

Saint Hilda's Church
Parish Newsletter
30th November 2025
First Sunday of Advent
Parish Mass 11.00am
Celebrant and Preacher
Father Simon

Sides people: Marcelle & Vera
Reader First Lesson: Nigel
Reader Second Lesson: Tina
Intercessor: Carole

Hymns

Introit: 7 Hills of the North, rejoice

Asperges

Offertory: 5 Hark a herald voice is calling

Communion: 311 We pray the, heavenly Father

Angelus:

Recessional: 3 Come thou long expected Jesus

Asperges

During Advent, the usual Penitential Rite (Confession and Lord, have mercy) are replaced by the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water (the Asperges).

After the introduction to the celebration, the Priest will say a prayer of blessing over the water, and then will sprinkle himself, the clergy, choir and people with the blessed water.

During this, we sing:

**Sprinkle me with hyssop O Lord, and I shall be cleansed;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

When he returns, the Priest says:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his
Kingdom.

Amen.

The Mass continues with the Collect for the Day.

*Coffee will be served after Mass in the Croft
If you are new to St Hilda's or just visiting,
please feel free to join us.*

This week at St Hilda's

Tuesday: Coffee Morning 9am
Low Mass with Laying on of hands
Saturday: Christmas Fair from 10am
Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Family Church 9.30am
Parish Mass 11am
PCC Meeting 12.15pm
Sides people: Rachel & Melanie
First Lesson: Rachel
Second Lesson: Liz
Intercessor: Sheila

Future dates for your diary

December

9th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
Heaton Park WI 7pm
11th KS1 Nativities AM & PM
13th Family Church Breakfast with Father
Christmas 10am
15th Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm
16th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
18th Parish School Carol Service
19th Parish School closes for Christmas
23rd Low Mass & Coffee Morning cancelled
24th First Mass of Christmas 6pm
25th Christmas Day Mass 10am
28th Feast of the Holy Family 11am
30th Low Mass & Coffee Morning cancelled

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January

4th Feast of the Epiphany 11am
5th Parish School re-opens
6th Coffee Morning re-opens 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
11th Baptism of the Lord 11am
13th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
Heaton Park WI 7pm
15th Community Lunchtime Drop-In 11am
18th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 11am
20th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
25th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 11am
27th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am

SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday, Year 3 and Year 4 led the Christingle Service in church. The children spoke confidently and you could see by their faces how much they enjoyed performing. They brought tears to a few eyes with their beautiful singing and it was lovely to see so many families and Governors join us for the service.

Please remember with love and prayers all on our prayer list here at St Hilda's



Catherine & Derek Swindells, Andrew Davidson,
John Pymm, Lynda, Susan Hughes,
Mary Bardsley, Keith Bentley,
Robert Williams, Jane, Beryl & Peter Holland,
Helen, Linda Clarke, Susan Lees, Sian Fletcher,
Renée Lukes, Derek Hughes, James Lucas
Francesca Boothman,
Mavis & David Belton, Roy Walker,
Hilary Graham, Kevin McGuire,
Fr Croft, Jenny Mulholland,
Maryrose & Walter Thompson,
Paul & Michael & Av Jones.



We remember before God all those who have died specially those who have passed in the night with no-one to comfort them.

We remember also with love and prayers those whose "minds" fall during this week

30 th November	
Andrew Thompson	2006
1 st December	
Florence Dalton	2007
3 rd December	
Syd Mell	1987
Malcolm John Aspey	1990
5 th December	
Beryl Coates	2021
6 th December	
Rose Williams	2006

If you wish to contribute by standing order instead of the envelope scheme.

The bank details are as follows:

St Hildas PCC Sort code: 01-07-20

Account number: 06803806

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Church website: <http://sthildaprestwich.org.uk/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Sthildaprestwich>

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Christmas fair takes place NEXT SATURDAY.

Please take a poster and display it for us. Donations of Chocolates, Bottles are still required, if

you can help in anyway, please do.

Donations towards the cost of Christmas Flowers would be much appreciated.

Nine Lessons and Carols, donations towards refreshments of Mince Pies and Mulled wine and Orange Juice would be greatly appreciated.

Please can all the promised Hamper donations be brought to church ASAP.

Thought for the week

When the character of a man is not clear to you,
look at his friends!

Please note that Coffee Morning will be closed for the Christmas and New Year period on the following dates 23rd and 30th December. We will re-open on 6th January 2026.

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously here at St Hilda's. Therefore, if you have any concerns please speak to the Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Mrs Shirley Diver: 07922 330069

Or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor

Abbey Clephane-Wilson: 0161 828 1465

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**