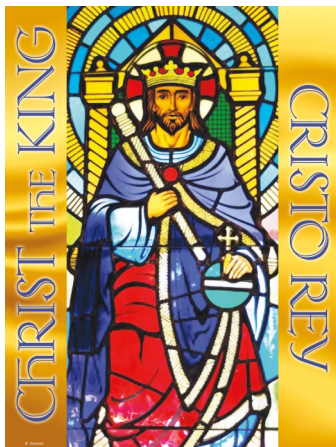




Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia
23 November 2025 - Christ the King
World Youth Sunday

St. Mary's of the Annunciation

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Services to Sunday 30 November

Monday 24th November	10am	Mass at St Marys
Tuesday 25th November		11.45 am Requiem Mass at St Patricks for TERENCE CLARKE, RIP NB No 10 am Mass this morning
Wednesday 26th November	10 am	Mass at St Mary's with pupils from school - parishioners welcome
Thursday 27th November	1.30pm	Mass at Alice Ingham school with pupils Parishioners welcome
Friday 28th November		9.15 am Requiem Mass at St Patrick's for KATHLEEN MCCARTHY, RIP NB No Mass at St Mary's this morning
Saturday 29th November		10-10.30 am Confessions at St Mary's 12.00 pm Mass at St Patricks followed by Confession Baptism of Nathaniel Eke
Sunday 30th November	9.30 am	Mass at St Patrick's with children's liturgy (primary school age only)
	11.15 am	Mass at St Mary's

Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to 'thanksgiving.'

Springhill Hospice Christmas Fair

11 am to 3 pm, Sunday 23 November, Kingsway Park High School

All the usual stalls: tombola, raffle, Asian food, Father Christmas in his grotto, sparkly nails, face painting ... and all to raise funds for our wonderful hospice.

Saint Patrick's School 'Mini Vinies' (younger version of the SVP) are participating in the Reindeer Run in aid of Spring Hill Hospice. If anyone in the parish would like to sponsor the Mini Vinnies at this event, they would welcome any donations!

[Reindeer Run | Springhill Hospice](#)

Choir Practice

St Mary's parish centre:

Dress rehearsal today, Sunday 23rd, 3 pm

Thursday 27th at 7 pm, St Mary's Parish Centre

Friday 28th November 6.30 pm, preparation of the parish centre for Sunday's Afternoon entertainment

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

From Sunday 23rd November open before and after mass at the back of church.

Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale (cash only please). All proceeds go towards parish funds. Please support both parish gift shops this Advent & Christmas season.

Christian Meditation

Wednesday 26 November, 7 pm, at Sister Noel's

Please ring Pat on 07717226758 if you are interested in joining this group. Note change of day

Rosary

Thursday 27 November. Please use the sacristy door near the school gate.

Rosary, online, every Wednesday at 7pm

For further information, email John at stmarysr90@gmail.com

Companions of Mary

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Next Sunday 30 November at Saint Patrick's after Mass

Tickets, priced at £1 (cash please) available before and after Mass on Saturday 29th at St Patrick's, and before Mass on Sunday 30th. Winning ticket drawn after Mass on Sunday 30th.



During the Advent season (starting next Sunday) there are no flowers in church. At Christmas the flowers become very expensive, sometimes doubling in cost, so **next week we will have a retiring collection at both churches for Christmas flowers.** If you wish, you can put your donation in an envelope in memory of a loved one, and we'll publish their name in the newsletter at Christmas. Thank you.



Companions of Mary

Monday 1 December, 2 pm St Patrick's Presbytery

Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

TLC (Talk, Listen, Care) Bereavement Support Group

Next meets 9 December

Contact Julie Liepins on 07522 978953 for further information

Parish Christmas Meal

Friday 12 December, 7.30 pm

Riva Restaurant, Hollingworth Lake

Menus available shortly, but if you are interested in attending, please contact Angela Bradley direct on 07938 167610



Saint Patrick's School Advent Appeal



During the season of Advent, the Caritas team in school are getting involved in the #bethere campaign which is based around the idea of a reverse Advent calendar. Each week during Advent, they will be collecting different items which will be donated to Caritas Salford. The items include:

Week 1 - Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Week 2 - Shower gel

Week 3 - Anti perspirant for both men and women

Week 4 - Shaving gel or foam, disposable razors and period products

[Caritas-Gift-Catalogue-2025-WEB.pdf](#)

If anyone in the parish would like to contribute to the above, we would be extremely grateful and we will deliver the items to Caritas with the items collected in school.

There'll be a box at the back of church for your donations next weekend.

Afternoon Tea with Entertainment

Sunday 30th November, 3 pm, tickets (available) £10

From Jeanette on 07717 222 830

Please only buy a ticket if you intend to come because we have very limited space, and when all the tickets are sold there will be a waiting list for any returns.

Offertory collection in church for week ending
16 and 23 November:

Gift Aid: £949

Loose: £1033



Sustainable Wreath Making Workshops at Laudato Si' Centre

Friday 28 November 1pm to 3 pm/Friday 5 December 10 am to 12 noon

If you are interested in learning how to make your own Advent decorations using sustainable materials, why not sign up for one of the Laudato Si' Centre's upcoming wreath making workshops? The workshops are taking place on the below dates:

Please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for pricing, further information, and to book your place!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday 7 December, St Patrick's, Collyhurst (M4 5HF)

Our diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage group invites you to a special Mass in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John. Following Mass, information will be shared by the Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage group on plans for the 2026 pilgrimage.

Caritas Salford Advent Appeal

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has released its 2025 Advent appeal to shine the spotlight on the true meaning of Christmas.

To watch their latest animation and to find out more about how to help local people who are facing acute crisis this Christmas, please visit:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/bee-there-2025/>

Advent Talks: Reflecting on Dilexi Te

During Advent, we are pleased to be joined once again by Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te. Join us every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December as we consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

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

GETTING IN TOUCH	WEBSITE: stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk
Parish Administrator St Mary's and St Patrick's	Mr Derek Conway TEL: 644412 OFFICE HOURS: 8.30 am to 2 pm Mon-Wednesday (St Pat's) 9.30am to 12.30 pm Thursday (St Mary's)
Safeguarding	St Patrick's: Mrs Monica Walczak 07803 345175, St Mary's: Mrs Angela Garvey 01706 350373
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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 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:

Agnes Cooney, Terry Clarke, Margaret Russell, Doreen Riley
May they rest in the peace of their Crucified and Risen Saviour

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 23 November:

George Borg, James Joseph McKenna, Rhiannon Ingram, Winifred Conroy, Celia Moran, Bernadette Macdonald, Mary Ann Lye, David Carter, Nicholas Reid. Clifford Trow, Thomas Connolly, Julia Bond, George Atkinson, Mary Alice O'Connor, Christine Welsh, Julie Smith, Vincent Richardson, Joseph Tew, John Joseph Hollinghurst, Barrie Wadsworth, Joe Williams, James Clarke, John Mannion, James Kelly, Christina Eriksson, Robert John Banks

Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 23 November

Birthday anniversary: Elizabeth Hadfield

Remembrance: Marykuty Joseph

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)

Fly Manchester to Rome, visit the most famous places in Rome, including the weekly Papal Audience, where you will see our new Pope Leo XIV. San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio lived and ministered for the last fifty years of his life, and where his body is now enshrined in a major Catholic Shrine. Onwards to the Umbrian Hills to the town of Assisi, a most popular, and very peaceful Pilgrim Site dedicated to St Francis.

Further details: Jeanette 07717 222 830 or Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115

Rota for Sunday 30 November

	St Mary's	St Patrick's
Greeters	Barbara Alison	Kath McFadden Kath Lomax
Welcome	David	Mark Bagaglia
Readers	Terence Angela	James and Annette Slater Mark Bagaglia
Eucharistic Minister	David Parkinson Mary Wright	Regi, Kath Christine
Gift Shop	Clare	Tina Annette
Musicians	Peter	Dale, Philippa Caron
Children's Liturgy	-	Lucy Caron
Musicians	Peter	
Church Closing		Kate
Counters	Own rota	Roger and Breda (25 Nov) Kate and Frances (1 Dec)