



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2018

FIRST SUNDAY

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 3rd December
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
No Word & Communion this week

TUESDAY 4th December
Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
09.30 Funeral MASS of Madeleine Morris
followed by Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 5th December
Advent Weekday
10.00 MASS
19.30 UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 6th December
Saint Nicholas, Bishop
11.00 Pensioners Club
18.30 MASS

FRIDAY 7th December
Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor
10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 8th December
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
11.00 MASS
11.30 Confessions and Exposition
12.00 Benediction
18.00 Confessions
18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 9th December
Second Sunday of Advent
9.00 MASS
11.30 MASS

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THE WORD THIS WEEK

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the promise of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - liberation. For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what

links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.

ADVENT APPEAL 2018



Perhaps the most unsuitable Christmas present you could think of would be ... a TOILET! Imagine finding one of them under the tree on Christmas morning! But if you lived in the developing world, chances are you might feel differently - over two billion people in our world have no access to a toilet or latrine, with all the dangers of disease and infection that implies. Our Appeal this Advent is "SPEND A PENNY FOR CHRISTMAS!" - we are raising money to support "Toilet Twinning", a UK based charity which builds loos and latrines for people in the developing world. For every £60 we raise, they are able to build a new toilet for a needy community: let's see how many toilets we can buy before Christmas! (If we raise £180 we will get certi-

cates in our three loos showing photographs of the toilets our money has built, together with GPS coordinates showing exactly where it is in the world! If you want to “twin” your loo at home and get your own certificate, make a £60 donation in an envelope with your name and address and we will process it separately, while counting the donation into our total.) Simply place your donations in the appropriate . . . erm . . . receptacle in the Atrium! And thanks in advance for your generosity.

ADVENT = “NOT YET”

It is always difficult to celebrate Advent properly: it gets lost in Christmas celebrations, planning and parties! For this reason, I would like us – even in the midst of all the Christmassiness – to hold onto two words: “NOT YET”. Advent is about waiting: thinking about Mary and Joseph waiting for Jesus to be born, about the people of Israel waiting for the Messiah to come, about us waiting for Jesus to come again and make our world a new and perfect place for everyone. “Waiting” is a challenge: the two little words “NOT YET” can help us to pause every now and again, and think about what we are REALLY looking forward to!

THE ADVENT WREATH

While the idea came from Lutheran Germany in the 16th Century, it was only in 1839 that the Advent wreath was created as a way of encouraging patience in the Advent Season, designed for children asking every day if it was Christmas yet! The original wreath had four big white candles (for the Sundays) and twenty little red candles (for weekdays) and one would

be lit every day to count down to Christmas Day. In the Catholic tradition we only have the four Sunday candles, three purple and one rose for the liturgical colours of the four Sundays of Advent.

U.C.M. EVENT

Next Wednesday, 5th December, the UCM will hold a “Good Condition Clothing and Accessories Bring and Buy” - you may find your Christmas outfit there! It’s in the Atrium from 7.30 p.m. with all proceeds going to the building fund.

CHRISTMAS MINISTERS LISTS

Sign up lists for Christmas Masses are now on the table in the Atrium. Please sign up as soon as possible but remember to give everyone the opportunity to exercise their ministry.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Next Saturday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is the dedication of our Church, School and Parish. It celebrates the moment at the very beginning of Mary’s life, when she was conceived in her mother’s womb, and received a special gift of God’s grace, to ensure that she would be a fitting home for the Word of God when he took flesh in her womb. We pray on this day that Mary will be our mother, watching over this Parish dedicated to her.

BURY RED DOOR

Calling all Co-op members!! Please choose the Caritas Homeless Project: Bury Red Door for your 1% when spending on selected own-brand products and services, via the Co-op

Local Community Fund. For more info on the scheme, please visit <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR

The takings at last week’s fair were £3,830.47 and after payments for various prizes and the snow globe we made around £3,300! Many thanks to everyone who helped set up and run the stalls at the Fair, and those who helped clear away afterwards. The list of raffle prize winners is on the notice board, please collect your prize if you haven’t already done so.

400 CLUB

The next draw takes place at 11.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday 2nd December. New members booklets for 2019-2020 are now available from the agents. We have around 30 members who haven’t paid for over 6 months, which is fine, but if you no longer wish to be a member please let us know! New booklets for these won’t be produced, and towards the end of the year these numbers will be made available for others to join.

DIOCESAN VACANCY

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit candidates of outstanding abilities for two specific posts to support liturgical music in the Diocese. The first is Director of Music (20 hours per week) for the Cathedral and the second as Diocesan Music Advisor (15 hours per week) across the Diocese. The two posts are initially proposed as separate roles, but the Trustees retain the option to combine the posts into a single appointment, if a suitable candidate is found. Closing date for applications: Thursday,

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WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S: INFORMATION TO HELP YOU

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

At every Sunday Mass we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is for children of Primary School age (i.e. who have started in Reception): they start Mass with their families and friends, and then will be invited by the priest to go out with leaders into the Atrium, where they will listen to and reflect on the Bible readings before joining us again for the second half of Mass.

CHILDRENS' CHAPEL

Through the round window in Church you can see the Children's Chapel, a space specially designed for pre-school children, to allow them (and their families) to relax a little during Mass. The room is soundproof, so the odd bit of noise in there won't disturb anyone! When you take the children in, please help them to have an experience of being at church, using the books and toys provided, and following the Mass. Please ensure that children are not left unaccompanied in the Chapel, and please leave it tidy for the next Mass. To get into the Children's Chapel, go through the door in the corner of the Atrium.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS are by appointment: please collect one of the Information forms from the porch for details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's help, healing and comfort.

MARRIAGE is by appointment. Please take an information leaflet and return the tear off portion to arrange a pre-Nuptial interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that six months' notice is required (exceptions cannot be made to this.)

PRACTICAL NOTES

HARD OF HEARING? There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

WHEELCHAIR spaces are available on the left side of church, near the back, near the statue of Our Lady and at the top end by the emergency exit.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS
Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Mass and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Atrium straight after all Masses.

TOILETS
Ladies and Gents are located in the Atrium: we also have disabled facilities with a baby change unit. Please leave toilets clean and tidy after use. Thank you.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is open Tuesday & Thursday (8.00-12 Noon) Friday (08.00—11.00) but please check in advance if you intend to call in. Father James is not available on Mondays: in an emergency please contact a neighbour-ing Parish.

SVP CONFRATERNITY
The Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Confraternity exists to offer practical help to those in need, especially the sick and housebound. If you know of someone who needs such help, please contact the Parish Office.