



# Our Lady and St Joseph RC Church Heywood

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**The Feast of the Dedication the Lateran Basilica, 9th November 2025**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

**Monday 10th Nov.:** St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor. (Memorial).

9.30am Morning Mass:

**Tuesday 11th Nov.:** St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass

**Wednesday 12th Oct.:** St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Thursday 13th Nov.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass

10.30am: OLSP Yr 3 Class Mass in School.

**Friday 14th Nov.:** Weekday.

**9.30am Mass: Funeral Mass for Mr Carlos Dos Santos**

**Saturday 15th Nov.:** Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

**Sunday 16th Nov.:** 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11.00 am Mass:

12.30 pm: Baby George's Baptism

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

**8th/9th Nov.:** Readers: 6pm S. Gibson, 9.30am: M Schofield, 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: D. Sharrock, 11am S. Fitzsimons.

**15th/16th Nov.:** Readers: 6pm J. Matthews, 9.30am: P. Cuninghame, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am D. Tierney.

**Thank you** for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £401.71 (Gift Aid) £425. 90 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £47.00.

**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.

**First Holy Communion November Class Session:** November Class sessions is **changed** from the weekend of the 8th/9th to the weekend of the 15th/16th November, parents please note the change.

**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 10th at 3.40pm.

**Family Mass:** November Family Mass is next Sunday the 16th at the 11am Mass.

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

**Parish Christmas Fayre :** Saturday 6th December. We need donations for good as new, 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.

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

**Our Lady & St. Joseph's Remembrance**

**Service:** Sunday 23rd November : 3pm in church. To remember all those who have died this year November 2024– November 2025

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

## Churches Together Advent

**Coffee & Cake:** 1pm –2.30pm Wednesday 26th November at Heywood Baptist Church.



**CHURCHES  
TOGETHER  
in HEYWOOD**

**Let us pray** for those who live and work on Walton St, Walton Cl, Rock St, Merrik St & Ormerod St.

**For** The sick of our Parish.

**For** Elizabeth Fisher, Carlos Dos Santos, and all who have died recently.

**For** Borneo Francesco, Giuseppe Borneo, Grazia Drynda, Teresa Openshaw, Margaret Dodd, Alice Bromley, Anni Howarth-Brian O'Reilly, Jack Daly, Erick Fletcher, John Russel, Frank & Clara Taylor, Barbara & Santos Terceno, Antonieta, Emilia, Fructoso, Santos & Tomas Ortega. Antonio & Alejandro Popanes, Jun-jun Trinidad and all we remember at this time.

**Word on Fire Comes to Salford - 'Evangelising the Culture':** Join us for a thought-provoking evening as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* program comes to Salford Cathedral, inviting us to explore how we can each play a part in bringing Christ's light to the world around us. The event will take place at **7:30pm on Thursday 13th November at the Cathedral Temporary Church**, and refreshments will be served beforehand at **6:45pm in the cloisters**. Please book your place by emailing [enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk) or call 0161 817 2210.

**Newsletter from Diocesan Vocations Team:** The Diocese of Salford's vocations team is delighted to share its latest newsletter exploring updates on vocations to diocesan ministry, which includes the priesthood and permanent diaconate. For the latest on ordinations, inspiring vocation stories, and the latest update by numbers, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/>

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

**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:** A most unusual feast! The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome – an ancient church first built near the walls of the city of Rome by the Emperor Constantine at the beginning of the fourth century. Every Diocese in the world celebrates the feast of the Dedication of their own Cathedral, since the cathedral is the “mother and head” of all the churches in the Diocese (in Salford this is celebrated on 14th June). The Lateran Basilica, since it is the place where the Pope has his “cathedra” or Episcopal throne, has the title “Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World”. On this day we both celebrate and pray for the unity of those churches gathered in communion with the successor of Saint Peter. The marbles and mosaics of the Lateran, which together form a splendid and beautiful building, are a sign of the beauty of God's family, the Church, gathered in worship – the living stones of the temple of the Lord. This is a day to reflect on how this building, and cathedrals and churches everywhere are not just meeting-places, but visible signs to the world of the Body of Christ in prayer. .



## SUNDAY

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica **Divine Office Week IV** Year C**Remembrance Day**

## One of many

In early 1944, the Japanese were preparing to attack Imphal in Assam, the gateway to India – a crisis indeed. The Chindits were to drop behind them with a view to cutting off their supply routes around Indawa. John's brigade was to be crash-landed into this operational area by gliders. Landing strips had been cut in the thick of the forests where these gliders could land.

Prior to take-off Wingate himself

inspected the brigade of which John was a member. Wingate walked down the line of officers, stopping in front of John. John was taken aback. Wingate looked him straight in the eye, shook him by the hand and said: "Congratulations, Captain Bradburne, on your escape and upon your M.C." (Military Cross)...

John never spoke much about his war. He told me a little of their

landing in Burma. A large force was in fact crash-landed behind the Japanese lines...

He spoke even less of the year or more that he spent there with the Chindits. A mutual friend told me that John had to be forced into a [protective] slit trench in the thick of battle. He loved to watch the birds...

Perhaps the experience of war helped his eventual detachment

from the world, his withdrawal from conventional society. Grace builds upon nature. I believe that God called John to an inner life and the beginnings of a withdrawal from "the world" early in the Malaya campaign. At that time, and later... the seed thus sown began to urge him on in his search – "O Beauty, so ancient and yet so new".

*John Dove SJ, Strange Vagabond of God*

Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ, a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering, a peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

Pope Leo XIV

## Wherever I am

Wherever I am, I will love you day by day.  
I will keep you safe, cling on to faith, along the dark, dark, way.  
Wherever I am, I will hold on through the night.  
I will pray each day, a safe return, will look now through the light.  
Light up the darkness, my wondrous star.  
Our hopes and dreams, my heart and yours, forever shining far.  
Light up the darkness my prince of peace.  
May the stars shine all around you.  
May your courage never cease,  
Courage never cease.

"Wherever You Are", words by Paul Mealor, sung by the Military Wives

Ever living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may the same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ☩ Amen.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope  
Builders of peace

To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace.

*Pope Francis, Message for the Sixty-first World Day of Prayer for Vocations*



## READINGS

Today:  
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11.  
16-17  
John 2:13-22

Monday:  
Wisdom 1:1-7  
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday:  
Wisdom 2:23 – 3:9  
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday:  
Wisdom 6:1-11  
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday:  
Wisdom 7:22b – 8:1  
Luke 17:20-25

Friday:  
Wisdom 13:1-9  
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday:  
Wisdom 18:14-16;  
19:6-9  
Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday:  
Malachi 3:19-20a  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19