

ST OSWALD & ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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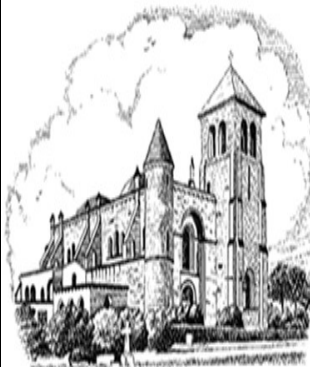
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Week commencing: 4th October 2020

27th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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27th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.00am (OLI)	Andrew Lightfoot
Tuesday	9.30am (StW)	Marie Ashby
Wednesday	Our Lady of the Rosary	
	9.30am (StO)	Gwen & Patrick McCarrick
Thursday	9.30am (StW)	Margaret Gorman
Friday	St. John Henry Newman, Priest	
	9.00am (OLI)	Marie Topping
Saturday	10.00am (StW)	1st Communion Children

28th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Jack Burns
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Colin Rowlands
	11.00am (StO)	John & Catherine Pimblett
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

PLEASE NOTE

**For the next 2 weeks (i.e. 10th & 17th October)
Mass on Saturday morning will be given over to the
celebration of 1st Holy Communion for the children in
St. Wilfrid's and St. Oswald's. Due to the restriction on
numbers 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.**

Catholic Pictorial

The October issue of the Catholic Pic is now available in
print and to download online at <https://bit.ly/36fUu2V>

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

4th Oct	Spence Seddon	
5th Oct	Henry Price	
6th Oct	Norman Carter	Harrison Luk
	Nicholas Walsh	
8th Oct	Vincent Henry	
	Horace Holmes	
9th Oct	Margaret Bentham	
10th Oct	Rose Cunliffe	
	Thomas Whittaker	

Canons' Hall

I am once again most grateful to those who
kindly came to help with the cleaning of
the Canons' Hall in preparation for its
re-opening. Hopefully we will be able to
complete this after Mass on Wednesday of
this week if anyone else is able to spare
some time. Many thanks.

Drainage Works

Work continues 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. At times, this will require a
section of the path to be closed, so please
take care when visiting the Grotto
or the cemetery.

A Message from the Archbishop

My thanks go to all who have worked so hard to get teams of cleaners and stewards together in order that our churches can continue to be opened for Mass, other liturgical celebrations, and private prayer. I have witnessed recently the energy and enthusiasm of some of our volunteers, but I also know that much of the work that goes on is done unseen. Please do pass on my deepest thanks to all our volunteers. So much is possible when we work together, when we pray and discern together, when we reflect together, that it becomes a living out of our Synod journey in a concrete and substantive way. I hope that this energy and enthusiasm continues, despite the uncertainties about the future.

Coronavirus Update

As most of the Archdiocese is now under not just national rulings but also local lockdown regulations, from **Monday 28th September** the following will apply:

- 1. Baptisms:** There can only be 6 people present (the rule of 6 applies.)
- 2. Weddings:** There can only be 15 in the Church and for the reception.
- 3. Funerals:** The number remains at 30 (at the Crematorium, the number is 20 in the Chapel).
Apart from the immediate family, those attending funerals will be asked to take their seats in Church before the Service begins.
- 4. 1st Communions:** Small groups (not more than 6 people) are allowed to celebrate 1st 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 two weeks will go ahead.
- 5. 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.

Synod Sunday

The weekend of the 18th October was to have seen the meeting of the Archdiocesan Synod which has now been postponed until June next year. The same weekend will, however, be marked as Synod Sunday when there will be further information about the work of the Synod and a list of the summary proposals.

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 12th 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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