



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm (Vigil)	Ronnie Boyle (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	St Andrew
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm 7.00 pm	Kathleen Early (Ann.) Gemma Hincliffe (50 <sup>th</sup> B'day Ann.) Christine Baxter (Successful Op.) Noel Murtagh (Get well) Holy Hour for World Peace	St Joseph's School Fair (No tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass)
Monday	12.00 pm	Margaret Thompson (Requiem)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 11.30 am	Joseph Hehir (RIP) Marie Palmer (Requiem)	St Francis Xavier 10.00am Adoration HF
Wednesday	9.30 am 11.30 am HF	Clare Kirrane (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.) Michael Coughlan (Requiem)	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Sr. Stella Maris (RIP) Paul Collins (Get Well)	Ferial Tea & Toast after HF Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Special Intention (Get Well)	Ferial
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00 noon 6.00pm (Vigil)	Jane Lorenz (RIP) Dennis Simmons (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)	St Ambrose
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Fernando Benedito Eleuterio (RIP) Brian (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.) & Kate (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Lilley Brigid Killoran (Ann.) People of the Parish	Tea & coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> This week the lamp is lit for Denis Relihan (24 <sup>th</sup> Ann. 7/12) RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 SJ 1870.97 HF 355.00 Many Thanks
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### Saving Souls

A couple of years ago, Martin Lewis, the 'money saving expert' made a video that went viral. He called on everyone to make a pact not to spend money on gifts that were overpriced or unnecessary. The point was to take the burden from other people who might be embarrassed into buying an expensive gift back, and to release poorer families from buying presents that would put them into debt. The idea was to side step the commercialism of Christmas. As Christians this message goes much deeper.

Side stepping the commercialism of Christmas obviously isn't about saving money, it's about saving souls.

The trouble with Advent is that Christmas comes at the end. We know that Advent is a time for taking stock, but with

Christmas just around the corner, we're far too busy with shopping lists to think about the state of our souls.

It seems obvious that we should spend our lives in preparation for the final judgement day, but it is all too easy to take our eye off the ball. Life heaps demands on us. We spend each and every day taking the children to school, going to work, cleaning the house, shopping, cooking, cleaning and paying the bills. At this time of year in particular it is easy to get swamped in the things that the TV adverts convince us we must do before Christmas. We end up feeling trapped and unable to see the bigger picture. All of a sudden it's too late. We never get to do the things we know we should have done.

The Gospel paints a frightening picture of the end of the world, but it is not meant to terrify us. Rather, the signs of the second coming are there to liberate us. Advent is a time of waiting and of looking forward. We are looking forward not just to Christmas but to the second coming of Jesus. The signs of the second coming are there to liberate us from the material preparations of Christmas and the other things that weigh us down. We are invited to take a step back from our fraught lives and take a long-term view. It would be a pity to get to the other side of Christmas only to realise that a host of fake Santa Clauses had distracted us from contemplating the real direction of our lives.

Entrance Antiphon :	<b>To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.</b>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<b>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.</b>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!</b>		
Communion Antiphon:	<b>The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.</b>		
Year C	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	Psalm 25(24)	Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2 Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

### **TRAVELLING NATIVITY**

During Advent, part of our journey to the crib will be the Travelling Nativity. This is a custom, originally from South America, where statues of Mary and Joseph travel from house to house in the parish during Advent, finally reaching the church on Christmas Eve. If you would like to house the Holy Family for one night, please sign the list in the sacristy, or for more information see Father Woolley.

There are still 10 places for the Travelling Nativity to stay during Advent. Please see the list in the sacristy if you can help. Thank you.

### **BLESSING OF THE CRIB**

The crib outside the town hall will be blessed by Father Stephen this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm with St. Joseph's choir and the Salvation Army Band. Traditional carols will be sung. Please come along and support this important witness of faith in our local community.

### **CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY**

Don't forget to come along and have a look at all the Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, books, nativities, snow globes and 2025 diaries.

### **ADVENT TALKS**

You are invited to a series of talks in Advent to coincide with the launch of the New Lectionary at the Parish Hall, Holy Angels, Hale Barns, Altrincham at 7.00pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we are delighted to welcome Fr Paul Denney who is a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell, Scotland. He has a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. He has recently served on the editorial board for the new lectionary as the delegate of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. He will speak to us about the new translation of the Lectionary that we will be using at Mass.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Fr Marco Egawhary a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, he completed further studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. His talk will be on why it is important to pray with the scriptures and how to pray with them.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Fr David Irwin priest of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis for the Diocese of Shrewsbury will present Dei Verbum on Divine Revelation from the Second Vatican Council. After each talk we will go into the parish church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Compline. All are welcome to attend.

### **FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE**

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College invite you to their Family Advent service on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.

At St Vincent de Paul Parish Church, Altrincham. Refreshments and mince pies will be served after the service. See flyer in the narthex.

*"O Come O Come Emmanuel, God is with us"*

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Next weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses at Holy Family and St Joseph's towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. We have a wonderful team of people who arrange the altar flowers each week and the Christmas flowers will undoubtedly be very special.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your generosity.

### **CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT**

The recent CAFOD quiz raised the fabulous amount of £1,000 and the collection for the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal raised £384.

A sincere thank you to everyone for your continued generosity.

### **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIRS**

St. Joseph's today Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> December from 12noon  
Holy Family Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm – 7.00pm  
All parishioners welcome for these festive occasions.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

The Manchester & District Hospitals Choir Carol Concert at The Bridgewater Hall is this

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The tickets are now available for collection and are in named envelopes in the sacristy. Please can all those who have bought tickets collect them from the sacristy before Tuesday. Thank you.

### **CHILDRENS SAINTS CLUB**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 4.30 – 5.00pm. We look forward to celebrating the beautiful feast of the Immaculate Conception and listening to a very special Christmas story.

Everyone is welcome! See flyer in the narthex for more information.

### **ST JOSEPH'S & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS**

Join us for our next walk along the Bridgewater Canal and to Walton Park on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, with a family-friendly Treasure Hunt "*Signs and Wonders*".

We meet at St Joseph's at 1.15pm for 1.30pm departure. Walk is less than 3 miles and is a '1 boot' (suitable for pushchairs & wheelchairs). Return to St Josephs for 3.30pm for hot drinks and mince pies!  
All welcome!

### **CONFIRMATION 2025**

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the eve of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the present St Joseph's church.

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year. The Confirmation Programme will begin in the new year & registration must be received before the programme begins.

### **FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME**

The First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion Programme for parish children in non Catholic schools will begin this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm-6.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Aurora Rose Marsh** who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Aurora into the Church and commend her parents for passing on to her the Faith of the Apostles.

### **COMMENDED TO GOD**

We hold in loving memory and prayers Margaret Thompson, Michael Coughlan, Anthony Habis, Marie Palmer and Margaret Leigh who have died recently. May they rest in peace. We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

### **HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Holy Family Catholic Primary School are currently consulting on their Admissions Policy for 2026. Should anyone wish to make any comments on this draft, please forward them to the school email address: [holyfamily\\_admin@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:holyfamily_admin@trafford.gov.uk) no later than 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The policy can be found on the school website. Thank you.

### **ADVENT 2024**

Green sheets are available at the back of church with full details of all Masses and Parish events for Advent, Christmas and New Year. Please take one home.