

# 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent

## Sacred Heart & St. Josephs NEWSLETTER

### Masses for the coming week

Monday No Mass

Tuesday No Morning Mass

Wednesday

Thursday 9:30 exposition 10am Mass

Friday MASS in Uppermill 10am

Saturday 12:15am Mossley

Saturday 6pm Uppermill

Sunday 9:30 am Uppermill

Sunday 11.00 am Mossley



Mossley - Red Missio Boxes

Please bring in your boxes to be emptied. Thank you.

Contact details –  
please get in touch.  
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### 100 Club Winning Numbers

- 80 Ona McGladdery
- 2 14 Maureen Fitzpatrick
- 3 28 Jacinta Murrav

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Tuesday - Christmas Eve

Mossley Carols 11:45 am, Mass 12.15pm

Uppermill Carols 5:30 pm, Mass 6pm

#### Wednesday - Christmas Day

Uppermill Carols 9:00 am, Mass 9:30 am

Mossley Carols 10:30 am, Mass 11.00 am

### Masses received this week

#### Lately Dead

Monica Wilde  
Gordon Matthews  
John Holmes  
Oliver Lonergan

#### Anniversaries

Mary Teresa Hurley

Ellen Mason

Terry Boyd

George Newton,

May Mills,

Vera Ackerley,

Ann Cassidy,

Ellen Anderton,

Lloyd Charters,

Regina Cichowicz

#### Special Intentions

Fr. Peter Maloney (Bir

Josephine Martin (Co.

Down)

Tom & Breda

Cunningham (Co.

Galway)

Paul Stones

A man with cancer

#### Christmas Masses

Veronica Timperley

John Clarke

Kathleen Clarke

Mary Rose Maloney

Johanna Friedrich

Michael Friedrich

Jeremiah O'Driscoll

Jack O'Driscoll

Ian Hollingsworth

The Mason Family

The Boyd Family

The Akerley Family

The Miller Family

Lorraine Ackerley

Judith Suddaby

### Teresa's Christmas Cakes (Fruit Cake)

These are now available,  
please pick them up from  
the parish meeting room.  
All proceeds to the Good  
Life Orphanage.

#### MISSIO red boxes

Sue – Uppermill

I will collect any red boxes  
that need emptying after  
Christmas.

Uppermill – Collection envelopes.  
The new envelopes are now available at the  
back of church. There are only three  
months worth of envelopes in the boxes.  
This is because it is going to take a while  
for all the financial business between  
Salford and Leeds to be completed. Please  
keep using the envelopes that are in the  
boxed for now, and we will issue new ones  
when all is completed. Thanks for your  
understanding.

### Offertory last week – Uppermill

1st collection £310.41

2nd collection £97.68

Shop £286.05

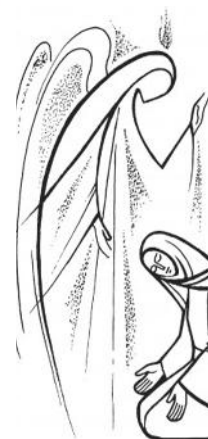
Saddleworth Sing for

Pleasure Choir £105.00

### Christmas Blessings

On behalf of Fr. Peter and  
myself, I take this opportunity  
to wish you and your loved  
ones all the blessing of this  
most Holy Season.

May the arrival of the newborn  
king remind us how much God  
loves us.



### Uppermill ONE CARD FOR

ALL - The large Christmas card  
at the back of church is for all to  
sign with your greetings. The  
idea is to donate the money you  
would save on cards and stamps  
and the money will be used to  
buy Cafod World Gifts. Last  
year we raised £286.00 which  
purchased the gifts you can see  
on the Cafod notice board at the  
back of church. Thanks, Anne

**The assisted suicide/ dying Bill is now going to committee stage where further scrutiny and amendments will take place. It is expected to be about April before it goes to report stage where MPs have the chance to suggest further amendments and then to 3rd Reading usually straight after. There was such a small majority that it is hoped that the vote can be swung against it at 3rd Reading but we need to once again make a concerted effort to inform our MP of our views and the dangers. In the New Year there will be more information. Please do continue to help to defeat this bill. Look out for more information in 2025 and in the meantime, thank you for all your efforts in promoting a culture of life because they are not in vain. May you all have a wonderful Christmas time. Mary**

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL.**

**I received this letter this week from The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP  
Member of Parliament for Stalybridge and Hyde  
Secretary of State for Business and Trade  
President of the Board of Trade**

Dear Fr. Jim ,

Thank you for your email about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill and my apologies that it has taken a while to respond. I have received over 500 emails relating to this vote and had many conversations with people inside and outside of the constituency with a wide range of experiences. Thank you for sharing your views on assisted dying.

I recognise that people can have very strong reasons to want the ability to end their own life in future, and many of the emails I received did make this argument. But many more expressed doubt about the acceptability of the Bill. One of the key questions for me has been: under a situation where a person does qualify to end their own life under what is being proposed, but wants to do so because they feel a burden to their family rather than they are in acute pain, are we comfortable with that? Would the very existence of such a right risk creating an expectation that it should be exercised? Do we feel vulnerable people could definitely be protected? I feel in this instance the precautionary principle should apply.

Alongside that do we feel as a country we have the right level of palliative care, social care, hospice provision and other services to give people the right framework to make this decision? I agree that dying people need better, but much of that has to be ensuring we have better palliative care.

Finally, what is being proposed is a very significant change for the NHS. The details in the Bill of how people would physically end their own lives leave me with a lot of questions, including how health services would be configured to provide the lethal drugs necessary to provide it? Taking all of this onboard, I did not feel able to support the Bill. It is also important to say that the Second Reading of the Bill does not mean it has become law - like any Bill it must now pass through all stages, including the House of Lords.

Thank you for your email on an issue of such fundamental significance. If there is any other issue you would like to raise, please do get in touch.

Best wishes  
**Jonathan**

**PLEASE keep the pressure on our MPs, this is too important to let it slip through!**