

Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's

NEWSLETTER

**2nd Sunday of
Christmas
Beginning 4th
January 2026**

Masses for the coming week

Monday No Mass

Tuesday - Expo. 9:30am. 10.00am Mass

Wednesday Mass 10 am

Thursday Expo. 9:30am. 10.00am Mass

Thursday Mass 7pm

Friday Mass 10 am

Saturday Mass 10 am Sacred Heart only

Weekend Masses

Saturday 12.15pm Mossley:

Saturday 6:00pm Uppermill

Sunday 9:30am Uppermill

Sunday 11:00am Mossley



Masses received this week

Lately Dead

Colin Wood

Marion Malone

Anniversaries

Jan Gedzielewski

Jack Buckley, Mary Heselwood,

Ken Hawsworth, Tony Gowdrige,

John Hanlon, Frank Wolstenholme,

Anthony Cox

Special Intentions

The Quinn Family

Alan Raynolds,

James & Annie McIntyre,

Gerard Francis Owen,

Melvin Fahy,

David Morris,

Mason Family, Boyde Family,

Ian Hollingsworth,

Gould Family,

Stella Blows

Christmas Masses

Bill & Marie Donovan

Annie Flanagan,

Jane Vernon

New Year 2026!

On behalf of Fr. Peter and myself, and Fr. Linus at Sacred Heart, I take this opportunity once again to wish you and your families all the joy and blessings of this Christmastide, and may 2026 bring you many blessings from The Lord.

St. Joseph's 100 club winners

I will add the winners for last week in next week's newsletter.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This coming Tuesday, we celebrate the arrival of the 3 wise men to Bethlehem. This is the last day of the Christmastide period. If you can come and join us for Mass, please do, as it is a holy day of obligation.

**Mass at 10am and 7pm,
in both Mossley and
Uppermill.**



Are you interested?

3rd or 4th week in April 2026

Rome & Assisi

**COST PER PERSON: £1095.00
sharing £1325.00 Single room.**

For this pilgrimage to run I need 25 people, at the moment, I am far from that number. If the numbers do not reach 25 by next week, I will have to cancel this trip.

If this is cancelled, I intend to launch our usual pilgrimage to Lourdes, travelling on the same dates as the Diocese.

Watch this space for further updates.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY –

Takes place from 18th to 25th January 2026. There will be a prayer breakfast on Saturday 17th January in Sacred Heart hall 8.30 – 10am and a joint ecumenical service on Sunday 25th January in Uppermill Methodist church starting at 11am. All welcome.

ALSO,

The week for Christian Unity in Mossley will be Sunday 18th January 2026 until Sunday 26th January 2026 with a service on Sunday 18th January 2026 at 3-00pm at Mossley Methodist Church.

Are you interested in “The Alpha Course”?

This is a series of meetings designed to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Christianity. There is a meeting to promote this Programme in Mossley on Sunday, 25th January 2026, at 1-00 pm at Mossley Methodist Church. All Welcome!

**Any news for the newsletter
please see Fr. Jim**



Laudato Si' Centre Volunteer Call-out: Retired Educators

The Diocese of Salford's Environment Team is inviting retired education staff to volunteer at the Laudato Si' Centre to assist with their successful programme of school visits. Volunteers would be supporting sessions with children from nursery age to Year 11 with activities including arts and crafts, games, and foraging. To find out more, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.



Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold

On Saturday, 14 February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday, 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.

Offerings from Sacred Heart 21/12/25

Envelopes £199.50

Total £436.80

Plate £237.29

Christmas offering £875.30

Thank you

Happy New Year

To you and your families.

What the Pope says at the end of 2025 and going into 2026.



Pope Leo XIV used the Vatican's final general audience of 2025 on Wednesday to invite Catholics to look back on the past year with gratitude and repentance, and to place what lies ahead in God's hands.

In St. Peter's Square on Dec. 31, the pope said 2025 brought both joy and sorrow, citing the jubilee pilgrimage of the faithful as well as "the passing of the late Pope Francis" and "the scenarios of war that continue to convulse the planet."

"At its end," Leo said, "the Church invites us to place everything before the Lord, entrusting ourselves to his providence, and asking him to renew, in us and around us, in the coming days, the wonders of his grace and mercy."

To close, Leo cited St. Paul VI's reflection at the end of the 1975 Jubilee, saying its core message can be summed up in a single word: "love." He then repeated Paul VI's emphatic profession of faith, including: "God is love! ... God is mercy! God is forgiveness! ... God, yes, God is life!"