

Parish of The Holy Cross & St Helen

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ASHTON CATHOLIC WOMENS GROUP  
Meet every 1st Tuesday 7pm of the month in  
the Macnay room

KNIT & NATTER  
Meet every Friday 1pm in the Macnay room

BAPTISM  
St Christopher's 2nd & 4th Saturday's 12.45pm  
St Ann's 2nd & 4th Sunday's 2.30pm  
Baptism Meeting with Parents  
4th Sunday of the month after 11am Mass St Ann's

SVP

SVP will open the community café in the Townhouse on the first  
Tuesday of every month, serving free hot drinks & toast.

Date	Time	
Mon 11th December		
Tues 12th December	10am	St Ann's
Wed 13th December <i>St Lucy, Virgin and Lartyr (Memorial)</i>	10am	St Christopher's
Thurs 14th December <i>St John the cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)</i>	10am	St Ann's
Fri 15th December	10am 10am 7pm	St Christopher's St Ann's St Christopher's
Sat 16th December	11am 12pm	Adoration & Confession St Christopher's Mass at St Christopher's
	4.45pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	Confession at St Ann's Rosary at St Ann's Mass at St Ann's <i>Margaret Ruby Alphons RIP Ann</i>
Sun 17th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30am 9.00am	Rosary at St. Christopher Mass at St Christopher's
	10.30am 11.00am	Rosary at St Ann's Mass at St Ann's

## PROCEDURE FOR VOTIVE LAMPS

Place £5 donation in an envelope; write the intention on the lists on the table at the back of Church. Write the Intention on an envelope please write the date, which lamp and the intention and leave in the Sacristy. The lamps will burn all week from Saturday Vigil to Saturday Vigil. Lamps for cancer sufferers (tabernacle) and expectant mums (Our Lady) burn at St Christopher's every week.

## VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS

Tabernacle  
Sacred Heart I  
Sacred Heart II  
Sacred Heart III  
Our Lady I  
Our Lady II  
Our Lady III

May Sornitn  
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Kevin Carrol  
Daniel Shuttleworth B/day RIP  
People of the Parish  
The Sick & housebound  
Recently bereaved

*I am the light of the world (John 8:12)*

## Mass Intentions for this Sunday

**5.30pm: Dimara John**  
*Birthday*

**9am: Raman Aleksandravic**  
*Healing*

**11am: Burhard Grattolskis**  
*RIP ANN*

Hymns	5.30pm	9am	11am
Entrance	327	209	851
Offertory	362	362	351
Communion	120	521	743
Dismissal	141	161	532

## MARY'S MEALS

School year 2013-14 - 2021  
-22  
£86,274  
Thank you so very much.  
God bless your generosity.  
School Year 2022-23  
£8690

## CHRISTMAS LITURGY 2023:

Christmas Vigil at St Christopher: 5pm  
Christmas Vigil at St Ann's: 5pm and Midnight  
Christmas Day at St Christopher: 9am  
Christmas Day at St Ann's: 10am

CHRISTMAS CAROL: The parish of the Good Shepherd CoE, Ashton, invites all our parishioners to her Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm. If you would like to attend, please let Fr Jude know.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET FOR ADVENT: is available at the back of the Church. Feel free to pick one, with a suggested £1 donation please.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY The altar servers and the Children of the Parish will be having a Christmas Nativity play on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4:30pm at St Christopher Church. All welcome.

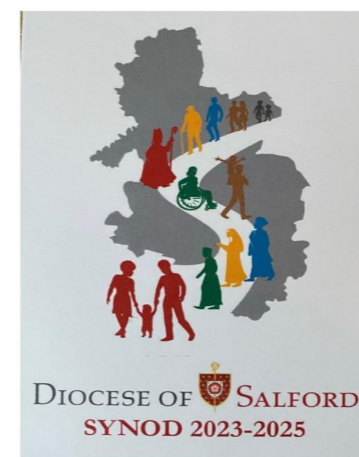
CHRISTMAS SINGALONG: The children and staff of Our Lady's School have kindly invited us to a Christmas singalong, followed by refreshments on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm. If you would like to go, please let Pam Dakin know. Tel 07769900972. Transport can be provided.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME There will be a parents meeting on Sunday 17th December after 11am Mass. It will be held in St Ann's Parish Hall. If your child is in year 3 or above and hasn't yet made their First Holy Communion please come along and find out about the Programme. Registration forms will be available that day. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer for the Sacramental Programme, please contact Jane Holgate (janeholgatesp@gamil.com) for more information.

CATHOLIC FAMILY CARE The annual collection of donations from members of CFC is now open until Christmas. Members commit to give 2 new garments for children aged between 0 - 16yrs and 50p. (warm coats are particularly needed) However, most members like to give a monetary donation. Donations from non-members are also very welcome. Please contact Teresa Burns 07903381949 for more information.

GIFT AID/ STANDING ORDERS: Thank you to everyone who supports the Church through collection envelopes and standing order, your support is greatly appreciated. For those who wish to set up a Standing order or make a one-off donation, our account details are: SRCDTR Holy Cross and St Helen Account No: 00446815 Sort Code: 20-55-34

TEA/COFFEE served after 9am Mass on Sundays in the MACNAY ROOM downstairs at St Christophers, and after 11am Mass at the Townhouse. All money raised donated to MARY'S MEALS.



### Diocese of Salford Synod 2023-2025 Prayer

Loving Father,  
be with us as we seek new ways  
of being your people in our Diocese.  
May each new day bring us  
closer to your son Jesus,  
as we follow his teaching and  
become disciples of love.  
As we continue our Synodal journey,  
draw us closer to each other.  
May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us.  
Open our hearts, as we listen to each  
other and reach out in love  
to your people.  
Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.  
Amen.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for Us.  
St Joseph, Pray for Us.

Wednesdays at 7pm in the  
MacNay Room at  
St Christopher's Church,  
Lees Road, Ashton-under-Lyne  
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## The Big Feed

Scripture Study  
Join us as we "feed" on the Word of God as we study  
the Sunday Gospel and Readings and pray for our  
parish.

Children from secondary  
school age are very welcome  
but should be accompanied  
by an adult.