Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's

NEWSLETTER

#### CHRIST THE KING

Beginning 23rd **November 2025** 

Masses for the coming week

#### **Monday No Mass**

Tuesday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am Mass Thursday 10.00am Mass Mass Friday 10.00am Mass Saturday Mass 10am Uppermill

### Weekend Masses as usual

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Saturday 12.15pm Mossley: Saturday 6:00pm Uppermill Sunday 9:30am Uppermill Sunday 11:00am Mossley

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am -10am in Mossley.

# Annual Christmas Party at St Joseph's

This will take place on 10th December, please add your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend. We are asking for a donation of £5 per person. Have you any unwanted gifts? Please bring them into the sacristy.

## Masses received this week

#### **Lately Dead**

Kieran Turner, Tom Cooksey Audrey Young, Steve Ellis Barbara Parkhurst

#### **Anniversaries**

Kathleen Clarke Mary Gerrity, Mary Howarth, Thomas McDaid, Robert Heugh, Fred Greenwood John Clarke

**Special Intentions** All the faithful departed listed in the basket on the altar.

Today you



Sacramental Programme 2025/26 - Holy

### Communion

The dates for our children's meetings are now on the parish website. All to take place in the church meeting room in St. Joseph's.

The first meeting will be on 30th November - Unit 1 - We are the

Red boxes at Mossley will be emptied between 23rd November and 7th December.

If any need to be collected, I will collect just let me know.

#### **UPPERMILL**

## **Important Notice from Sacred Heart Finance Committee**

Recently, Fr Jim mentioned in his homily, the decline in the number of people attending Mass. This is also reflected in the weekly offerings. There has been a significate decrease in the amount we collect each week, and if it wasn't for the shop income, we would be struggling financially. However, it is important to note that in addition to the amount of funds we collect over the weekend, which are published in the newsletter. the number of parishioners who pay by Standing Order has increased.

## **Standing Orders**

April £666, May £741, June £716, July £861, August £771, September £821.

The average weekly offering by Standing Order is £174. This is fantastic and we would like to encourage more of you to pay by Standing Order, because it gives us a regular income.

Another issue I would like to bring to your attention is the decrease in gift aid in our parish. If you are a tax payer, could I respectfully ask you to fill in a gift aid form, which can be found at the back of church. This is a very important stream of revenue for us.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support for our parish. As they say "we are the Church, the church is not the building" - nevertheless, the building does cost a lot to maintain.

**Charity Clothes box** I am sure you have noticed that there is now a clothes collection Box outside the St. Joseph's church. This is to support a Leukemia charity. If you wish to get rid of any old clothes, you are invited to place them in the Box.

CARITAS, Diocese of Salford. Caritas is looking for donations to help do some amazing work this Advent and Christmas. There is a flyer at the back of the church for those who might be able to help. HELP - the homeless get a shower, HELP - provide weekly food shops for the less well off, HELP provide a Christmas lunch, **HELP** – provide warm winter pack for those on the street. Please take an information flyer to see what CARITAS are up to this winter and see if you can help. Thank you.

## Uppermill News

## **Uppermill - Devotions**

There will be exposition of The Blessed Sacrament every day, 30 minutes before Mass. All are welcome to come and join in with this traditional period of prayer.

OPEN AIR CAROLS The annual carol service at the conservative club will be on

Sunday 14th December at 2.15pm.

Next week is the beginning of Advent, let us try and prepare ourselves with prayer and fasting.

### St. Joseph's 100 club winners

8<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 23 – Tim Stephens 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 49 - Stella Bennett#3<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 67 – Rita Egerton 15<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 9 - Lucie Warburton 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 86 – Ruth Dunne 3rd Prize - 63 - Jim Makin As always thank you for your support.

### Service of **Remembrance for Lives Cut Short**

There will be a Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short held at Manchester Cathedral next month, which will honour and commemorate those who have died as a result of homicide. Organised by the friends and families of those lost in this tragic way, the service will take place on Monday 24th November at 7.30pm. Any person wishing to commemorate a loved one by name as part of the service is invited to contact organiser Steve Williams on 07757 441377 or st.gab.prest@gmail.com

Any news for the newsletter please see Fr. Jim



Plate £195.96 Envelopes £108.00

Shop £324.00 Cafod £19.54

Thank you

**Christmas Wreaths 25** If you would like a Christmas

Wreath, handmade, please phone Brenda on

07849 186 990.

From £10, depending on size.

Also, on Saturday 6 December, the day of the "Santa Dash" through Uppermill, Brenda will be in the Parish Hall from 10am, taking orders, and for those who would like to make their own wreath, will be showing how it's done. She will also be in the Hall after the Ecumenical Christmas service on Sunday 7 December doing the same again!

ONE CARD FOR ALL The Christmas card for Sacred Heart parishioners to sign will be at the back of church in the next couple of weeks. Any donations for the card can go in the Cafod box on the table. Single cards will be available to buy at 50p each.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** On Sunday 7th December in our church (Sacred Heart Uppermill) there will be an Ecumenical Advent Carol service starting at 3pm followed by refreshments in the hall. If you are able, please come and support this. All are welcome to come along and join in, and this invitation is of course extended to the parishioners of St Joseph's Mossley.