

**ST OSWALD & ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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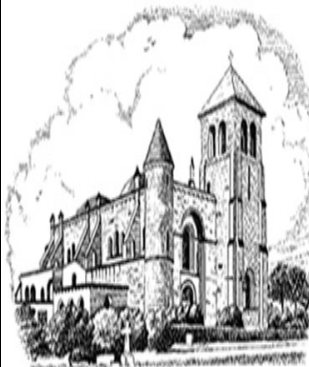
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**Week commencing: 27th September 2020**

**26th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

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**26th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm (StW)	Thelma & Norman Maguire
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am (OLI)	In Thanksgiving
	11.00am (StO)	Special Intention
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

**Weekday Masses**

<b>Monday</b>	9.00am (OLI)	Jim Byrne
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>	
	9.30am (StW)	Sheila Purcell
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>	
	9.30am (StO)	Private Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Thérèse of Lisiuex, Virgin &amp; Doctor</b>	
	9.30am (StW)	Sick & Retired Priests
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Guardian Angels</b>	
	9.00am (OLI)	Thomas Talbot
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am (OLI)	1st Communion Children

**27th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm (StW)	Anthony Rogerson
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am (OLI)	Les Halstead
	11.00am (StO)	Marie Flynn
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

**PLEASE NOTE**

**For the next 3 weeks (i.e. 3rd, 10th & 17th October) Mass on Saturdays will be given over to the celebration of 1st Holy Communion for the children in each of our Parishes. Due to restrictions placed on us, admittance to these Masses will be strictly for these children and their immediate families ONLY, and no-one else will be allowed entry.**

**Services during the week**

**Confessions:** No Confessions this week

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mon—Fri: 10.00am-12 noon (StO)  
Fri: 7.00-8.00pm (OLI)

**Novena:** Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

**Anniversaries**

27th Sept	Betty Evans
29th Sept	Joseph Hazeldine
30th Sept	Brian Bentham
1st Oct	Madge Leech Lawrence Myler
2nd Oct	Julia Myler Stephen Quinn
3rd Oct	John Ommer

**Welcome**

We welcome into the Family of God, Edith Florence Williams, who will be baptised following the 11.00am Mass at St. Oswald's on Sunday, and Ada Grace Fitzpatrick—Gregory who will be baptised at St. Wilfrid's.

*'The Christian community welcomes you with great joy.'*

**Canons' Hall**

I am most grateful to the two or three individuals who kindly came to help with the cleaning of the Canons' Hall in preparation for its re-opening. This will continue after Mass on Wednesday if anyone else is able to spare some time. Many thanks.

## Coronavirus Update

The following advice was received from the Archbishop on Friday of this week,

Most of the Archdiocese is now under not just national rulings but also local lockdown regulations.  
It seems clear that:

From **NOW**:

Home visits should not be taking place, so the permission for visiting with Holy Communion should not be used at the moment.

From **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**:

**Baptisms:** There can only be 6 people present (the rule of 6 applies.)

**Weddings:** There can only be 15 in the Church and for the reception.

**Funerals:** The number remains at 30 (although any reception is now limited to a gathering of 6).  
As a result, those attending funerals, apart from the immediate family, will be asked to take their seats in Church before the Service begins.

**1st Communions:** Small groups (not more than 6 people) are allowed to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Communions within a special Mass. As the arrangements that we had already made fall within this criteria, the 1st Communion celebrations planned for the next three weeks will go ahead.

**QR Codes:** The new track and trace NHS app asks that places of worship set up a QR bar code and have it on posters around the entrances to churches so that people can use a smart phone to register their presence. Each of our Churches now has its own unique QR code which you will find on posters at the entrance to the Church.

Once again, I would remind you that we are only able to open our Churches at all thanks to the generosity of those who have volunteered to steward and clean the Churches before and after services. They have now been doing so continuously for 3 months. As more people are now coming back to Mass, I would ask you once again to consider whether you can give some time to help in this regard.

## Drainage Works

Work is expected to start this week installing new drains on the Grotto side of the Church. This will, hopefully, much improve the condition of the Church building and of the site as a whole. This will require a section of the path to be closed, so please take care when visiting the Grotto or the cemetery

## St. Oswald's Cemetery

Further to the introduction of the new Cemetery Regulations, the £30 Maintenance Fee for this year is now due. This can be paid by cash or cheque made payable to 'St. Oswald's Parish' and handed into the Parish Office. Please include the name of the deed-holder and either the Plot number (if known) or details of those interred in the grave.

To assist with the maintenance of the cemetery, there is now a green bin (for **garden waste only**) and a black bin (for all other waste). Please help to improve the appearance of the cemetery by using the correct bin, as you would do at home.

## Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings by Zoom starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien  
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