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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Mass Times This Week

Saturday Vigil : 5.30p.m.

Sunday : 9.30a.m.

Monday: 8.30 am (Service)

Tuesday—Thursday: 8.30a.m.

Friday: 12:00pm (Funeral Mass)

Adoration (Confession): 6.00pm followed by mass

Confessions

Saturday

11.30a.m. 12.00noon

5.00p.m. - 5.20p.m.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT YEAR C
(GAUDETE SUNDAY)
15TH DECEMBER
2024**

FUNERAL MASS OF TIM HURLEY. DATE: 20TH DEC. 2024.

TIME: 12: 00am

**LET US TODAY PRAY FOR THE GOOD
HEALTH OF ALL UNBORN BABIES.**

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY 21ST ST. PETER CANISIUS (PRIEST)

Saint Peter Canisius: a Dutch Jesuit, active in Germany during the Counter Reformation. When he wrote a famous catechism. He died in 1597 and is called the "second apostle of Germany.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Sunday 15th 10.30a.m. *Christmas brunch prepared and served by the S.V.P*

Monday 16th *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. masses this week.*

10.00.a.m. *Welcome Centre*

Tuesday 17th 10.00 a.m. *Welcome Centre*

Wednesday 18th 8.45a.m. *Babies' & Toddlers' Group (term time only)*

Sunday 22nd 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

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JACKPOT DRAW:

The winners of this month's Jackpot Draw

1st	No. 6	Angela Carr	£500
2nd	No.112	Wendy Muldowney	£100
3rd	No. 14	Terry McQuillan	£25
4th	No. 1	(Late) Tim. Hurley	£25

S.V.P CHRISTMAS BRANCH:

We are all invited for the S.V.P Christmas brunch immediately after 9.30 am mass on this Sunday 15th Dec. at the community room. We are all encouraged to make a donation to support their project of providing sports facilities for a school in Ghana.

ROYTON BABY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

Oldham Council have organized a candlelight Baby Remembrance Service at 4pm on this Sunday the 15th December at Royton Cemetery to remember those children and their families buried there.

Preceding this, Churches Together in Royton have collaborated in organizing 'A Service to Remember' which will take place in St. Paul's Church at 3pm. We are all invited and encouraged to attend either or both.

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.

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 9.30am 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 ex-

NEW PILGRIMS OF HOPE BOOK LAUNCHED

Monsignor John Allen has harnessed his love of the geography and history of our diocese, penning a very special book which is being sold in aid of Caritas Salford. The book, Pilgrims of Hope, has been published in time for the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year which is also focussed on the theme of Pilgrims of Hope, and is available to purchase by visiting the Caritas website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook

ADVICE AS ENERGY BILLS CONTINUE TO RISE

If you, anyone you know, or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/> and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY: AN ADVENT PRAYER WALK

Join the Diocese of Salford's 'Laudato Si' Centre team this December for a reflective prayer walk around the Centre's beautiful woodland. This self-guided trail invites us to focus on Mary's journey to Bethlehem and the example she sets us as we continue our own spiritual journey in this season of Advent. A number of sessions will be taking place on Wednesday 18 December. Find out more at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/advent-retreat/>

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>