



Our Lady Immaculate & St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday 7th December 2025
Second Sunday of Advent (A)



*‘And Mary said,
‘Behold, I am the
servant of the Lord;
let it be to me
according to
your word.’*

Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception

Monday 8th December

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).

School Nativity

On Monday 8th December at 6.30pm the school will perform their Nativity play in church, with musical accompaniment by our local Salvation Army Brass band. In the past seating has been limited, however with some clever reworking this is now an open event for all the parish to attend so everyone is welcome to come along.

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

School Choir

On Tuesday 16th the school choir will be singing carols in Prescot Library from 10.15 am onwards. If you are out and about do stop in and enjoy the festive music.

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

St Edmund Arrowsmith Christmas Carol Concert

Takes place on Tuesday 16th December 6pm-7pm. A mix of traditional and contemporary music with refreshments afterwards. Everybody is welcome.

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.

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

Monday 8th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception by keeping her immaculate.

Saturday 13th - Memorial of St Lucy

One of the most famous of the Virgin Martyrs, her name is mentioned in the ancient Canons. She suffered martyrdom at Syracuse about the year 304, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. There are many legends about her but few facts are known, but despite this devotion to her spread almost throughout the whole Church and dates back to the earliest times.



Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass 4.30 pm

Christmas Day - Midnight Mass 12.00 am
- Mass of Christmas Day 11.00 am

Second Sunday of Advent (A)
Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6th	6.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 7th	11.00 am	Pat Pennington
Monday 8th	12.00 pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday 10th	12.00 pm	Norman Ablewhite
Friday 12th	12.00 pm	Wincenty Jurek
Saturday 13th	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	12.00 pm	Maria Chorley
	6.00 pm	Roison Gallagher
Sunday 14th	11.00 am	Margaret & Pat Meaney

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

Michael Glennon

If you would like us to pray for someone who is sick, who has recently died or whose anniversary is coming up please contact the parish office.

