

Diary Dates

December 27th : CAFOD Christmas Fun Run Middlewood Way, Bollington

27th December
Register from 10am, 11am start
Adult £10, Child £5 Family £20
more details at cafod.org.uk/bollington

CAFOD World Gifts

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a life-changing gift this Christmas
This year, share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift-from safe water to school supplies! A meaningful way to bless loved ones and help families overseas. worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

Christmas Carols

December 15th - 7pm
Christmas Carols with the Children of St Mary's School, for the children and their families is being held in the Parish Church.

December 21st - 2pm
Our Parish Christmas Carols will commence at 2pm

Christmas Masses

December 24th	December 25th Christmas Day
6.30 pm - Christmas Eve	9.00am - St Margarets
11.00 pm - Mid Night Mass	11.00am - St Mary's

New Sign Board for our Parish Church

We have a beautiful new sign which compliments our beautiful garden. With heartfelt gratitude to Gerard Devaney and Dave Fairclough from Pinseeker who donated it to the parish and who put the new sign up.

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 1st, 2025

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 2: 1-5
- **Gospel:** Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday, December 2nd 2025:

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 11: 1-10
- **Gospel:** Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025:
St Francis Xavier, P, R

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 25: 6-10
- **Gospel:** Matthew 15: 29-37

Thursday, December 4th 2025

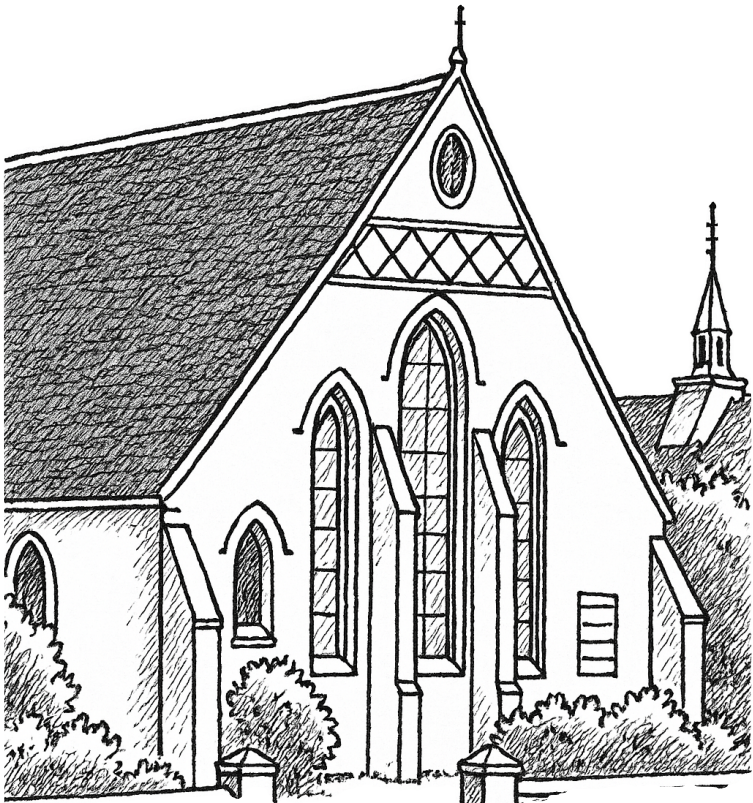
- **First Reading:** Isaiah 26: 1-6
- **Gospel:** Matthew 7: 21.24-27

Friday, December 5th, 2025

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 29: 17-24
- **Gospel:** Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday, December 6th, 2025
St Nicholas, B

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 30: 19-21.23-26
- **Gospel:** Matthew 9: 35-10: 1. 5-8



November 30th 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Fr. Vijay's reflection for the First Sunday of Advent

Advent begins with a call to *wakefulness*. Isaiah envisions all nations streaming to the mountain of the Lord, seeking His peace. Paul urges us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. And in the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the Son of Man will come at an hour we do not expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

This season is not about passive waiting, but about *active preparation*. Advent invites us to be alert, to notice God's presence breaking into our daily lives, and to live as people of hope. As we light the first candle, may its flame remind us to stay awake, to walk in the light, and to prepare our hearts for Christ who comes to dwell among us.

 **First Week of Advent** *(let us pray together): "Lord Jesus, You are the light of the world. As we light this first candle, may it remind us to stay awake and prepare our hearts for Your coming. Fill us with hope and guide our steps in Your peace. Amen."*

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David and Helen Duffy
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Community focus

Food Bank Shortages

Long life Milk, Coffee, noodles, Cuppa soup, tinned soup, rice pudding and snacks.

Deacon, Rev. Chris Wells

We would like to share the news that our Deacon, Rev. Chris Wells, will be serving at St. Joseph’s Winsford for a year, where he will be supporting Fr.Simon O’Connor in his ministry. We are deeply grateful for his hard work, dedication, and generous service to our parish community.

Please keep Rev. Chris and Teresa in your prayers as they begins this new chapter.

Christmas Flowers

There will be a collection at all Masses 6/7 December and 13/14 December for Christmas Flowers for our lovely church. Thank you to all.



The Chosen

Bren and Pete Shackleton have now completed 5 Seasons of ‘The Chosen’ with an Ecumenical House group; watching the films and discussing the content. They have now started again with a new group and look forward to the many blessings that will bring.
Bren & Peter Shackleton: 07739387813

Community Lunch

Thank you to all those Parishioners who have made our monthly community meals such a success this year, all funds raised during the year have supported Mary’s Meals.

Looking forward to to seeing you at our Christmas Meal on Monday 8th December

Advent Pray

My ever-present Lord, You constantly come to me at an unexpected hour to pour forth Your grace and mercy into my life.

Help me to form within me a permanent habit of preparedness by which I continually open myself to You and to Your perfect will for my life

May this Advent be a true time in which my readiness to meet You increases a hundredfold.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen

Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.
Monday on zoom at 10am
Wednesday before 6.30pm Holy Mass
Tuesday / Friday after 9am Holy Mass
Saturday 10am before Holy Mass

Christmas Novena

Will take place during Holy Mass from
16th - 24th December

A big heartfelt thank you message from CAFOD

For all your support as a parish in this jubilee year. For all the justice, all the compassion, all the solidarity, that you have expressed through your giving and your prayers-and for all that you will continue to do in this coming year. Our world faces immense challenges and we are grateful to be your agency for Catholic compassion and justice. It is an Advent when the Holy Land is suffering, the conflicts in Ukraine and Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo weigh heavy on our hearts. Your support is enabling Catholic compassion and love to reach out and offer some comfort, some aid, in those places. This Advent let's celebrate Christ's mercy and join in his love.

What’s on in theParish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
MONDAY	COMMUNITY MEAL	12.30
WEDNESDAY	RCIA	7.30PM
FRIDAY	TODDLERS GROUP	

Day	Times	Mass Intentions
Sat. 29/11	9.00pm	Memorial of the blessed Virgin Mary Deceased relatives of Gilligan & McEnaney families
	6.30pm	Holbrook Family
Sun 30/11	9.00am	First Sunday of Advent . For Parishioners
	11.00am	Gordon Woolridge: Birthday Anniversary
Mon 1/12	9.00am	Service of the Word & Eucharist
Tues 2/12	9am	Anita Blundell.RIP (Nee Sproston)
Wed 3/12	6.30pm	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Jane Laverack
Thus 4/12	9am	Edward & Lupeta
Fri 5/12	9am	Carl Cookson RIP
Sat 6/12	10.30am	Simon Coyne - Anniversary of his death
Sat 6/12	11-12.15	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 6/12	6.30pm	
Sun 7/12	9.00am	

Sun	11am	Catherine Mottram RIP.Presentation of first forgiveness certificates at the end of Holy Mass
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Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Mary Ellen Nolan	Mary McGorty	Winefrid Pace
Desmond Spilsbury	John Francis O’Neill	Betty Murphy
Aleksander Alderman	Mary Griffiths	Wendy Billington
Sheila Bagshaw	Bridget Mary Sweeny	Sylvia Clarke
Margaret English	Reg Hambley	Larry Porter
Rev. Norman Keen	Mary McAleer	Annie O’Donnell
Rev John Woods	James Edward Ellison	Rev. Jack Warnock /Rev Joe Norbury
Rev. John O’Sullivan	Bernard Barnes	Rev Mgr Terence Welch / Rev P O’Brien



Please pray for all

Who have died recently, especially: Anita Blundell (Nee Sproston), Victoria Moger, Clarry France, Tom Marsden, Len Smith and Simon Wright

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially. Clare Fogg, Mike Hough, Margaret Strong, Joan Lloyd and Deacon Tony Simms

Sunday Mass

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms Ps 121
- **Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14
- **Gospel:** Matthew 24: 37-44

Wednesday 3rd December

Day of special prayer for all Migrants and Refugees