



# Our Lady and St Joseph RC Church Heywood

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**Thirty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 32nd November 2025**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

**Monday 24th Nov.:** St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (Mem).

**Please No Mass Today**

**Tuesday 25th Nov.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass

**Wednesday 26th Oct.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Thursday 27th Nov.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass

10.30am: OLSP Yrs 5 & 1.

**Friday 28th Nov.:** Weekday.

(Memorial).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass: St Joseph's Primary School Yr 3 pupils in church

**Saturday 29th Nov.:** Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

**Sunday 30th Nov.:** 1st Sunday of Advent Year A

9.30 am Mass:

11.00 am Mass:

12.30 pm:

## Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

**8th/9th Nov.:** Readers: 6pm J. Sherry, 9.30am: S. Jones, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: L. Mather, 11am C. Shore.

**29th/30th Nov.:** Readers: 6pm P. Sherry, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: D. Dodd, 11am S. Fitzsimons.

**Thank you** for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £423.70 (Gift Aid) £466.60 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £27.00.

**200 Club** If you would like to join it is only £5 a month which needs to be paid at the beginning of every month. The more members we have, the bigger the prize and more money going back into our church. Winners are on the Notice Boards.

**Children's Liturgy:** From the 1st Sunday of advent 30th Nov., we shall resume children's liturgy in the parish at the 11am Mass.

**Junior Choir:** There will be **Junior Choir** practice in the parish meeting room on Monday the 24th at 3.40pm, in preparation for the Charol Service.

**RCIA Class Sessions:** Every Friday in the parish meeting room at 7pm.

**Parish Christmas Fayre :** Saturday 6th December. We need donations for Chocolate/sweet, children's toy, please no soft toys. Bottles, fancy goods, ornaments, unwanted gifts, unopened toiletries, scarves, gloves, costume, jewellery etc. No books please.

Any gifts or donations can be placed in the basket at the side door. Thank you.

**Baby Goods Stall:** Please pass on to prospective parents, grandparents, carers etc, that there will stall at the fayre for baby goods, all pre-loved; prams, highchairs, toys etc. A full pram set included.

**Still needed for the Fayre:** A few more people to help on the day at the fayre to help with stalls or games approx time 11.30am - 3pm.

**Fayre Volunteers:** For all who volunteered to help on Friday 5th Dec., from 5pm-7pm at the nursery to set up for the fayre. For Sat. 6th Dec Volunteers, 11.30-3pm approx. to assist with fayre and clean up.

**MEGA Raffle now on sale:** 1st Prize : **Shark Classic Anti Hair Wrap Cordless Vacuum ICZ160UK**, courtesy of Kathleen Murray, 2nd Prize: **NINJA 3.8L Air Fryer AF100UK** courtesy of **G. Housley** and some great Food Hampers for 3rd prize. Tickets, one pound per a strip .

**Our Lady & St. Joseph's Remembrance Service:** This Sunday the 23rd November, 3pm in church. To remember all those who have died from November 2024- November 2025

**Our Lady & St Joseph's Blessings of Graves Heywood Cemetery:** Next Sunday 30th November at 2pm

**Churches Together Advent Coffee & Cake:** 1pm -2.30pm Wednesday 26th November at Heywood Baptist Church.



**Holy Family Annual Christmas Senior Citizen Party:** This year Christmas party will take place on Monday 8th December at 2.00pm at Holy Family RC and CE College, Pot Hall, Wilton Grove Heywood. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list on the table by the side entrance. If you can be at school no earlier than 1.45, the party is due to finish at 4.00pm. The closing date is Friday 28th November.

**Let us pray** for those who live and work on Sundew Cl, Bowling Green St, Fletcher Cl, Hardfield St & Birch St.

**For** The sick of our Parish.


**For** Paul Flower, Barry Fitzsimons, Alan Hayward, John Carthy, Elizabeth Fisher, Carlos Dos Santos, John Smalley, Nia Lovett and all who have died recently.

**For** Frank & Clara Taylor, Ellen Holt, Handel Holt, Patrick Kierans, Elizabeth Bridget Moylan, Edith Gaskill, Eileen, Alice & Billy Thornton, Tommy Dunn, Michael Tyrer, Baby Maureen, and all we remember at this time.

**Diocesan Synod Update - Calling Young Adults:** As we continue the implementation stage of our Diocesan Synod, we're calling on young adults across the diocese to join one of a number of working groups that will explore how best to implement the recommendations of our Diocesan Synod. Join us 2-5pm on Sunday 23 November at Cathedral Centre, Salford (M3 6DP), for an introductory meeting. Email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more and to register.

**THE WORD OF THE WEEK:** The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable – on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: "all things [are] reconciled through him and for him ... when he made peace by his death on the cross." Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

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# SUNDAY

# Plus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **Divine Office Week II** Year C**England & Wales: Youth Day**

## "Long live Christ the King!"



*Fr Miguel Pro SJ died, aged thirty-six, on 23 November 1927, one of twenty-five beatified martyrs of Mexico's Cristero War.*



Lord, you know that I am innocent. With all my heart I forgive my enemies." As the gendarmes took aim, in a firm, clear voice, he spoke his last words: "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" – "Long live Christ the King!"

The guns were fired: Fr Pro met his martyrdom calmly and heroically...

The photographers, who had been invited by the fanatic Calles, kept the shutters clicking during the whole process, and for that reason, we have a good photographic record of the martyrdom. However, the stock photographic display of serenity and heroism soon made the possession of the photographs a crime.

*Ann Ball, Blessed Miguel Pro: 20th-century Mexican martyr*

At 10:00 that morning, the sweater-clad Fr Pro was the first to be led out of the cells. No due process had been accorded him; he had not even received a trial. Nor was he told of his impending death, though it seems that


he sensed something was about to happen...

Fr Pro walked across the compound with a steady, measured tread, holding his little crucifix in his right hand and his rosary in his left... little knots of

photographers, reporters and distinguished guests stood around, waiting...

As his last request, Miguel asked to be allowed to pray. He knelt in front of the bullet-pocked walls and fervently prayed for two

minutes. After his prayer he kissed his crucifix and stood with his arms outstretched in the form of a cross, rejecting the offered blindfold. Facing the firing squad, Miguel said, "May God have mercy on you. May God bless you.

Lord Jesus, king and centre of my heart, make my heart like yours: big enough to hold the world and all its peoples.  Amen.

## Role models

By being in the world, through our choices and actions, we change the world each day, for better or for worse.

My day is regularly brightened by the smile and cheery "Good morning" of a student walking into school. I was touched by the thoughtful mother writing more than twenty years after I had taught her son to tell me what the boy – now man – is now doing. I am constantly encouraged by the faith of a young child interpreting and sharing her

understanding of scripture with great clarity and simplicity.

These different people are role models because they change the world for the better and through their actions inspire others like me to do the same. They share a humility and a consciousness that goes beyond themselves. Surely, one day, it is role models such as these to whom Jesus will say, "You will be with me in paradise".

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Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love.

Pope Leo XIV



## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

### Young hope

Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless... For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

*Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:12*

## READINGS

Today:  
2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

Monday:  
Daniel 1:1-6. 8-20  
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday:  
Daniel 2:31-45  
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday:  
Daniel 5:1-6. 13-14.  
16-17. 23-28  
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday:  
Daniel 6:12-28  
Luke 21:20-28

Friday:  
Daniel 7:2-14  
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday:  
Daniel 7:15-27  
Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday:  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44