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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Mass Times This Week

Saturday Vigil : 5.30p.m.

Sunday : 9.30a.m.

Monday (Service): 8.30.

Tuesday – Thursday: 8.30a.m.

Friday: 9.30 School group mass

Adoration: 6.00pm followed by mass

Confessions

Saturday

11.30a.m. 12.00noon

5.00p.m. - 5.20p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT YEAR C
1ST DECEMBER
2024



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE
SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, THAT THEY
WILL EXPERIWNCE THE HEALING TOUCH
OF JESUS

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY 4TH ST. NICHOLAS (BISHOP)

St Nicholas: bishop of Myra, in what is now Turkey; he died in the fourth century – in Eastern Europe, "Saint Nicholas" distributes presents to children on this day, in remembrance of his charity and care as a bishop.

THURSDAY 5TH ST. AMBROSE (BISHOP)

St Ambrose, Born c340, he was a surprising choice as Bishop of Milan. Renowned for his charity and eloquence, a great hymn-writer and preacher, he baptised St. Augustine. He died in 397.

SATURDAY 7TH ST. JUAN DIEGO

St. Juan Diego, An Aztec shepherd who had a vision of Our Lady in 1531 in Guadalupe present-day Mexico, later building a church in her honour.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Sunday 1st 10.30a.m. *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Donna Leqq.*

Monday 2nd *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. masses this week.*

10.00.a.m. *Welcome Centre*

Tuesday 3rd 10.00 a.m. *Welcome Centre*

Wednesday 4th 8.45a.m. *Babies' & Toddlers' Group (term time only)*

Sunday 8th 10.30a.m. *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock and Annette White*

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Father we Thank you for the gift of your son in this Eucharist.

We now place before you all the sick and housebound of the Parish.

As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

JACKPOT DRAW:

This month's Jackpot draw will take place on Tuesday the 3rd at 9.30am. Please be sure your subscriptions are up to date as you have to be in it to win it.

CONFESSIONS:

Going for confession is one important way to prepare for Christmas. Through the four weeks of advent we shall have additional time for confessions during the Friday adoration between 6.00pm to 6:30pm.

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE:

This year's Taizé service is to take place this weekend on Sunday the 1st December at 7.30pm. This is a beautiful way in which to begin our preparation in readiness for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE:

The Christmas Gift Tree is now up and will be in Church through Advent. Please take a tag from the tree, wrap your gift and return it before Sunday 22nd December. The gifts will be distributed to the Welcome Centre, the local Women's Refuge and De Paul UK Young People's project. There are over 250 gift tags and we are very grateful for your support of this annual appeal.

RECOMMISSIONING READERS:

Next week is the 2nd Sunday of Advent, also known as Bible Sunday. Readers should make a special effort to attend either vigil mass on Saturday 5.30pm or on Sunday 9.30am for the recommissioning of readers.

2025 ALMANAC NOW ON SALE

Copies of the 2025 Almanac are on sale in the piety shop priced £5.00. (This is now known as the diocesan yearbook and also contains the ordo for masses).

WALK WITH ME

Copies of this year's walk with, a daily reflection for advent are at each door. Pick a copy for free!

CHRISTMAS CAROL AND MASSES

This year, we shall have our Christmas carol at 7.00pm followed by the vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 24th of Dec. and mass of the day at 9.30pm on Wednesday 25th of Dec.

WE HAVE A PARISH PRIEST!

The Bishop have appointed Fr. Gavin Landers as the parish priest of our Parish and St. Joseph's Shaw.

Until this appointment, Fr. Gavin has been serving as the chaplain of Manchester Royal Infirmary. Fr. Gavin will resume his duty here in January, and I will then move back to Middleton. I am grateful for my time here and that I still have to spend Christmas here. I am grateful to you all for your warm welcome and show of love and support. I am certain you will extend same to Fr. Gavin because it is not about me, it's simply who you are, a wonderful community!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025

Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May 2025, with an option to extend your visit by staying overnight on Friday 2 May. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209.

Caritas driver

Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity that supports people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire, is in urgent need of the support of a volunteer van driver. Van drivers are vital to Caritas services and are essential to their day-to-day running. If you can drive, have a few hours to spare each week, and want to help Caritas to support people across the diocese, then please contact their volunteer coordinator Matt on m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

A Call to Lead - A Post-Confirmation Programme

A new post-confirmation programme has been developed by Salford Youth Ministry and the Young Christian Workers Movement to bridge the gap between confirmation and adult formation, with the aim of helping young people to grow in faith and become active leaders of the parish community. For more information about the programme, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-call-to-lead>

Diocesan Mass for Young Adults

Our Diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester this December with a festive feel. Join us at 5.30pm on Sunday 8 December as we gather together for Mass before enjoying some seasonal treats and the return of our series of talks exploring the Catholic faith. All are welcome!



THE DECEMBER EDITION OF MY DAY BY DAY – is on sale in the piety shop this weekend priced £1.00
THE DECEMBER EDITION OF BIBLE ALIVE – is on sale in the piety Shop this weekend priced £3.00