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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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## Mass Times This Week

Saturday Vigil : 5.30p.m.

Sunday : 9.30a.m.

Monday – Thursday: 8.30a.m.

Friday: 9.30 School group mass

Adoration (Confession): 6.00pm  
followed by mass

### Confessions

Saturday

11.30a.m. 12.00noon

5.00p.m. - 5.20p.m.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 8TH DECEMBER 2024



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR  
READERS THAT THEIR ZEAL TO SERVE  
OUR COMMUNITY MAY BE RENEWED

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

### WEDNESDAY 11TH SAINT DAMASCUS (POPE)

Saint Damasus I: born in Spain, he became Pope in 366 and encouraged devotion to the Roman martyrs, writing splendid verses to adorn their resting places. He died in 384.

### THURSDAY 12TH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Blessed Virgin appeared to Saint Juan Diego on the mountain of Tepeyac in what is now Mexico in 1531, miraculously leaving her image on his cloak which is still venerated today. Through Saint Juan Deigo the Blessed Virgin calls all peoples to the love of Christ.

### FRIDAY 13TH ST. LUCY

St. Lucy, a Sicilian martyr who died in the persecution of the Fifth Century under the Emperor Diocletian. She is an example of faithfulness and innocence, and her cult was very popular in the early Church.

### SATURDAY 14TH ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

St. John of the Cross, born in 1542, a Carmelite friar and friend of St. Teresa of Avila, with whom he worked for the reform of the order. A poet and mystic, he died in 1591

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. masses this week.*

7.00p.m S.V.P Meeting

10.00.a.m. *Welcome Centre*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. *Welcome Centre*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 8.45a.m. *Babies' & Toddlers' Group (term time only)*

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

**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 MEETING:**

We shall have our S.V.P meeting on Monday the 9th at 7.00pm

**S.V.P CHRISTMAS BRUNCH:**

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

**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:**

This weekend, the 2nd Sunday of Advent, also known as Bible Sunday, we shall be recommissioning our 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!

**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/>

**Opening Mass for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee**

Pope Francis has invited dioceses across the world to unite in prayer as we begin the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Our diocese will be marking the start of the Jubilee with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, on Sunday 29th December at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church. All are welcome to join us as we mark the start of this special year of grace.

**Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in our Diocese**

Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years and offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Over the coming months, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to observe this special year of grace in our own diocese. To find out more about the Jubilee and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

**Jubilee of Youth - Pilgrimage to Rome**

Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our diocesan Youth Ministry Team for a special pilgrimage to Rome next year. Pilgrims will be travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, announced by Pope Francis at the 2023 World Youth Day. Our pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 4 August. Email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more.

**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

Through Christ our Lord. Amen