



## JOY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to the Emersom family

### December Choir Practice until Christmas

St Mary's church, 7 pm, on the following date  
Tuesday 16th

### Christmas Stall at St Mary's/Gift Shop at Saint Patrick's

Every Sunday before and after Mass

Christmas cards and gifts, Mass cards, baptism cards etc on sale (for now, cash only please). All proceeds go towards parish funds. Please support both parish gift shops this Advent & Christmas season.

### Companions of Mary

Next meeting

Monday 12th January, 2 pm St Patrick's Presbytery  
Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

### Rosary

Thursday 18 December

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 13 January

Contact Julie Liepins on 07522 978953 for further information

### Christian Meditation

The next meeting is on Wednesday Dec 17th 7pm, venue Denise & Mike's

Please ring Pat on 07717226758 if you are interested in joining this group.

**Please join us for what will be a most enjoyable event**



### Carol Service

St. Mary's church,

Thursday 18 December

7pm

Mulled wine and Mince

Pies to follow

Coffee Morning St Marys

4th January after mass Parish

Centre



## Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia 14 December 2025 - Third Week of Advent

### St. Mary's of the Annunciation

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### St. Patrick's

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Rochdale, OL12 0HE

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**Website: [stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk](http://stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk)**

### Services to Sunday 14 December

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| Monday 15 December                                   | 10am                    | Mass at St Marys   |
| Tuesday 16 December                                  | 10 am                   | Full school mass at St Patrick's all parishioners very welcome                 |
| Wednesday 17 December                                | 10 am                   | Full school mass at St Mary's all parishioners very welcome                    |
| Thursday 18 December                                 | 10.30 am                | Full school mass Alice Ingham all parishioners very welcome                    |
| Friday 19 December                                   | 10 am                   | St Marys   |
| Saturday 20 December                                 | 10-10.30 am<br>12.00 pm | Confessions at St Mary's<br>Mass at St Patricks<br>Baptism Diana & Ciara Gomes |
| Sunday 21 December<br><i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> | 9.30 am<br>11.15 am     | Mass at St Patrick's<br>Mass at St Mary's                                      |

### Christmas Masses

|             | Christmas Eve | Christmas Day | Boxing Day |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| St Patricks | 6pm           | 9.30am        |            |
| St Mary's   | 8pm           | 11.15am       | 12.00pm    |



### Parishioners of St Mary's who pay Gift Aid donations by Standing Order

We are currently in the process of joining the bank accounts of St Mary's & St Patricks together. This means that parishioners of St Mary's who pay by standing order, will need to advise their bank of the new details.

Derek Conway will be in church this Sunday, and will provide details via letter.

St Patricks standing order payers, are unaffected as it's this bank account we are using for the consolidation.

Thankyou for your continued support

### St Mary's Primary School Christmas Raffle

Tickets £1 each on sale in School and after Mass on Sunday.

The draw takes place Monday 15th December



Offertory collection in church for week ending

30 November:

Gift Aid: £473

Loose: £491



Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 14 December

Lately dead: Steve Hardy

Private Intentions

### Christmas Cards for Prisoners– St Mary's

Cards at the back of the church, please place in the basket when written

### Advice as weather gets colder and energy bills rise

If you or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a free energy advice service that can help. You can find details on their website on how to arrange a free session with their energy advice service team, and lots of other information

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport)

### Synod our Vision for the next decade

As Advent ushers in a new liturgical year, the Diocesan Synod Implementation Group offers a brief update on our progress since the March 2025 Synod Voting Day, where 40 recommendations were prioritized under Leadership & Collaboration, Spirituality & Formation, Young People & Schools, and Community & Outreach—supported by Inclusion and clergy-engagement sub-groups.

Our emerging vision for a synodal Church in Salford centres on six themes: **prayer, listening, and renewal** as the heart of Eucharistic life; **welcoming, inclusive, and accessible** communities celebrating diversity; **participation and representation** through diverse leadership and formation; **young people and families** fully engaged in faith and service; **collaboration and resources** shared among all; and **outreach, dialogue, and healing** with compassion for survivors and interfaith ties.

### Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford

In January, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026. More information will be shared soon with parishes and on the Diocesan website and social media channels.

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| <b>GETTING IN TOUCH</b>  | WEBSITE: <a href="http://stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk">stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk</a>  |
| Parish Administrator<br>St Mary's and St Patrick's   | Mr Derek Conway TEL: 644412<br><b>OFFICE HOURS:</b><br>8.30 am to 2 pm Mon-Wednesday (St Pat's)<br>9.30am to 12.30 pm Thursday (St Mary's) |
| Safeguarding   | <b>St Patrick's:</b><br>Mrs Monica Walczak 07803 345175,<br><b>St Mary's:</b><br>Mrs Angela Garvey 01706 350373                            |
| <b>Email: <a href="mailto:safeguardingpsjxx111@gmail.com">safeguardingpsjxx111@gmail.com</a></b> |  |
| Parish Centre,<br>St Mary's  | Angela, 01706 372990   |
| Gift Aid   | St Mary's: Clare Davies,<br>St Patrick's Derek Conway 01706 644412   |
| Gift Shop  | St Mary's: Clare Davies, 07813 655014<br>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 and Peter Hampton, Jane Mason, Pat May, Anthony McCarron, Cindy Nuttall, Peter O'Donnell, Anne Peacock, Vanessa Mennella, Diane Sheila Byrne, Ian Murton, Jonathan Wallwork, Ilona Eckhard, Christine Wildman, Pat Roche

*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:

Steve Hardy

May he rest in the peace of their Crucified and Risen Saviour

### We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 14 December:

John Nyland, Patrick Gerald Knipe, Walter Elliot, Dailinda Badilla, Lubin Badilla, Winifred Elliot, Annie Kelly, Nico Ezekiel B Aparis, Mary Fitzgerald, Sarah Holden, Sheridan Badilla, Maria Baran, William Joseph Tinsley, Chris Giblin, Monica Wild, Mary Hayhurst, Thomas Bruce, Louise Sherrington, Eric Harrison, Albert Myles, Peter Dungworth, Angela Reynolds, Margaret Fargher, John Critchley, Tommy McCarron

### Pilgrimage 2026: Rome, San Giovanni and Assisi

**12-21 October, 2026, 10 days, £1450 pp sharing or £1690 for a single room. (3 nights Half board at each location)**

If you would like a detailed Itinerary, booking form or further details contact

Jeanette 07717 222 830 or Adrian at

Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115

### New Readers at St Mary's

If anyone would like to join the readers at St Mary's Church for the 11.15 Sunday Mass please contact

Helen Jungmayr [helenmmj54@gmail.com](mailto:helenmmj54@gmail.com)

### Rota for w/c Monday 15 December

|                             | St Mary's                                  | St Patrick's   |
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| <b>Greeters</b>             | Linda<br>Helen A                           | Pat Lord<br>Ketty Day                                    |
| <b>Welcome</b>              | Joan                                       | Monica Walczak   |
| <b>Readers</b>              | Jamie O'D<br>Angela                        | Ademayowa Odeleye<br>Monica Walczak<br>Christine Buckley |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Kath Pollard<br>Johanna Howard<br>-Cofield | Regi, Lilly, James Slater                                |
| <b>Gift Shop</b>            | Clare                                      | Tina, Annette  |
| <b>Musicians</b>            | Jeanette                                   | Jed, Maggie, Caron                                       |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>   |  | -  |
| <b>Church Closing</b>       |  | Thomas   |
| <b>Counters</b>             | Own rota                                   | Christine & Derek  |