



St Josephs Catholic Church

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## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Joyce and Colin Duckett John Anthony Hilton 'Tony' Recently Died
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Veronica Scott and Alan Williams : RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Tom Watson : RIP Annalise Donelon : Health
<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Tony Anderson : RIP Paul Johnson : Healing

**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 11:1-10</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<b>In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever. Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf.7</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 15:4-9</b>
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.</b>

## This Weeks Reflection



The season of Advent may be seen as a time of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas. During Advent we hear some of God's salvific plans in the Old Testament, especially from the prophet Isaiah. The Advent wreath is a symbol of the passage of the ages before the birth of Christ and also a symbol of eternity in which God dwells.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS NOTICE

Today is your last chance to buy Raffle Tickets at the back of Church after Mass for our Christmas Fair. Tickets can also be purchased on the day at the fair in the Parish Hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Gifting 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

## 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



## 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



## Donations for Christmas Flowers

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



### **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.

Our next Tea, Coffee & Cake Morning will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December



Please Join us after Mass  
All welcome



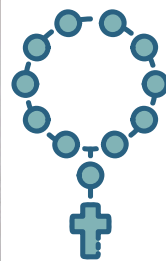
Please note that the removal of Tree's will commence in St Joseph's Church grounds between **10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please may we ask that you keep a safe distance from Machinery and Equipment whilst work takes place.

## **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.



## 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 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:	£453.20
Loose Plate:	£282.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>£735.50</b>

Tea & Coffee Morning    £93.00

Thank you for your generosity! Mgr. Phil

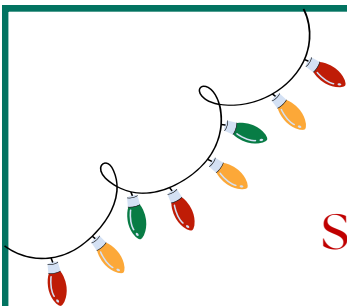
### **Office Hours**

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

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Join us today for our Christmas Fair  
Sunday 7th December  
St Joseph's Parish Hall after 9.30am Mass



## 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.



A Ceremony of Carols  
Come and enjoy a Ceremony of Carols, which  
will be performed on  
Thursday 11 December at 12:30pm at  
St Anthony of Padua, Queens Drive, Liverpool,  
L18 8BD

by the Cathedral's Choristers with harpist  
Elizabeth McNulty.  
Admission is free.



Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy

Wigan, Wroughtington 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.