



Parish Bulletin

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Sunday Cycle A
Divine Office: Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday December 1 Weekday of Advent

📖 Isaiah 4:2-6; Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 8-9. R cf. 1; Matthew 8:5-11.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday December 2 Weekday of Advent

📖 Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R cf. 7; Luke 10:21-24.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

2:00PM-4:00PM Cuppa Club—all welcome.

Wednesday Dec. 3 St Francis Xavier, Priest (memorial)

📖 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15; Mark 16:15-20.

9:15AM School Mass, Holy Family School

Lime Green Rd, OL8 3NG.

Thursday December 4 Weekday of Advent

📖 Isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 118(117):1, 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a. R26a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27.

9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday December 5 Weekday of Advent

📖 Isaiah 29:17-24; Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a; Matthew 9:27-31.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday December 6 Weekday of Advent

📖 Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 146(145):2a-c. 2d-4. 5-6. R5a; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

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 December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent

📖 Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R cf. 7; Romans 15:4-9; Luke 3:4, 6.

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

Confession

Saturdays (see above) or 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, Teddy Holt, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, James McManus, Catherine Ardill, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien and Collette Hartwell.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Eileen Haslam, Joan Davies and Ian Barry McVety.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Malcolm Clarke, James Scanlon, Jack Patterson, Angela Drury, Michael Sheridan, Sophia Shaw, Stephen Jones and Caroline Ofodile.

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 Gill and John Green in memory of Barbara Barker.

Baptism Class

Parents and guardians of children being presented for baptism in December are required to attend the baptism class taking place at St Mary's Church this Sunday, November 30, following the 9:30 Mass.

School Mass on Wednesday

This coming Wednesday, December 3, Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family School, Lime Green Road, OL8 3NG, at 9:15am. There will be no service at either church on that day.

Bible Study Sessions

The weekly bible study sessions will take place in the meeting room at St. Mary's Church every Friday between 6:30 and 7:30pm, starting on **Friday, December 5**. Each month, one such session will be dedicated to promoting a deep knowledge of our Faith. If you are interested, please see either of our priests.

New Readers' Rota

Would all St Marys' readers please collect their copy of the new rota from the Sacristy at St Mary's Church.

December Carol Services: Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme

The Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme will be hosting a series of free carol services in churches across the diocese on various days 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/>

Mass for Engaged Couples

On Saturday February 14, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday February 14, 2026 at 1:30pm.

This information will be repeated nearer the time.

Energy Advice from Caritas, Diocese of Salford

If you or someone you know in the wider parish community is in need of support due to rising energy bills, Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, offer a free energy advice service. To arrange a free session with their energy advice team, telephone 0161 205 2754, or email:

energyadvice@caritassalford.org.uk

Or visit the website where you will find lots of useful information:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

Catenians Raffle

Tickets for the Catenians raffle will be on sale at Holy Family Church following the 11:15am Sunday Masses on November 30, December 7 and December 14. The draw will take place on Sunday, December 21. Prizes include a champagne afternoon tea for two at Housing Units Failsworth, a bottle of Talisker Skye Single Malt Scotch Whisky, bottles of wine and boxes of chocolates. The price is just £1 per ticket.

The proceeds will be used to provide Christmas parcels for members of the Parish of the Nativity community.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Our diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage group invites you to a special Mass in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, will take place at 3:00pm on Sunday December 7 at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst, M4 5HF.

Following Mass, information will be shared by the Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage group on plans for the 2026 pilgrimage.

Christmas Flowers – Donations Invited

We would like to make a special effort to adorn our sanctuaries with flowers this coming Christmas, and donations toward flowers would be much appreciated. You can donate as follows:

- On Sunday mornings at the piety stall at either church.
- After 11:15 Mass on Sunday mornings at the refreshment counter in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church.
- Via the priest after any other Mass.

Thank you in advance.

Yoga Breaks

Yogis please note that there will be no Yoga classes during:

Week beginning December 7;
Week beginning December 21;
Week beginning December 28.

There **will** be classes during the week beginning December 14.

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we

may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R cf. 1

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- 1 I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 2 It is there that the tribes go up, the
tribes of the LORD,
as it is decreed for Israel to give
thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for
judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
- 3 For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
'May they prosper, those who love
you.'
May peace abide in your walls,
and security be in your towers.
- 4 For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the
LORD, our God,
I will seek good things for you.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14a

'Salvation is nearer to us now.'

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and

swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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