



The Parishes of

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

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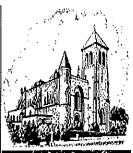
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Week commencing: 12th May 2024

7th SUNDAY of EASTER (B)

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Saturday 6.00pm (StW) Special Intention (KH)

Sunday 9.30am (OLI) Edel Quinn

11.00am (StO) Natalie Carney-Heyes

6.30pm (OLI) Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.00am (OLI) Dedication of the

Metropolitan Cathedral

Fr Thomas Forster

Tuesday 9.30am (StW) St. Matthias, Apostle

John Haimes

Wednesday 9.30am (StO) Anne Whittle

Thursday 9.30am (StW) Walmsley & Howorth Family

Friday 9.00am (OLI) John Peppard

Saturday 10.00am (StO) William Touhey

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

Saturday 6.00pm (StW) Parishioners Sunday 9.30am (OLI) Peggy Burns

11.00am (StO) Tony O'Haire

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6.30pm (OLI) Tina Brady

Services during the week

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

Rosary: Sun: 9.00am (OLI)

Mon-Fri: 30 minutes before Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon-Fri: 10.00am-12 noon (StO) Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (StO)

Novena: No Novena this week

Holy Hour: Fri: 7.00-8.00pm (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: 26th May

St. Oswald's: Tom Roberts Available dates:

St. Wilfrid's: Joyce & Mark Jones Available dates: 19th & 26th May

Anniversaries

12th May Nellie Glover Maria Cunliffe James Haseldene Kathleen Shaw 13th May Gertrude Balmer-Winrow Harold Dewhurst Mary Rowan 14th May John Haimes Agnes Pilkington 15th May Len Cunliffe Ann Duffy Donal Kenny Yvonne Webb

16th May Mary Roberts Sharon Walmsley

17th May Jane Rowley

18th May Victor Leech William Touhey

World Communications Sunday

The Pope's message for World Communications Day follows the theme: 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.'

'Artificial Intelligence is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society' the Pope writes. 'These changes affect everyone, not merely professionals in those fields. The rapid spread of astonishing innovations, whose workings and potential are beyond the ability of most of us to understand and appreciate, has proven both exciting and disorienting. This leads inevitably to deeper questions about the nature of human beings, our distinctiveness and the future of the species in the age of artificial intelligence. How can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?'

On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through websites, publications and social media Channels, the Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend to support this work.

Sacramental Preparation

The final preparation session for parents and children preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this year takes place as follows:

- 1. Monday 13th May at 6.30pm in the Canons' Hall at St. Oswald's (Group 1)
- 2. Monday 20th May at 6.30pm in the Canons' Hall at St. Oswald's (Group 2)
 - 3. Tuesday 21st May at 6.30pm in St. Wilfrid's School.

Confirmations

Pray, please, for our young people in Year 8 who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Tom Neylon during a Celebration of the Word & Sacrament at St. Oswald's Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday of this week.

Pentecost Praise

Next Sunday (19th May) the Churches Together in Ashton are holding a Pentecost Service of Praise on the Green at Spindle Hillock, Garswood beginning at 1.30pm, after which there will be a picnic with outdoor games, stalls and craft activities at Billinge Road Community Centre until 4.00pm.

All are welcome.

Two Cathedrals Service

This year, Pentecost Sunday, 19th May, will mark 100 years of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and the two Cathedrals' Pentecost Service will be a family-friendly event of celebration. The event starts at 3pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral where Monsignor John Devine OBE will be preaching. Then everyone will be taking a pilgrimage walk down Hope Street and will receive a final blessing at Liverpool Cathedral. You can meet characters from the last 100 years during the event, enjoy a thanksgiving picnic at Liverpool Cathedral by bringing your own picnic or dining in the Welsford Bistro. It will be a family friendly event with live music and giant games.

Parish Social

Many thanks to all those who helped organise the Parish Social at Our Lady's last Friday, and those who supported it, which was a great success. A total of £420 was also raised which will go towards the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham in August.

Leeds Male Voice Choir

Leeds Male Voice Choir are a vibrant and dynamic choir who perform regularly throughout the North of England. Join the choir for an uplifting mix of music on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Powell Street, Wigan, WN1 1XD. Entry by donation.