

# SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

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## SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER, IRLAM

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

#### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

4<sup>th</sup> January 2026



#### MASS

SUNDAY – 9am at St Joseph's

Sunday – 10:30am at St. Teresa's  
(including Children's Liturgy)

Monday – 10am at St Joseph's

Tuesday – 10am at St Teresa's

Wednesday – 10am at St Joseph's

Thursday – 10am at St Teresa's

Friday – 10am at St Joseph's

Saturday – 10am at St Teresa's  
(Including Exposition & Rosary)

Saturday – 6pm at St Joseph's

#### CONFESSION

Saturday 10.30am – 11am At Teresa's

Saturday 5.30pm – 5.50pm St Joseph's

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#### Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Jacqui Morrisey

David Smith

**Please join us in the Avila Centre after Sunday 10.30am  
Mass for teas & coffees. ALL WELCOME!**

#### **The Feast of the Epiphany: A Holyday of Obligation.**

The Feast of the Epiphany in our new year falls on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

#### **The Mass times are as follows:**

Tuesday 10 am St Teresa's Church

Tuesday 7pm St Joseph's Church

T.S. Eliot in his 'Journey of the Magi' writes as if he were one of the pilgrims who came from so far away. To us their significance lies in the moment of their arrival, their kneeling, their gifts and adoration. For them, there is also a problem, for they return where they came from, but changed, no longer at ease as they were before. For Eliot their journey is presented as a gruelling, hard and bitter ordeal. The journey is a roadmap for resilience at the beginning of our new year, so let us pray for the strength and perseverance to follow the LIGHT of our transformation today and always.

#### **Christmas Thanks.**

Can I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you here in the parish and for some a little further afield who have sent me cards, best wishes and gifts over the last few days and weeks. Thank you for your kindness and generosity and best wishes for 2026.

#### **Update on the leaky roof at St. Teresa's Church Centre and Sacristy.**

Recently, we had a visit from the Maintenance Department of Central Office to inspect the causes of the leaks in the area of the Avila Centre and the sacristy, which have been ongoing for some considerable time. I know quite a few of you have been concerned about the issue, and I am pleased to tell you that the team that came were not unduly concerned about the situation, in that it is very repairable, and what is more important, it should not be too expensive a repair job! At present the work was due to go out to tender for three companies and the work should be completed in a very short space of time once everything falls into place. I will keep you updated when we have more information.

### St Teresa's RC Primary School

5 MacDonald Road  
Irlam  
Manchester  
M44 5LH

**Head Teacher:** Mrs Sandra Burgess

Tel: 0161 777 8203/0161 921 2053

### St Joseph the Worker RC Primary School

Cutnook Lane  
Irlam  
Manchester  
M44 6GX

**Head Teacher:** Mrs. Evelyn Clayton

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### The Jubilee Prayer

**Father in heaven,  
May the faith you have given us  
In your son Jesus Christ, our brother,  
And the flame of charity enkindled  
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
Reawaken in us the blessed hope  
For the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us  
Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and  
The whole cosmos  
In the sure expectation  
Of a new heaven and a new earth,  
When, with the powers of Evil  
vanquished,  
Your glory will shine eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee  
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
A yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
The joy and peace of our Redeemer  
Throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
Be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.**



### Brian Donaghy RIP

Brian's Funeral Service takes place on Monday 5th January at 2.20pm at Peel Green Crematorium. Let us continue to pray for Brian at this sad time and also for all his family and friends.

### Joan Hardman RIP.

Joan's Funeral Service takes place on Tuesday 6th January at Walton Lea Crematorium at 2.0pm. Let us continue to pray for Joan at this sad time and also for all her family and friends.

### Olivia Irving RIP

Olivia's Funeral Mass will take place at St. Joseph's Church on Friday 16th January at 12 Noon. Let us keep Olivia in our prayers along with her family and friends who mourn her.

### Daily Rosary

We have been saying Our Lady's rosary now since October and is very popular, so we will be keeping this ongoing before each mass in the mornings at 9.30am. We feel its very important especially in these times to pray for peace and for each other. If you have time, all are welcome to come and join in with these prayers.

### Offertory Collection

**The Christmas Offertory £1345.99, Last Sunday Offertory £743.62, Candles £138, Thank You.**

