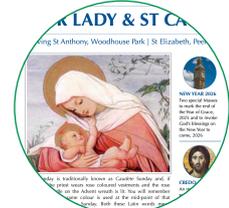
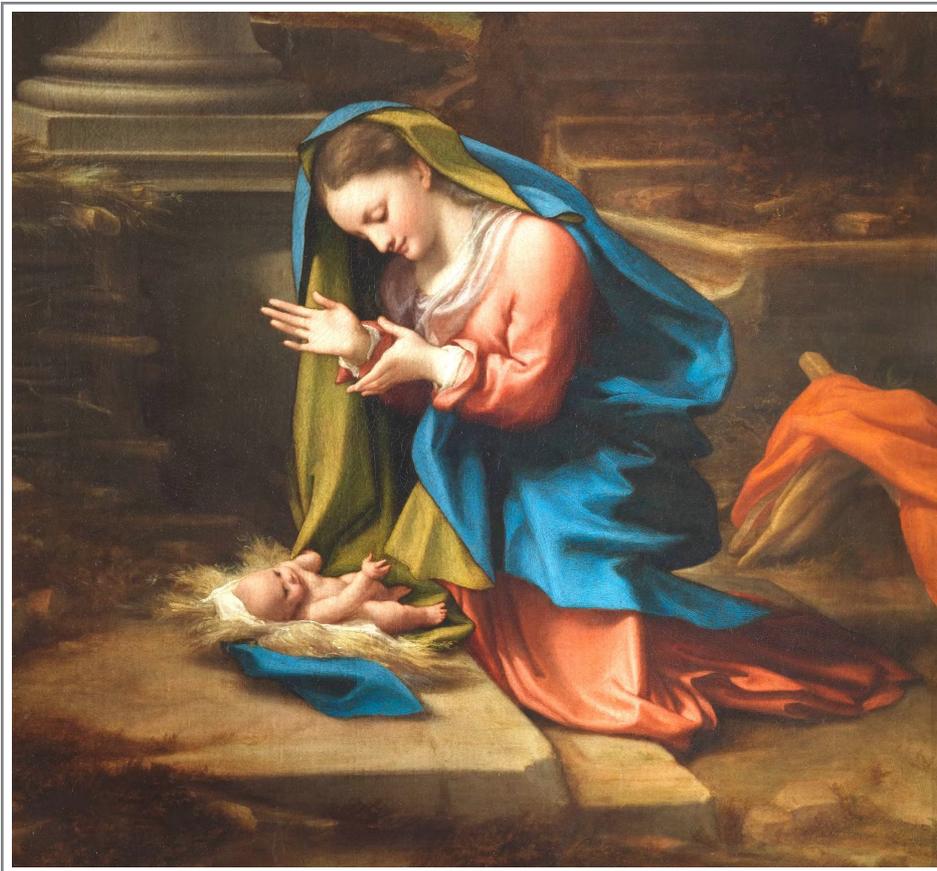


OUR LADY & ST CARLO

Serving St Anthony, Woodhouse Park | St Elizabeth, Peel Hall



DOUBLE EDITION

Please retain this week's Newsletter as it carries us from today until Sunday 4 January. No Newsletter will be printed for Sunday 28 December



MASS TIMES 2025

Christmas Eve: 5pm and Midnight at St Anthony's; Christmas Day: 9.30am St Elizabeth and 11am at St Anthony's



THANK YOU TO...

musicians, readers, servers, sacristans, florists - preparing for Christmas Masses

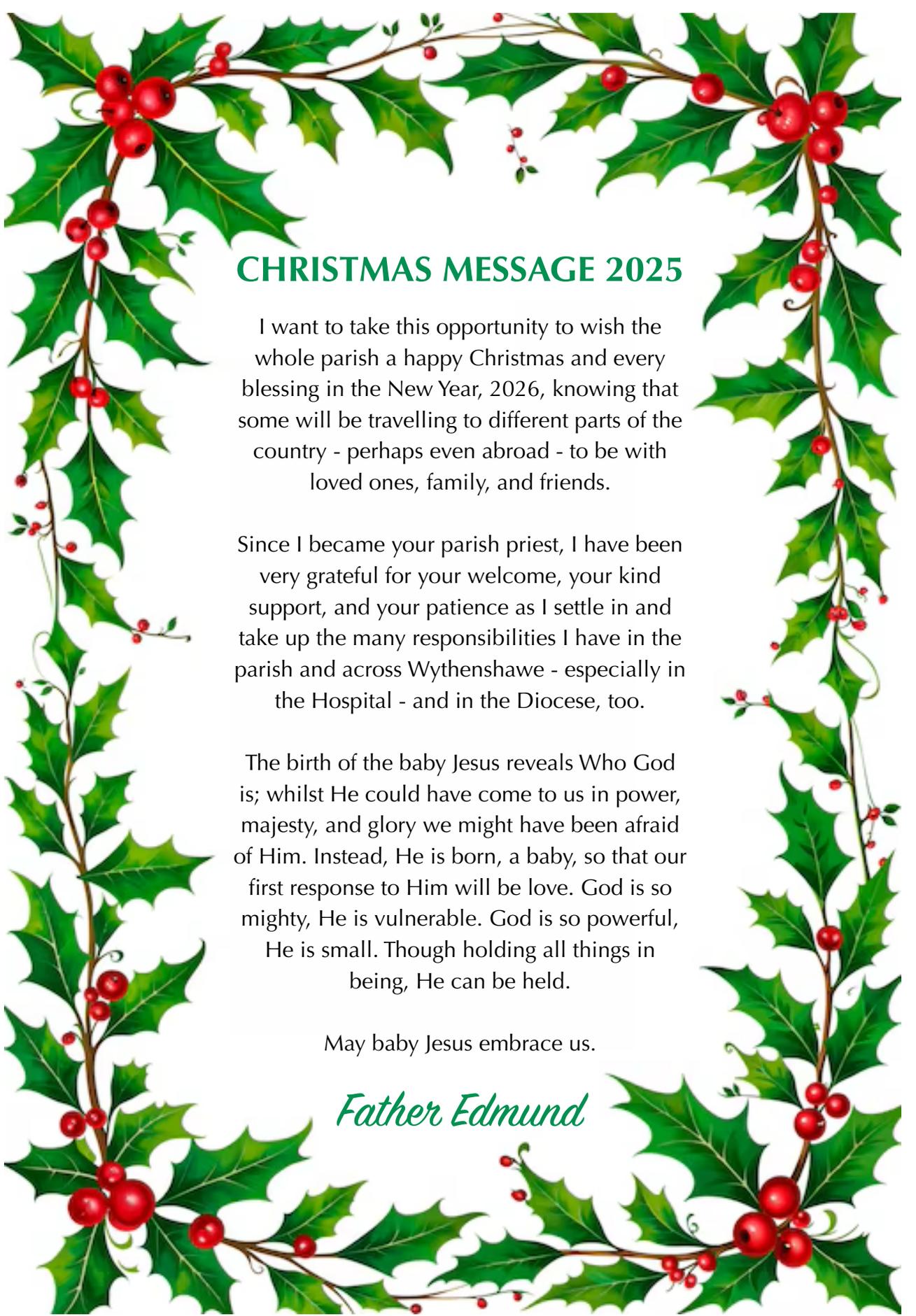
We are only four days from Christmas! How quickly Advent passes and, despite having these four weeks to prepare, Christmas is almost here! In these last few days before the baby Jesus is born, I encourage you to spend some time in prayer with our Lady and St Joseph. They will have been feeling so many emotions as that first Christmas drew near. In a special way we can pray for all expectant mothers, for new Mums and Dads, for new-born babies, and for those - like St Joseph - struggling to find a safe place for their family, when there was no room at the Inn.

Father Edmund

Online Donations to the Parish

To making giving easier, please consider donating via the QR code here. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish of Our Lady & St Carlo.





CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

I want to take this opportunity to wish the whole parish a happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year, 2026, knowing that some will be travelling to different parts of the country - perhaps even abroad - to be with loved ones, family, and friends.

Since I became your parish priest, I have been very grateful for your welcome, your kind support, and your patience as I settle in and take up the many responsibilities I have in the parish and across Wythenshawe - especially in the Hospital - and in the Diocese, too.

The birth of the baby Jesus reveals Who God is; whilst He could have come to us in power, majesty, and glory we might have been afraid of Him. Instead, He is born, a baby, so that our first response to Him will be love. God is so mighty, He is vulnerable. God is so powerful, He is small. Though holding all things in being, He can be held.

May baby Jesus embrace us.

Father Edmund

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Carole Doherty RIP, Philomena Maher RIP, John Lloyd Cuadero RIP, Anne Allen, Anne Hayes, Theresa Taylor, Ray Caldwell, Susan Marley, Pat Berry, Norah Quigley, Ann Usher, Fr Peter Burke, Teresa Doyle, Linda Vann, Grace Jose, Peggy Logan, Susan Duffy, George Sutton, Hugh Cattigan, Brian Noone, Chloe Logan, Margaret Testa, Myrna Blissett & Ellen Nixon.

New Year's Eve/New Year's Day

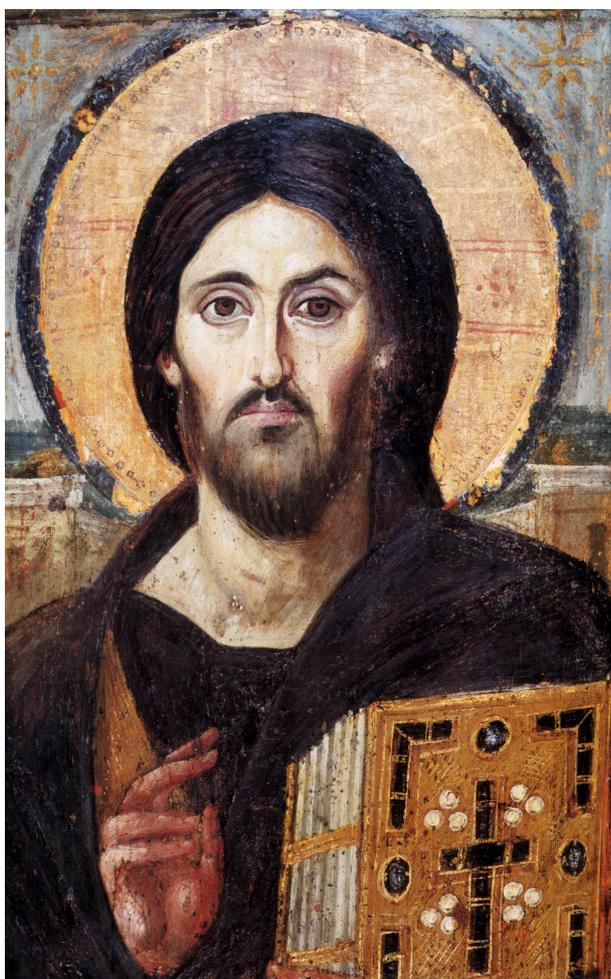
I will offer Holy Mass at the later times of 12noon on New Year's Eve and 12noon New Year's Day and during the course of these Masses, we will recite the ancient hymns the *Te Deum* in thanksgiving and the *Veni, Creator Spiritus* to invoke the Holy Spirit. There is an opportunity to receive a Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, through reciting both of these prayers.

31 December: New Year's Eve

12noon Holy Mass with recitation of the *Te Deum* in Thanksgiving for the Year of Grace 2025, St Anthony's Church

1 January 2026: New Year's Day

12noon Holy Mass with recitation of the *Veni, Creator Spiritus* invoking God's blessings on the New Year, 2026, St Anthony's Church.



CREDO | I BELIEVE

A new series of talks on our Catholic Faith, *Credo*, will begin in the New Year, 2026 from mid-January and leading up to Easter. Particularly offered to those who are thinking about becoming Catholic, all are welcome: especially those who would like to know more, have a 'refresher' in what we believe - and why - and to understand more about the Church, the Bible, the life of Jesus, our Lady, the Sacraments, and the Mass. We would meet every Wednesday evening from **Wednesday 21 January 2026** in The Elizabethan Room at St Elizabeth Catholic Church M22 5JF beginning at 6.45pm and ending at 8.15pm. Mass will be offered at 6pm ahead of these talks; this might provide the parish with an evening Mass for those working.

PARISH HOLY MASS SCHEDULE



Please note the Mass times across Christmas and New Year, as Mass times and the Churches where Mass is being offered are a change to the usual schedule

Sunday 21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St Anthony	4pm	Confessions available until 4.55pm People of the Parish
	St Anthony	5pm	
Monday 22 December Advent feria	St Elizabeth	9.30am	June McLaughlin RIP Panetta and Crolla's, Vince Anthony
	St Anthony	11am	
Tuesday 23 December Advent feria	St Anthony	10.30am	Requiem: Philomena Maher RIP
Tuesday 23 December Advent feria	St Anthony	9.15am	Courtney, Emily, Lisa, and family followed by Novena
Wednesday 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	St Anthony	5pm	People of the Parish
	St Anthony	Midnight	
Thursday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	St Elizabeth	9.30am	
	St Anthony	11am	
Friday 26 December St Stephen	St Anthony	12noon	In Thanksgiving (Private Intention)
Saturday 27 December St John			
Sunday 28 December The Holy Family	St Anthony	4pm	Confessions available until 4.55pm May Sherratt RIP
	St Anthony	5pm	
Monday 29 December St Thomas Becket	St Elizabeth	9.30am	People of the Parish Fr Michael Murray RIP
	St Anthony	11am	
Monday 29 December St Thomas Becket	St Anthony	9.15am	Norma Intentions
Tuesday 30 December Christmas Octave	St Anthony	9.15am	Joe Sherratt RIP followed by Novena
Wednesday 31 December Christmas Octave	St Anthony	12noon	Dad's Anniversary
2026			
Thursday 1 January Mary, Mother of God	St Anthony	12noon	Marie English
Friday 2 January Ss Basil and Gregory			
Saturday 3 January The Holy Name of Jesus			
Sunday 4 January 2 Sunday of Christmas	St Anthony	4pm	Confessions available until 4.55pm The O'Mahoney Clan
	St Anthony	5pm	
	St Elizabeth	9.30am	Eugene and Bridie Rogers Ann Brooks (90th birthday)
	St Anthony	11am	