



Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday 30th November 2025
First Sunday of Advent (A)



*‘Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord’*

Prescot Fellowship of Churches Christmas Fair

Join the Prescot Fellowship of Churches at the Methodist Centre, Atherton Street, from 10 am to 1pm on Saturday 6th December for their annual Christmas Fair.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

This is a wonderful way to remember and pray for all our loved ones during the Christmas season. Mass Bouquet Cards are available from the Piety stall and work like a usual mass Card. Intentions received will be offered on the Sunday within the Christmas Octave, which this year will be Sunday 28th December.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance

Place a bauble on the tree in memory of a loved one at this short outdoor service of carols and prayers, held by the Friends of Prescot Cemetery & Churchyard Cemetery. Sunday 7th December at 1pm (Manchester Road entrance).

A Celebration of Christmas

A Celebration of Christmas returns this year on Saturday 13 December with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

Bambinelli Sunday

This beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peters Square where they are blessed by the Pope.

All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed during Mass this Sunday.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are on sale for our Christmas Raffle. Be in with a chance to win some fabulous prizes. Drawing Sunday 14th December.

CAFOD Christmas Fun Run

Signup is open for CAFOD's annual Fun Run! The run will take place on 27 December at Wavertree Sports Park and is open to all. Run, walk, or wheel with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas and raise money for those in need! Scan the QR code on the leaflets at the back of church to sign up, or search CAFOD Fun Run.

St Edmund Arrowsmith Grandparents Christmas Party

If you are a grandparent of a student at St Edmund Arrowsmith, past or present, you are invited to a Christmas Party on Friday 12th December 1pm -2.45pm. There will be a buffet lunch, entertainment, and bingo. If you would like to attend please contact school 01514778770 or email h.rigby@seaca.pfcmat.org

Many Hands...

There will be a meeting for those who wish to do more to support the parish community on Thursday 11th December at 7pm in church.

Feast Days

Wednesday 3rd - Memorial of St Francis Xavier

He was born in Spain in the year 1506. When studying at Paris he joined St Ignatius and was ordained priest at Rome in 1537. He was one of the seven priests who founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He spent himself in works of charity and in 1541 he went to the East where for ten years he preached the Gospel in India and Japan where he converted many tens of thousands to the true faith. He died in the year 1552 on the Chinese island of Shangchwan. He was possibly the Church's greatest missionary since St Paul, and is the patron saint of foreign missions. St Francis is depicted in the sanctuary window on the far left.

Friday 5th - Memorial of St John Almond

He was born in Allerton, Liverpool, and educated at Much Woolton, then in Ireland, Reims and Rome. After ordination to the priesthood in 1598 he returned to this country to work on the English Mission from 1602 until his arrest in 1608, when he was imprisoned for a time, then again in 1612. He was martyred at Tyburn on 5th December 1612.

Church Cleaning - Wednesday at 10 am. All are welcome.

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 29th	6.00 pm	Mgr Michael McKenna
Sunday 30th	11.00 am	Margaret Rushton
Monday 1st	12.00 pm	Charles & Phoebe Martin
Wednesday 3rd	12.00 pm	Margaret Glennon
Thursday 4th	9.30 am	Mass in School
<i>Funeral Service</i>	<i>12.30 pm</i>	<i>Marion Atherton</i>
Friday 5th	12.00 pm	Lynn
Saturday 6th	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	12.00 pm	Maria Chorley
	6.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 7th	11.00 am	Pat Pennington

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish who have asked for our help and support:

Michael Glennon

Departed: *Marion Atherton*

