

St Katharine, Blackrod - Sunday 28th December 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2. 13-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th January 2026 - Epiphany
11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

St Katharine's Church
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What's on this week....

PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

Sheila Edwards, Rachel Lowe, Josie Woods
Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, Steven Hyatt,
Annie Shaw, Lauren Reid, John Green
Damian McCabe, Margaret Martinez

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

For those who have died:

John Michael Dainty

Stephen Sumner
(Funeral on Thursday 8th January at 1pm)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maggie Banks

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

Today's Hymns - Sunday 28th December

- 66 Hark! the herald angels sing**
- 79 O little town of Bethlehem**
- 86 The first Nowell the angels did say**
- 68 In the bleak mid-winter**
- 785 Such love, pure as the whitest snow**
- 72 Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

Home Communion

If you are unable to get to a service at St Katharine's and would like to receive communion at home, please get in touch with Revd Angela, or the churchwardens. And please get in touch if you would like a visit from either the clergy or one of our team of licensed Lay Eucharistic ministers.

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



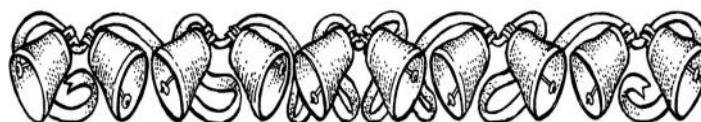
SAFEGUARDING

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.

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick 07514041611



Happy New Year!



St Katharine's Church

wiggle worship

Baby Rhyme Time

Monday 10.45am - 11.45am

Closed 22nd and 29th December.
Back on 5th January 2026

Wiggle worship
- Refreshments
- Free play
- Free to all and everyone welcome

St Katharine's Church

WARM WELCOME SPACES

PLACE OF WELCOME

Company and chat at Connect
Every Tuesday 10.30am - 12.30pm

Beat the Winter blues and come into church for a warm welcome and free refreshments

Fire Action

Raise the alarm

Leave the building by the nearest exit

Report to assembly point

CAR PARK