



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

ADVENT WEEK 2: PEACE

“The practice of sharing peace before the wine and bread are brought to the altar stems from Matthew 5:23-24: ‘If you are offering your gift at the altar... first, be reconciled with your brother.’”

— Josh Perry



The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries... Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity” (2304).

The Second Sunday of Advent is marked by peace, which seems to be so fragile at this moment in history. The works of justice is giving God His due - our praise & worship, our service & love - and giving our fellow person their due - dignity & respect, common courtesy & kindness - builds a world of justice and lasting peace.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin. It was this singular grace - prevenient - given to Mary, that she was chosen to be the mother of the incarnate God, and also for her to be a ‘fitting’ abode for the incarnation of Jesus, The Christ.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was formally defined as a doctrine of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1854, and attested at Lourdes in 1858.

MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:
MONDAY 8TH DEC. 10AM, SJ, AND 7PM, SSAO, WITH
ERECTION OF A NEW STATUE OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 8th December Immaculate Conception	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 12.30pm, SSAO 7pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass Req. Mass: Michael John Smyth Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 9th December St Juan Diego	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 10th December Our Lady of Loreto	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	7pm, SJ: RCIA (for those who would like to explore the Catholic faith)
Thursday 11th December St. Damascus I, Pope	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 2pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass Req. Mass: Arthur Melling	9.30am, SSAO: Knit&Natter 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	9am, SSAO 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	12noon - 3pm, SSAO Advent Day of Recollection with Canon McBride
Saturday 13th December St. Lucy	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass followed by the Rosary Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 14th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete (rejoice)	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	12noon, SJ: Baptism: Luca, Arabella, Hugo 7-9pm, SSAO: AA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 11th Dec., Saint Patrick's Church, Oldham, 12noon:

A Mass to remember the deceased clergy of the Deanery.

Saturday 13th Dec., SSAO, 12-3pm:

Advent Day of Recollection with Canon McBride

Thursday 18th Dec., 9am:

SSAO Pri. School end of year Mass.

Thursday 18th Dec., 12.30pm:

Parish Christmas lunch at The Roe Buck, Lees. Please sign up.

Thursday 18th Dec., 7pm:

Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph's in preparation for Christmas.

Friday 19th Dec., 10am:

SJ Primary School end of year Mass

Sunday 21st Dec., both churches:

Christmas decorating after the Sunday Masses. All welcome.

Tuesday 23rd Dec., SSAO, 7pm:

Traditional Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

SJ: 5pm

SSAO: 7pm

SJ: 11pm carols, followed by

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

SSAO: 9.30am

SJ: 11am



YOUTH CORNER

Lived a relatively unremarkable life as a carmelite religious sister and died young, but her writings tell the story of a holy soul, in love with Jesus her friend



MASSES RECEIVED

General: Catherine Ferguson, Odriscoll Famil, Gaffney Family, Private Int., Special Int., Dolores O'Malley, Winifred and Wilfred Tootill.

Lately Dead: Damian Proctor, Tom Stathos, Vivian Wilkinson, Mary Carroll



Anniversary: Fred Thistleton, Kevin Murphy, Helen Fitzpatrick, Peggy Sweeney, Ged Sweeney, Jamie O'Regan, Jim O'Hanlon, John & Kathleen Murphy

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

FROM FR. SCANLAN...

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who has helped me mark my 90th birthday. The celebrations last weekend were grand and I am grateful to everyone who organised the event, came along to celebrate with me, and my family and for all the kind cards and gifts. The parish of Saint Joseph's has been my home for over 40 years and it was truly special to celebrate it with all you. Thanks a million! Father John

COFFEE MORNING SVP

On Sunday 14 December. The SSAO SVP are hosting a festive coffee morning with a 'Light Brunch'. Join us in the community room following the 9:30am. Mass Free of charge.

*Arise, all ye nobles and peasants:
Mary invites all, rich and poor, just
and sinners, to enter the cave of
Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet
of her new-born Son...Let us enter: let
us not be afraid*

St. Alphonsus Liguori

CHRISTMAS FAIR

A huge thank you for all the Christmas fair donations. It is greatly appreciated.

STRICTLY COME DANCING

Unfortunately, we have to postpone the planned social event. Refunds can be collected from the piety stall (SSAO) & at the coffee morning (SJ). Apologies.

DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph



Ss Aidan & Oswald



ST JOSEPH RC PRIMARY

This week in school, we have been reflecting on Advent and the story of Babushka, reminding us not to get so busy that we forget the true meaning of Christmas. The children wowed us with their baking skills for the annual Y6 organised Bake Off, filling school with amazing treats and big smiles. Year 2 enjoyed making Christmas decorations with our friend Kelly and we were lucky to welcome two Oldham Athletic players who answered questions brilliantly. Friday brought our Christmas Coffee Morning with festive singing and fundraising for The Christie and our Parish SVP.

We have places available for children who are due to start in our Nursery class for September 2026. Unfortunately, we are unable to take any 'Rising 3' children this year. Please contact school for further information:
01706 847 218

S. AIDAN & OSWALD PRI

Year 4 enjoyed a reflective and meaningful prayer station session with their parents. Year 6 led a beautiful assembly focused on Advent—our time of preparation for the birth of Jesus, our ultimate leader. They thoughtfully shared how they, too, can be leaders inspired by His example. Year 5 celebrated a wonderful Mass on Friday.

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' (My. 3: 1-12)

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