

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

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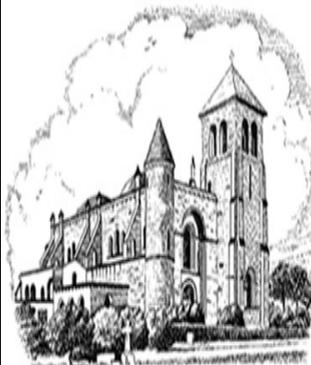
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Week commencing: 11th October 2020

28th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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28th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

Weekday Masses

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| Monday | SOLEMNITY of St. WILFRID, BISHOP 9.00am (StW) | Parishioners |
| Tuesday | St. Edward the Confessor, King 9.30am (StW) | Golden Book |
| Wednesday | 9.30am (StO) | Margaret Wiszowaty |
| Thursday | St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor & Virgin 9.30am (StW) | Sheila Purcell |
| Friday | St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin 9.00am (OLI) | Denis Preston |
| Saturday | St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr 10.00am (StO) | 1st Communion Children |

29th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| Saturday | 6.00pm (StW) | Parishioners |
| Sunday | 9.30am (OLI) | Michael Hogan |
| | 11.00am (StO) | Doreen Skoroszewski |
| | 6.30pm (OLI) | Fr Bernard Eager |

PLEASE NOTE

Monday of this week is the Solemnity of St. Wilfrid and so Mass that day will be in St. Wilfrid's Church at 9.00am.

Mass on Saturday morning will be given over to the celebration of 1st Holy Communion for the children in 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.

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

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| 11th Oct | Joseph Casey | Mary Cunliffe |
| | Michael Walsh | Teresa Wood |
| 12th Oct | Margaret Andrews | |
| | Robert Gormley | |
| 13th Oct | Brian Donlon | Dorothy Heyes |
| 14th Oct | William Arkwright | John Burns |
| 15th Oct | Andrew Shufflebotham | |
| 16th Oct | Joseph Mather | |
| | Margaret Witherington | |
| 17th Oct | Agnes James | Harry Soo |

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.

Acknowledgement

I gratefully acknowledge receipt of a most generous donation of £5000 which was made to parish funds this week.

May the Lord continue to bless all our benefactors for their generosity.

Welcome

At the 11.00am Mass this weekend we welcome Delvyan Affleck, who will be baptised, and Lynn Brimble, who will be received into full communion with the Church. The celebration of these Sacraments has been held over since Easter. Please pray for them and their families at this time.

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.

Permanent Diaconate

I am pleased to announce that, at a recent Mass in St. Teresa's, St. Helens, Francis Gavaghan of Our Lady's Parish was admitted as a Candidate for Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Francis has been discerning this call to service in the Church for some time now, having just completed a year's foundation training.

He now begins a period of formal training which, God willing, will lead to his Ordination in three years' time. We thank Francis and his wife, Barbara, for responding to this call and wish them every blessing in the years to come.

'Let us return to the Eucharist with joy.'

Attached to the newsletter this week is a letter from Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome, in which he writes a very beautiful and encouraging exposition, drawing on the teaching of the Church Fathers, on the importance of returning to Church, returning to our Eucharistic Communities and above all, returning to Christ himself in the Blessed Sacrament. It is worthy of our consideration and prayer.

Synod Sunday

Next weekend, 17th and 18th October, we celebrate the third Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese. Originally this was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021.

On Synod Sunday the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will be able to find on the Synod Website www.synod2020.co.uk. Over the following weeks our local Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be.

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 m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk