SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

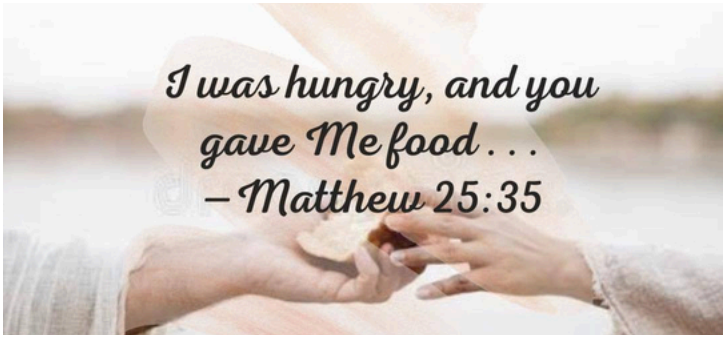
CHRIST THE KING

The Solemnity of Christ The King brings together a culmination of things. Firstly, this Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year; next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent in Year B, when we move to hear the Gospel of St. Mark during the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Also, this solemnity is a high point in our prayer as a Church, claiming Christ to be King; an acclamation of His sovereignty and we being part of His Kingdom: This Sunday is also Youth Sunday when we recognise the contribution of our young people within the parishes and offer prayers that their vocation, which has been given by God will be found and bring joy to their life. Lastly, we as a parish community celebrate the international nature of our parishes by celebrating an International Mass, with language and hymns from our respective cultures.

"[To] unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth" (Eph. 1:10), is the nature of being a Christian and the living-out of our Christian vocation. All things! The good and the bad! All things!



THE WELCOME CENTRE



This week, I met with a number of our Welcome Centre volunteers to reflect on the important work taking place. It was clear that the Centre is a much-needed facility for the Oldham Borough, offering vital support to those most vulnerable in our community.

Currently, the Centre opens on Mondays and Tuesdays, providing a hot meal and also provides food parcels to support guests. I am delighted that, from 2nd December, we will be extending our opening hours to include Wednesdays.

There is great potential to develop this outreach further, but we need additional volunteers, regular donations of tinned goods and appropriate support to ensure the Centre remains sustainable.

One suggestion is to introduce a monthly 'Tin Food Sunday', inviting parishioners to donate a tin and non-perishable food. We would also welcome more volunteers, who will receive appropriate training and support. The first 'tin-Sunday' will be next week.

Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 23rd November St Clement I, Pope, Martyr	8.30am, Iona Room 9am, Iona Room 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 24th November SS. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs	8.30am, Iona Room 9am, Iona Room 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 8.45-11am, SSAO: Toddler group • 6:30 - 7:30pm, SJ: Journey in Faith
Thursday 26th November	8.30am, Iona Room 9am, Iona Room 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 9.30am - 11am, SSAO, Knit & Natter • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 27th November	9am, SSAO School 9.30am,SSAO School 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	
Saturday 28th November	10am, SJ 10.30am, SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession Vigil Mass: Confession during Mass	
Sunday 29th November 1st Sunday of Advent	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass: Confession during Mass Mass: Confession during Mass	• 7-9pm, SSAO: AA • 7pm, SSAO: Taize Evening of Prayer

St. Joseph *with* Ss. Aidan & Oswald



*As we begin our **Advent** pilgrimage next week, which leads us to the awesome solemnity of **Christmas**, we have an opportunity to make fitting preparations for the coming of **Christ** at **Christmas.***



We, as parishes, will have the opportunity to join together for prayer, liturgies, The **Sacraments**, and also make it a real season *of **Good Will** with initiatives which will be in service of our brothers and sisters.*



Liturgy

Each Sunday throughout Advent there will be opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Confession during the Sunday Masses. Also, our Christmas Mass times are now published.



Good Works

The **Gift Tree** will be present in each church where we gift to those less fortunate. There will also be a list of items needed for the **Welcome Centre**, which provides for those most in need.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

SJ, 5pm
SSAO, 7pm
SJ, Midnight Mass
(carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day

SSAO, 10am



Community

In December we have:

- **an SVP Luncheon** (5th: sign-up sheet in narthex),
- our **parish Christmas Fayre** (13th) in **St Joseph's School**,
- **Christmas meal at The Roebuck Inn** (18th: sign-up sheet in the narthex),
- and our **annual Carol Service** (22nd December).

The **Landers Family** are hosting **Christmas Day Lunch** between **12-3pm** for the homeless, anyone who lives alone and would like the company (please let Fr. Gavin know).

*Let us prepare our hearts this Advent to welcome the **Christ Child** with joy and generosity.*



CHURCH PIETY STALL

Come and browse around our shop and piety stalls. We offer a variety of items for all occasions – and there is

10% OFF

CHRISTMAS & SEASONAL ITEMS

Christmas cards (70p each or 6 for)	£3.50
Boxed cards	£3.99
Advent calendars	
Large	£2.99
Small	£1.20
Glass Silent Night plaque	£3.50
Tree ornaments	99p each
Folding Nativity ornament	£4.99

GIFTS & DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

Silver-plated crucifix and chain	£5.95
Rosary beads (from)	£5.50
Nativity figure (Peace)	£3.99
Nativity figure in stable	£5.50
Nativity crib jigsaw	£5.99
Children's book: The Christmas Story	£6.00
Nativity plaques	£3.75 / £3.50
Holy water fonts	£8.00
Nativity wooden ornaments	£2.50 / £5.50
Large Nativity figures	£12.50 / £9.99
Holy Family ornament	£6.95
Alabaster crib	£8.95
Large crib	£8.99
Candles	£1.99 / £3.99
LED flickering flame candles	£6.95
Sister Angel ornament	£5.50
My Day by Day books	£1.00



iKNOW CHURCH SYSTEM

Our parish is preparing to launch iKnow, a new system to help us manage parish activities and stay connected as a community.

Please register now by scanning the QR code:

iKnow Church App
PEOPLE | TEAMS | EVENTS | OUR PARISH

BLS TRAINING OFFER

Basic Life Support and Use of Advisory Defibrillator for All. Tuesday 8th December 2026 in SS Aidan & Oswald's Iona Room. 7.30pm - 9pm. Please call to book a place with Tricia Lee, Heart Heroes tel: 07887980404

SAVE THE DATE

- Parish Christmas Fayre SJ School, Sunday 13th December
- Carol Service @ SSAO on Tuesday 22nd December 7pm

SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All welcome on Saturday 5th December at St Joseph's Parish Centre 2pm. Sign up sheets in the narthex.

INTERNATIONAL MASS

Thank you today to all who took part and contributed to the International Mass and Buffet. It is a wonderful celebration of our 'unity in diversity' of which makes us truly Catholic.

YOUTH CORNER

St Carlo Acutis



Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE ADVENT PRAYER MORNING

Join us on Friday 4th December, from 9:15am to 9:45am, in the Newman Catholic College Chapel for an Advent Community Prayer Morning. Come together for a peaceful time of prayer and reflection as we celebrate the season of Advent. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect and prepare our hearts for the hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas.

TAIZE

All are warmly invited to the Advent Taize service at SSAO on Sunday 29th November at 7:30pm. It is a nice time to come together and reflect on the season ahead as we look forward to the birth of our Lord.

The more we are united to God, the more we are united to one another

Saint Peter Faber

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

If anyone would like a stall at the Christmas Fayre, please speak to Tom or Fr Gavin to reserve a place.

MASS INTENTIONS

For any Mass intentions for the Advent and Christmas period please us the envelopes provided.

DONATIONS VIA QR

SJ | SSAO | HEATING

SCHOOL NEWS ST JOSEPHS

We began the week by thanking our wonderful Year 5 children for leading such a beautiful Mass last Sunday. Throughout Anti-Bullying Week, we have reflected on kindness, respect and the special gifts God has given each of us. On Tuesday, Year 4 enjoyed a poetry event at Gorton Monastery. On Friday, we celebrate Universal Children's Day, reminding ourselves that every child is precious and loved by God. We also look forward to our Happy Saints Assembly, celebrating the saints assigned to each class. A special thank you to Father Gavin for providing resources to help us learn about these inspiring saints.

SS AIDAN & OSWALD'S

We began the week with our Wellbeing Warriors leading a thoughtful Celebration of the Word centred on the Anti-Bullying Week theme, "Break the Silence." They encouraged everyone to reflect on the importance of speaking up and showing kindness to others, before setting a kindness challenge for all the children to complete throughout the week. Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented the school at a boccia event where they demonstrated excellent teamwork and fantastic sportsmanship. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Christmas Fair. Your generosity and support helped make the event a great success.

Recently Deceased: Alexander George Mityok, Onyi Ezenwa Anniversary: Michael Butler

General: Winifred and Wilfred Tootill, Paul James Carroll, Michael and Mary Catherine Slicker, Slicker Family, Robert and Kathleen Louise Carroll, Christine Bearman, Maria Therese Passenger, Margaret Bentley, Claire, Special Intention in Honour of St Jude, Caitlin Legg, Donors Intentions, Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of the Whalley family

'He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate people from one another.' (Matthew 25:31-46)

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