



St Josephs Catholic Church

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Sunday 30th November 2025

The 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent	9.30am 5.00pm	Frank Darwin : Anniversary Lydia Hunt and Kirsty Aspinall
Monday	9.30am	Simon Weedon : Anniversary
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9.30am	Bridget O'Donnell : Anniversary
First Friday	9.30am	Angela Aspinwall : Recently Died
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 7th December 2025	9.30am 5.00pm	Joyce and Colin Duckett People of the Parish

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

First Reading	A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm Response	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R. cf.1
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 13:11-14a
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.
Gospel	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44
Communion Antiphon	The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

This Weeks Reflection

The Church begins another liturgical year with the season of advent. The word 'advent' means 'arrival' or 'coming'. There is a threefold coming of Jesus to which the Church draws our attention to: first, Jesus' coming as a human being; second, his daily coming into the lives of people; and third, his glorious coming at the end of time.

The use of purple vestments underlines the special character of this season.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS NOTICE



Next Week is your last chance to buy Raffle Tickets for St Joseph's Christmas Fair after Mass at the back of Church. Tickets can also be purchased on the day at the fair in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 7th December**. This is your chance to win exciting prizes while supporting St Joseph's Church. The fair promises to be a delightful event filled with Christmas Community Spirit. Don't miss out on the opportunity to indulge in the festive atmosphere and potentially walk away with some fantastic prizes.

Christmas Mass Intentions



Giving Christmas Mass intentions is a meaningful gift that goes beyond the materialism of the holiday season. By offering a Mass intention, you provide a spiritual blessing that honours your loved ones personally. Whether for the living or in memory of those who have died, it is a powerful gesture of love and goodwill. This gift can bring comfort and joy, knowing they 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 Ella Crank 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



Our next Tea, Coffee & Cake Morning is
Sunday 14th December



Please Join us after Mass
for a warm welcome

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN

Fr O'Shea will lead the evening at 7:00pm,
Thursday 11th December, at Our Lady and
All Saints Church, Parbold.

The evening will start with Adoration, with
two talks and Benediction, followed by
refreshments. All men welcome.
There is plenty of parking on site.

Missio 2026 Calendar
Now available at back of church.
Please take one home today.



Congratulations to all those who were
Confirmed this week here at
St Joseph's

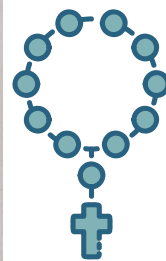
Please keep them in your prayers

THE BRICK

Donations urgently required for Christmas

Every ripple of kindness begins
with one act – one donation, one smile,
one helping hand.

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



Baptisms

If you wish to have your child Baptised here at
St Joseph's church, please ring the Parish Office to
book a place at the next Baptism Meeting.
This takes place the 1st 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

THANK YOU!

Gift Aid:	£265.00
Loose Plate:	£265.22
Total	£530.22
Animate Youth	£178.77
Tea & Coffee Morning	£300.00

Thank you for your generosity! Mgr. Phil

OFFICE HOURS

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

Parish Administrator : Stephanie Allen

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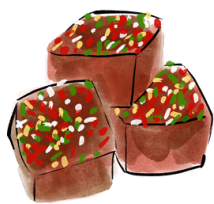


Nine First Fridays Devotion

At St Joseph's we continue with our First Friday Devotion in honour of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion begs God's infinite mercy for our World and for our Church. The "Great promise" associated with this devotion applied to those who went to Holy Mass and received the Eucharist on nine consecutive First Fridays: "I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge at that last hour." Our next First Friday Devotion is on 5th December at 9.30am. We encourage you to join us in begging the Lord for those graces promised through St. Margaret Mary to those who fulfil his directions by completing the Nine First Fridays devotion.

Sunday 7th December Christmas Fair - St Joseph's Parish Hall

Thank you for all those who have kindly donated to our Christmas Fair Stalls



In particular we are still in need of items for our Chocolate Stall and continue to welcome donations at the back of Church, or contact Mgr. Phil if you can help in any way



The Knights of St. Columba School Christmas Service

The annual Knights of St Columba schools Christmas Service, with the St. Bernadette's, St Joseph's and St Marie's Primary Schools and The Three Churches' Choir, will take place on

Tuesday 9th December 6:30 pm in St. Marie's Church, Standish



Everyone is welcome, not only the relatives of the children.

There will be a raffle and donations to support the event will be welcome.

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.