie, eléison¹. Kýrie, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Christe eléison². Christe eléison.

Christe eléison, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

¹ Lord, have mercy.

² Christ, have mercy.

GLORIA

(Sung)

Refrain:

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory
to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.*

1. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
(Refrain)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only
Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

(Refrain)

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
(Refrain) Amen, amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

'Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.'

Thus says the LORD: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

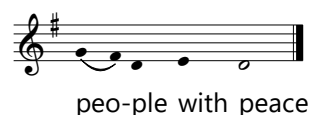
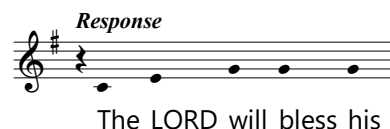
Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b

All sing the response:



- 1** Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness.
- 2** The voice of the LORD upon the waters,
the LORD on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the LORD full of power;
the voice of the LORD full of splendour.
- 3** The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits as king for ever.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

'God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Cantor: The heavens were opened
and the voice of the
Father thundered:
'This is my beloved Son;
listen to him'.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to **N.**

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

'When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.'

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE CREED

All say together:

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

(All kneel or bow at the underlined words that follow)

**and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and is glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 630

Spirit of the Living God

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy

All sing together:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Mystery of Faith

The priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith

All sing together:

Conclusion

The priest alone sings or says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand: the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We conclude the prayer together, by singing:

**For the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours now and for
ever.**

Lamb of God

All sing together:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us
peace.**

Invitation to Communion

The priest says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds:

**Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof, but
only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.**

HYMN 656

The King of love, my shepherd is

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

**O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.**

HYMN 447

Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)

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