



St Katharine, Blackrod - Sunday 30th November 2025

ADVENT SUNDAY

THE PARISH EUCHARIST with Holy Baptism And Toy Service

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

All Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today.

The first candle is lit.

CANDLE SONG (Tune - Away in a manger)

All A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in Advent's dark night.
While angels sing blessing
from heaven's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

Please bring gifts of toys to the front of church.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING Romans 13. 11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24. 36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

<u>Today</u>	6.00pm	Taize for Advent at St James, Daisy Hill
<u>Monday</u>	9.00am	Wiggle Worship
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00am	Popplewell Service
<u>Thursday</u>	1.30pm	Funeral: Frank Wignall
<u>Sunday 7th December: ADVENT 2</u>		
	11.00am	The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
	4.00pm	Christingle Service

Today's Hymns - Sunday 30th November

- 41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
- 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
- 45 O come, O come, Emmanuel
- 51 The Lord will come and not be slow
- 50 The advent of our King
- 421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus

St Katharine's Church

Registered Charity No: 1144084

SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

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What's on this week.....

November



PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Rosie Austin Raymond, to be baptised at St Katharine's Church today

For those who are sick:

Sheila Edwards, Rachel Lowe, Josie Woods

Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, Steven Hyatt,

Annie Shaw, Lauren Reid, John Green

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

Frank Wignall

(Funeral on Thursday 4th December at 1.30pm)

Graham Moss

Eileen Ainsworth

(Funeral on Wednesday 10th December at 1.15pm)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Thomas Cornes

Let us know? If anyone is aware of someone sick or in hospital, wishing to be included on the Prayer List, please notify the Vicar, or the Churchwardens.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person, or their family, before asking for their name to be added. Thank you.

Please Pray for Ukraine

FLOWER CLUB

Friday 5th December at 2pm

A demonstration with Ann Needham,
All welcome.

£3 for light refreshments.

Prize Raffle.



Afternoon Matinee

Showing "A Christmas Carol"

starring Patrick Stewart as Scrooge (1999)

On Wednesday 3rd December

Doors Open 1pm, Film Starts 1.30pm

£3 for light refreshments. Raffle.

All welcome. No need to book, just come along.

Blister Packs Recycling

Please note that we are stopping the collection of blister packs for the time being, during the winter.

Please do not leave any more bags of these in the collecting bins in the churchyard. We hope to resume the collection and recycling next spring.

If you wish to make a donation to support St Katharine's, you can use this QR code. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS POST

The Postbox will be in the church entrance hall until Sunday 20th December for the last posting.

At £1 for 4 cards in the Blackrod area, this is a bargain!



Please make sure all cards have the correct address on the envelope. Thank you to the team of posties for offering their services once again.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ON JESUS

The Team churches are once again supporting the scheme organised by Urban Outreach to provide Christmas hampers for those in need in the Bolton Area.

This year, we have pledged to collect **400 boxes of after dinner mints**. If you can help, please bring your donations to church before the end of November.

Thank you.

GRAVE POTS

The Flower Team will be making the pots for graves for sale, ready in mid-December. The cost is £7.00 each.

These are made to order and if you wish to order one please contact Joyce on 07938 180404.



STAMPS FOR RNIB Please remember to save stamps this Christmas and bring them to church to support the collection for RNIB. The collecting box is on the bottom shelf of the table in the entrance hall. Thank you.,

Rotary Club of Horwich

Horwich & Blackrod Rotary Christmas Collections 2025

Dates subject to weather restrictions

Starts at 6.15pm, must finish by 8.30pm

Tuesday 2nd Dec - Vicarage Rd to Church St, Blackrod

Wednesday 10th Dec - Greenbarn Way to Scot Lane,

Friday 12th Dec - St Katharine's Drive, Nightingale Rd,

Latham Rd, Manchester Rd

Maps will be posted on Facebook 24 to 48 hours in advance

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



Leave the building by the nearest exit



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK



Do not return to the building until authorised to do so



Do not take any risks