



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

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Week commencing: 21st June 2026

12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A)

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12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 6.00pm (StW) John Doherty Snr
Sunday 9.30am (OLI) Eileen Witherington
 11.00am (StO) Deacon John O'Brien
 6.30pm (OLI) Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am (OLI) **St. John Fisher, Bishop, &
 St. Thomas More, Martyrs**
 Dermot Neafcy
Tuesday 9.30am (StW) Denis & Louie O'Brien
Wednesday 9.30am (StO) **Nativity of St. John the
 Baptist**
 Ken Stout
Thursday 9.30am (StW) Fr Joe Cunningham
Friday 9.00am (OLI) Fr Francis Austin
Saturday 10.00am (StO) **St. John Southworth,
 Priest & Martyr**
 Margaret Bennett

13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 6.00pm (StW) Maureen Bowe
Sunday 9.30am (OLI) Tom & Brenda Bradshaw
 11.00am (StO) Mark Flynn
 6.30pm (OLI) Parishioners

Congratulations

Congratulations to Natalie Fitzmaurice and Adam Smith who were married at St. Oswald's on Saturday afternoon.

'May the Lord continue to bless you all the days of your life together.'

Services during the week

Confessions: Sat: 11.00-11.30am (StO)

Rosary: Sun: 9.00am (OLI)

Mon-Sat: 30 minutes before Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon, Wed-Fri: 10.00am-12 noon (StO)

Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (StO)

Novena: Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

Holy Hour: Fri: 7.00pm (OLI)

Devotions to the Holy Hand:

After Saturday morning Mass (StO)

Sanctuary Lamp

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

Our Lady's: Sick & Housebound
 Available dates: 28th June, 5th & 12th July

St. Oswald's: Sick & Housebound
 Available dates: 28th June, 5th & 12th July

St. Wilfrid's: Donnir & Navele Family
 Available dates: 28th June, 5th & 12th July

Anniversaries

23rd Jun Margaret Fildes

24th Jun Emma Ash

25th Jun Sarah Berry

26th Jun Maureen Bowe

Henry McGarvey

William Robinson

27th Jun Vincent Fagan

Anthony Wilde

Celine Tracey

John Myler

Jennie Robinson

George Smith

Day for Life

This weekend, the Church in England & Wales, Scotland and Ireland celebrates its Day for Life, emphasising the Church's teaching that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's theme is 'the wonder of the child in the womb', acknowledging the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy.

Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief. The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant.

The Lord Jesus Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth and so the Church commits itself to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life.

The following message from Pope Leo XIV has been received for this year's Day for Life:

'His Holiness was pleased to learn of the theme chosen for this year, focused on the wonder of the full humanity of the child in the womb, as well as of your efforts to support mothers and fathers who have suffered the loss of an infant. Indeed, as he recently reminded us in the Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, from the very moment of conception every human being is endowed with an infinite dignity "simply by virtue of existing, of having been willed, created and loved by God" (No 52). This divine love fills the life of every person with meaning, and, far from ending with death, invites us to a new fullness in eternity.

His Holiness prays that all parents grieving the loss of a child, especially an infant, may find comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's love for them and for their child, "for to him all of them are alive" (Lk 20:38). It is likewise his hope that these parents find the support they need in the Church community and especially in a life nourished by prayer and by the Sacraments.

In thanking you for your continued commitment to bear witness to the marvellous gift of life in all its grandeur and inherent dignity, the Holy Father assures all taking part of his prayerful closeness and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of comfort, strength and peace in Christ.'

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the Day for Life.

Assisted Suicide Bill

This week it was announced that the Assisted Suicide Bill is to be re-introduced into Parliament in the Autumn. Archbishop John Sherrington issued the following statement on behalf of the our Bishops.

"I am deeply disappointed that the previously unsuccessful Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is being reintroduced in the House of Commons. It is likely to be debated in September.

"The Catholic Church opposes this Bill in principle and joins with many other people of faith and none in arguing that we should not cross this watershed. The recent debate about this Bill showed how many people found the proposed legislation, even if they accepted it in principle, to be flawed and full of unresolved matters. The majority in the Commons reduced between readings, the Lords identified many shortcomings and bad legislation.

"Many professional bodies argued against this Bill, including the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal College of Physicians, whose members would be required to be involved under the provision of the Bill. Disability rights groups, those fighting against eating disorders, and against domestic abuse were highly concerned and considered it dangerous.

"Concerns that were raised remain unresolved. The Bill undermines freedom of conscience for medical professionals and care workers. It also requires care homes and hospices to participate in assisted suicide, threatening not only their future existence but also the wellbeing of their more vulnerable staff. Reintroducing this legislation, once again, places the most vulnerable at risk. I ask MPs to reject this Bill.

"Recent debates have exposed the uneven provision of palliative care across the country. Surely what is now needed to help the terminally ill is an improvement in compassionate, high-quality palliative care, and proper hospice funding. I urge a debate about priorities in healthcare funding, especially for those living with terminal illness.

"I call on all people of goodwill to join me in work and prayer to prevent this flawed bill from succeeding."