

Saint Hilda's Church
Parish Newsletter
21st December 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Mass 11.00am
Celebrant and Preacher
Father Simon

Sides people: Abi & Joyce
Reader First Lesson: Carole
Reader Second Lesson: Matthew
Intercessor: Ken

Hymns
Introit: 5 Hark a herald voice is calling
Asperges
Offertory: 377 Immortal, invisible, God
only wise
Communion: 185 Sing we of the Blessed mother
Angelus:
Recessional: 186 Tell out my soul the
greatness of the Lord

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.**

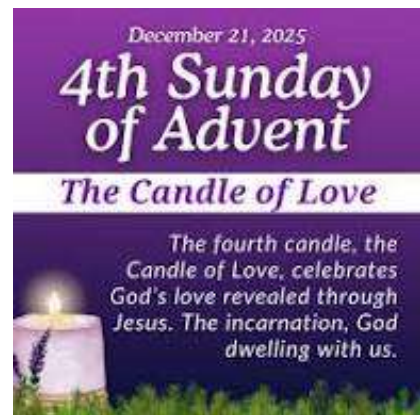
When he returns, the Priest says:

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 today in the Croft
Last opportunity to buy raffle tickets for the
Christmas Hamper*



This week at St Hilda's

Wednesday: First Mass of Christmas 6pm
Sides people: Liz & Mason
First Lesson: Margaret
Second Lesson: Vinnie
Intercessor: Carole

Thursday: Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day Mass 10am
Sides people: Marcelle & Vera
First Lesson: Melanie
Second Lesson: Ken
Intercessor: Sheila

Sunday: Next Sunday is the
Feast of the Holy Family
Parish Mass 11am
Sides people: Rachel & Melanie
First Lesson: Sheila
Second Lesson: Shirley
Intercessor: Ken
N.B. Coffee will be served on this day

Future dates for your diary!

2026

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

St Hilda's Church
Would like to wish everyone a
Peaceful, Blessed and Holy
Christmas
All Christmas Masses are listed
above, please take note of the times.

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

If you use the weekly envelopes for your donation, please note they will look a little different this year. This is because we have created our own in order to cut costs.

Follow St Hilda's Church on the following platforms

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

Facebook:

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday, we finished for the Christmas break. It has been a joyful and busy term, filled with learning, celebrations and moments that reflect our Christian values.

As we prepare for Christmas, we give thanks for our children, families, staff, Governors and the continued support of our church community. We wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming our pupils back in the new year.

Thought for the week

When you focus on problems,
you will end up with more problems.

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

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.

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

21 st December	
Margaret Robina Kay	2014
Albert Tomlinson	2020
22 nd December	
Eva Harriet Brain	1995
24 th December	
Edith Nelson	1966
Bill Roberts	2010
25 th December	
John Michael Greenwood	1998
27 th December	
Gertrude Schofield	1968
Mildred Evans	1983
29 th December	
Queenie Harrison	1972
30 th December	
Myfanwy Sykes	2005