

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

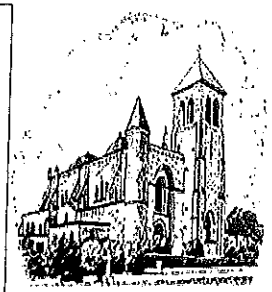
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**Week commencing: 8th December 2024**

**2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT (C)**

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**Saturday** 6.00pm (StW) Sheila Parkinson  
**Sunday** 9.30am (OLI) Frank Duff  
 11.00am (StO) Frank Boardman  
 6.30pm (OLI) Parishioners

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday** 9.00am (OLI) **SOLEMNITY of the  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 Parishioners  
**Tuesday** 9.30am (StW) Edna Doherty  
**Wednesday** 9.30am (StO) Rita Farrell  
**Thursday** 9.30am (StW) Mark & Joyce Jones  
**Friday** 9.00am (OLI) **St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**  
 Chris & Janet Brien  
**Saturday** 10.00am (StO) Beatrice Taylor

**3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT (C)**

**Saturday** 6.00pm (StW) Harry & Angela Soo  
**Sunday** 9.30am (OLI) Mary Boffey  
 11.00am (StO) Mark Flynn  
 6.30pm (OLI) Parishioners

**Coffee Morning**

There will be a Coffee morning on Monday (9th Dec) in Our Lady's Parish Centre from 9.30-11.00am. All are welcome.

**Catholic Pictorial**

Copies of the December edition of the Catholic Pictorial are available at the back of Church. Please take one with you.

**Services during the week**

**Confessions:** Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (StO)

**Rosary:** Sun: 9.00am (OLI)

Mon-Sat: 30 minutes before Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

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

Sat: 11.00-12 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: Julie Doherty

Available dates: 15th, 22nd & 29th Dec

St. Oswald's: Tom Roberts & Family

Available dates: 15th & 29th Dec

St. Wilfrid's: Mike Hogarth

Available dates: 29th Dec

**Anniversaries**

8th Dec Olive Blackburn Janet Reynolds  
 9th Dec Leslie Owen  
 10th Dec Ronald Clarke Teresa Finnerty  
 11th Dec James Cahill  
 12th Dec Helena Dewhurst Joseph Green  
 13th Dec Mary Boffey Charlotte McCurdy  
 14th Dec Mary Cahill

### Jubilee 2025

Many thanks to all who came to the meeting last Tuesday to discuss plans for the Jubilee Year 2025, which was very fruitful. A number of smaller groups will now meet to further ideas around the corporate works of mercy, with a focus on the care of creation, food poverty, modern slavery, managing debt, forgiveness, and rest and worship. These will provide a common theme for collective action in each of the parishes throughout the year. In addition, consideration will be given to places of pilgrimage which we can visit throughout the year, as well as how we can best welcome those who come to St. Oswald's to visit the Shrine of the Holy Hand. Further details will be given in due course.

### Archdiocesan & Deanery Synodal Councils

A summary of the discussion at the Archdiocesan Synodal Council which met recently is attached to this week's newsletter. The minutes of the last Deanery Synodal Council are on the notice-board at the back of Church.

### APF Red Boxes

Those who support the Mill Hill Missionaries through the Red Box scheme are asked to bring in their Contributions next weekend. Please place in a bag with your name and address inside. Many thanks.

### St. Wilfrid's School

Following a recent retirement, St. Wilfrid's School are looking to appoint a new Foundation Governor to serve on the Governing Body. Anyone who feels they have the skills, time and interest to undertake this role is asked to contact Mr John Rowbotham (Chair of Governors) or Mrs O'Brien (Headteacher) at the school on 01942 707101 to discuss the position.

### Advent Masses

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, St. Patrick's Church, Hardybutts, Wigan, WN1 3RZ, will be celebrating Mass at 7:15am. Mass will be by candlelight and offered in honour of Our Lady. After Mass, tea and toast will be served. All are welcome.

### 'A Journey to Christmas through Art & Scripture'

On Tuesday 17th December from 7.00pm, Fleur Dorrell will give an Advent Talk at St Anne's Parish Centre, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, L39 4TG, which illustrates how artists show us the truth of Christ's birth. Through some beautiful paintings, Fleur will explore how Scripture and art shed light and colour on our Advent journey. Fleur is an author, Biblical Apostolate Manager for the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales, and hosts the 'God who speaks' website encouraging greater engagement with the Scriptures: [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk) All are welcome.

### Music at the Met 2024

During 2024, the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

**Bach and Handel**, Sunday 8 December, 3.00pm

**A Celebration of Christmas**, Saturday 14 December, 7.00pm

**A Ceremony of Carols**, Sunday 15 December, 3.00pm

**Festival Carol Service and La Nativite du Seigneur**, Sunday 22 December, 5.00pm

For more information, please call 01517 87283 or email [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk)

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Wigan Family of parishes is organising a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 24th –31st July 2025, to coincide with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. Travel is by luxury executive coach, for 5 nights full-board staying in the Hotel Eliseo, Panorama or Solitude, subject to availability. Full cost is £800 per person sharing, or £950 for a single room. All enquiries to Deacon Mick Moffatt on 07724 589200.