

The Parishes of
**OUR LADY IMMACULATE, BRYN &
 St. WILFRID, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD**

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Week commencing: 12th July 2020

15th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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15th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| Saturday | 6.00pm | Charles & Alice Fitzpatrick |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Chris Heyes |
| | 11.00am | Helen Ward |
| | 6.30pm | Parishioners |

Weekday Masses

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| Monday | 9.00am | Revv. James & John Smith, Ann Beesley, P.J. Monaghan, & Mary Chisnall. |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Cunningham Family |
| Wednesday | St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor | |
| | 9.30am | Roger Knowles |
| Thursday | Our Lady of Mount Carmel | |
| | 9.30am | Jean Unsworth |
| Friday | 9.00am | Peter Taylor |
| Saturday | 10.00am | Dan Leyland |

16th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| Saturday | 6.00pm | John Fleming |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Parishioners |
| | 11.00am | Dominic Shaw |
| | 6.30pm | Peggy Burns |

Parish Newsletter

Newsletters will once again be available at the weekend Masses but must be taken away with you and not left at the back of Church. The newsletter will also be available on Our Lady's website and by email for those who wish to receive it in this way.

I would be grateful for help in the delivery of newsletters to those known to be housebound or shielding, and would ask everyone to look to see if there is an envelope for anyone in your street/area which you can deliver. Many thanks.

Services during the week

Confessions: Sat: 11.00-12 noon (StO)

Rosary: There will be no public recitation of the Rosary until further notice.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon—Fri: 10.00am-12 noon;
 Wed & Fri: 6.00-8.00pm (StO)

Novena: There will be no Novena until further notice.

Anniversaries

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| 12th Jul | Lily Mitchell | Ralph Pickston |
| 13th Jul | William Myler | |
| 16th Jul | Evangeline Ommer | Joan Ward |
| 17th Jul | Maureen Carter | |
| 18th Jul | Michael Greene | |

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the intention of:

Our Lady's: Ralph & Patricia Pickston
 Available dates: 19th & 26th July

St Wilfrid's: Sick & Housebound
 Available dates: 19th & 26th July

Walsingham Pilgrimage

With great regret and despite our best efforts, it is now obvious that it would not be feasible to undertake our Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year due to difficulties with transport and accommodation. Deposits will be refunded to those who booked in the next week or so. The dates for 2021 are the 23rd-26th August.

Cautious Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

Thankfully, the recommencement of public Masses passed off this week without major incident and by Tuesday all three Churches were again finally open. In some ways, while familiar, it was also an unusual experience for all concerned (not least your Parish Priest!) as I am sure it will be this weekend for many of you but, hopefully, we will become accustomed to what is being asked of us in celebrating Mass in this way.

Doors will open 30 minutes before Mass, and I would remind you that each church will have a maximum number of people who can be admitted. This number is 130 for St.Oswald's; 100 for Our Lady's; and 75 for St. Wilfrid's. This number will be strictly adhered to, and the doors will be closed should this number be reached. While there is no desire to prevent anyone from attending, exceeding this number will result in permission being withdrawn and there being no Mass in the future.

There is currently no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Sunday Mass will continue to be recorded on Youtube.

Those who are elderly or vulnerable should carefully consider whether to attend Mass at this time, and **those who have been advised to shield until the end of July, or have respiratory or other underlying health problems, should most certainly not do so.**

Anyone who is able to attend Mass during the week is encouraged to do so, to allow those who cannot to attend Mass at the weekend, and to relieve the pressure on weekend Masses.

Anyone coming to Church will be required to wear a facemask, which you may lower to receive Holy Communion.

Volunteer stewards will be on hand to direct hand sanitising on arriving and leaving, to direct people to benches and to encourage worshippers to maintain reasonable social distancing. Social distancing guidelines of 1 metre plus are still in force. Only those of the same household, or who have formed a social 'bubble' should sit together.

Every 2nd bench is cordoned off, and seating will be in designated places only. To assist with the cleaning of Church after Mass, places will be filled up from the front of Church, with the side aisles and transepts used only if necessary. This means you may be asked to sit somewhere other than your 'usual' place. Please help by co-operating fully in this.

A one-way system will operate in Church on arrival and at Holy Communion i.e. up the centre aisle and down the side aisles.

Single use newsletters and Mass sheets will be given out but these must be taken home.

There will be no singing and no Sign of Peace during Mass.

Holy Communion will be distributed after the final dismissal of the Mass. Communicants will be directed by stewards as to when and how to approach the altar, and then leave the church directly after receiving Holy Communion **without returning to their benches**. Shopping bags or other large personal items should therefore not be brought to Church.

Holy Communion will be given as the Sacred Host only. The reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is not permitted. The priest will wear a visor while distributing Holy Communion and sanitise his hands before and after distribution.

The words: "The Body of Christ. Amen" will only be said once at the beginning of the distribution of Holy Communion and will not be repeated for each communicant.

Communicants should approach the altar with arms outstretched and hands flat, in order to maintain a reasonable distance from the minister, and to avoid skin contact.

There should be no handshakes or hugs after Mass and lingering clusters of conversation in the porch or outside the church are to be avoided.

The toilets will be closed and may only be used in a genuine emergency.

Votive candles may be lit **before** Mass, but only from another lighted candle.

We are greatly indebted to all who have helped to bring about the re-opening of our Churches which has taken many hours of preparation. (There are a number of Churches, even locally, which have not done so). Please note that each Church has to be cleaned after every service, and that a team of volunteers is required after every Mass if our Churches are to remain open. Only those undertaking this task will be allowed to remain in Church after Mass. If you are willing to help, please let Fr John know.

The Archbishop has now decided that **Requiem Masses** may be celebrated, but with a maximum of 30 people present. Coffins may not be touched and must not have any objects placed on them.

Weddings can now take place in Church but there are to be no more than 30 people present.

Baptisms can now take place, but again these should be small family gatherings.

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will resume from Saturday 11th July from 11.00-12 noon at St. Oswald's. Confessions will take place in the Sacristy.

Penitents are asked to wait at the front of Church. If the Sacristy door is open, it means the priest is free.

**St. Oswald's Church will remain open for private prayer and devotion
from Monday – Friday between 10.00am—12 noon and
on Wednesday & Friday between 6.00pm—8.00pm**

Planned Giving Envelopes

Many thanks to the great many of you who have gone to such lengths to hand in your offertory envelopes over the lockdown period.

For those who have not yet received a new box of envelopes, these are available at the back of Church, as are Standing Order Forms for those who may wish to have one.

For the foreseeable future there will be no offertory collection during Mass. Envelopes may be left in the basket at the back of Church before or after Mass.

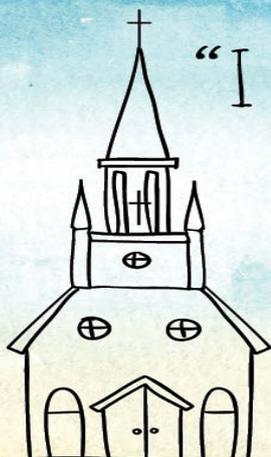
Car Parking

As we begin to gather again for Mass, may I make an appeal for you to foster the good habit of using the car parks at Our Lady's and St. Wilfrid's and **not** parking on the main roads i.e. Downall Green Road and Bolton Road. Both are very busy roads, and I have been concerned for some time that a serious accident could happen before or after Mass. There is ample parking space around Our Lady's Parish Centre and Stubshaw Cross Social Club and now would be a good time to start as we mean to go on. Please leave the spaces in front of Church to Blue-badge holders and others with problems with mobility.

Those attending Mass at St. Wilfrid's will notice that work has taken place this week to erect a fence and gates around the Club car park. Sadly, this is in response to on-going anti-social behaviour which has been taking place, as at St. Oswald's. However, the car park will still be available to use at Mass times.

Catholic Pictorial

Copies of the Catholic Pictorial are available at the back of Church, or can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/2ABcudJ>.



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PS 122:1 NABRE

