



St Josephs Catholic Church  
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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**The 3rd Sunday of Advent**

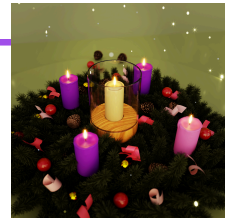
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent (A)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Tony Anderson : RIP Paul Johnson : Healing
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Celia Eccleston : Healing
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Paul Rogers, Iain Rogers & Muriel Orsborn
<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 21st December</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	90th Birthday Celebration Special Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation on request, please speak to Monsignor Phil or the Parish Office

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<b>Come, Lord and save us.</b> <b>Ps. 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R. cf. Isaiah 35:4</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the Letter of Saint James 5:7-10</b>
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia.</b> <b>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;</b> <b>he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.</b> <b>Alleluia</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew</b> <b>11:2-11</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.</b> <b>Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.</b>

## This Weeks Reflection

### The Third Sunday of Advent



Today is often referred to as Gaudete Sunday, meaning 'rejoice' from the first word of the entrance antiphon. The candle on the Advent wreath is rose-coloured as also the vestments at today's liturgy. This is to ensure that the joyful character of the season is seen as an integral part of it.



## Christmas Mass Times

### First Mass of Christmas : Christmas Eve

**6.30pm** followed by Midnight Mass, Proceeded by Carols from **11.30pm**

**Christmas Day : Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord 9.30am**

**Feast of St Stephen : Boxing Day 9.30am**



## Christmas Mass Intentions



Giftng a Mass Intention at Christmas can bring comfort and joy, knowing Friends or Family are remembered in the church's sacred space, and enhances their connection to the spiritual aspects of Christmas.

To arrange Mass intentions whether for a Christmas gift or throughout the year, please collect an envelope from the back of Church and write clearly the name of the person/s who the Mass intention is for, along with your preferred date and offering, we will do our very best to accommodate the date requested or nearest to it.

Mass envelopes can be handed to Mgr. Phil or the Parish Office

### Sick in our Parish

Please pray the sick in our community, those who are suffering from a terminal illness, remembering also Olivia Williams, Joan Bolton, Derek Blears, Annalise Donelon and all the patients in Wroughtington and Wigan Hospital, our local Hospice and members of the Royal Family.

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and put their trust in Thee.

Send them healing O Lord and comfort from thy Holy Spirit



### Holy Souls

In your charity, please pray for those who have recently died including Mark Allmark and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We also remember the forgotten Holy Souls who have no one to pray for them including Priests and Religious. Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in your peace. Amen



# THE BRICK

## Donations urgently required for Christmas

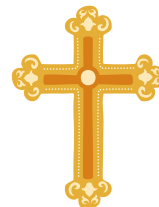
Donations of Food and Toiletries can be left in the box labelled 'The Brick' at the back of Church. Thank you.

All are welcome after Mass today for  
Tea, Coffee & Cake  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December



## Donations for Christmas Flowers

Please place any donations in the Basket at the back of Church



## Baptisms

If you wish to have your child Baptised here at St Joseph's church, please ring the Parish Office to secure a place at the next Baptism Meeting. This takes place the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month following the 9.30am Mass.

## Cleaning Rota

Thank you to all that keep our Church Clean and prepared throughout the year.

This Week is group  
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If you would like to get involved please speak to  
Mgr. Phil

## Last Weeks Collections gratefully received

Gift Aid:	£283.00
Loose Plate:	£346.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>£629.87</b>
<b>Christmas Fair</b>	<b>£2750.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity! Mgr. Phil

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9.30am - 1.30pm

Parish Administrator : Stephanie Allen : Telephone 01257 676027  
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## **A Big Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fair**

Your generosity made the event a huge success, bringing Joy and Christmas Spirit to all. A special thank you to our Social Group. We are grateful for every contribution from volunteering to donations and your support which strengthens the St Joseph's Community. **With your generosity we raised a magnificent £2750.00** Thank you for making the event so successful!

Mgr. Phil

## **Christmas Raffle Prize Draw 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Congratulations to all our Lucky Winners! please see a list of prizes and ticket numbers that are still waiting to be claimed.

M&S Luxury Hamper Blue Ticket, Number 92 AD947176

Chocolate Hamper Blue Ticket, Number 256 AD947176

Bottle of Bacardi, Ticket Number 396 AD439744

If you have a winning ticket please see Mgr. Phil to claim your prize



## **Volunteers wanted to help prepare our Church for Christmas**



We are seeking volunteers to help to prepare our beautiful Church for Christmas on Monday 22nd December 2025 after the 9.30am Mass. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please come along....**All are welcome!**

St John Rigby College – deadline for Y11 pupil applications is Monday 2 February 2026.  
Applications can be made online via the College website: [www.sjr.ac.uk](http://www.sjr.ac.uk)

SJR is now hiring examination invigilators for the May to June 2026 external examination season.

Prior experience is not essential as full training will be provided to successful candidates. Further information about this part time post may be obtained by contacting the College via [HR@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:HR@sjr.ac.uk) or by phone on 01942 214797.

## **Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy**

Wigan, Wrightington Hospital and Wigan Hospice.

If you or a family member are admitted into the hospital or the hospice please make sure the Catholic Chaplaincy Team, based at Wigan Infirmary, know you are there.  
In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the on-call Catholic Priest.