

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

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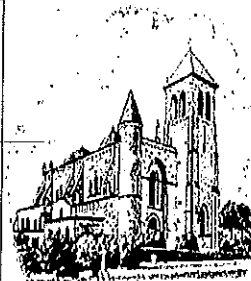
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Week commencing: 9th March 2025

1st SUNDAY of LENT (C)

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1st SUNDAY of LENT (C)

Saturday 6.00pm (StW) Maurice Jones
Sunday 9.30am (OLI) Mrs Margaret Topping
 11.00am (StO) Ann Shukie
 6.30pm (OLI) Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am (OLI) Special Intention (JP)
Tuesday 9.30am (StW) Jane Fleming
Wednesday 9.30am (StO) Catherine & John Pimblett
Thursday 9.30am (StW) Marie Connolly
Friday 9.00am (OLI) John & Catherine Casey
Saturday 10.00am (StO) Pat Hayes

2nd SUNDAY of LENT (C)

Saturday 6.00pm (StW) Special Intention (KH)
Sunday 9.30am (OLI) Special Intention (LS)
 11.00am (StO) Alice Flynn
 6.30pm (OLI) Parishioners

Rite of Election

In preparation for the reception of the sacraments at Easter and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church, the Rite of Election takes place this Sunday (9th March) in the Metropolitan Cathedral in the presence of Archbishop McMahon.

At the Easter Vigil this year will we celebrate the baptism of Adam Naylor, the reception into full communion of Beverley Naylor and Daniel Hind, and the Confirmation of Ellen Palmer.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this time.

Services during the week

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

Novena: Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

Stations of the Cross:

Thurs after 9.30am Mass (StW)

Fri: 12.10pm (StO)

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: Mavis Baalham

Available dates: 16th, 23rd & 30th Mar

St. Oswald's: Eileen Twist

Available dates: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Mar

St. Wilfrid's: Sick & Housebound

Available dates: 16th, 23rd, 30th Mar

Anniversaries

10th Mar Bernadette Ashby James Cotter
 12th Mar John Haslam Francis Neafcy
 13th Mar Jose Gonzalez Patrick O'Brien
 14th Mar Angela Pilkington Lottie Twist
 15th Mar Susan Blinston Ben Porter

Exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles

On Divine Mercy Sunday this year (27th April), Blessed Carlo Acutis will be raised to the altars in Rome as the first Millennial Saint. Blessed Carlo was born in London in 1991 and soon after returned to Italy with his family. He had a keen interest in computing and used his skills to compile an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles throughout the world, spending two and a half years doing so, before he was diagnosed with Leukaemia and died in 2006, aged just 15.

To coincide with Blessed Carlo's canonisation, part of his exhibition on Eucharistic miracles is now on display in St. Oswald's Church until the end of September. Our thanks go to a group of Year 11 students in St. Edmund Arrowsmith High School who have been working on this project.

Season of Lent

To remind us of the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving:

1. Good Friday, and every Friday, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means having only one main meal during the day (for those aged 18-59) and abstinence involves not eating meat on those days (for those aged over 14).
3. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays at St. Wilfrid's, and on Fridays at 12.10pm at St. Oswald's and 7.00pm at Our Lady's.
4. Copies of the Lenten booklet 'Walk with me' are available at the back of Church. Please take one with you as you leave to help with a few moments of prayer each day at home.
5. The Lenten Fast Day takes place on Friday 14th March. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses the following weekend to support the work of the Ashton Food Bank.
6. There will be a box at the back of Church for 'Lenten Alms' which this year will go towards our Bethlehem Fund.

Sacramental Preparation

The next session for parents and children in Year 4 preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist takes place this week—on Monday 10th March at 6.30pm in the Canons' Hall at St. Oswald's, or on Tuesday 11th March at 6.30pm in St. Wilfrid's School. Attendance at one of these sessions is essential if the children are to take part in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist this year.

Novena to St. Joseph

The national Novena to St. Joseph, led by the Mill Hill Missionaries, takes place this year from the 10th-18th March in preparation for St. Joseph's Feast on the 19th March. This year, a prayer leaflet is available for those who wish to take part in the Novena, and Mass on the Feast day (19th March) will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Chapel in St. Oswald's.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Dominic Barberi CP

As part of our Jubilee celebrations there will be a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi CP and the Servants of God Ignatius Spencer CP and Mother Mary Joseph CP (née Elizabeth Prout) at the Church of St. Anne and Blessed Dominic, Monastery Lane, Sutton, St. Helens, WA9 3ZD, on Saturday 22nd March.

Our pilgrimage will begin with Mass at Blessed Dominic's Shrine at 10.00am, followed by the Rosary, Confessions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction and conclude with Angelus. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to add their name to the list at the back of Church.

The Church of St. Anne & Blessed Dominic is one of the designated Jubilee Churches within the Archdiocese where a plenary indulgence can be gained during this year. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, and may be applied to the souls of the faithful departed. A plenary indulgence may be obtained by participating in Holy Mass, take part in the Sacrament of Confession, engage in Eucharistic adoration, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father by reciting the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Profession of Faith.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham will take place from Monday 4th–Thursday 7th August, staying in Elmham House. Total cost, including transport, dinner, bed & breakfast is £310 for a standard room or £360 for an en-suite room). Booking forms are available from Anne on 07934 677541 or Anne-Marie on 07950 821526.