

ST OSWALD & ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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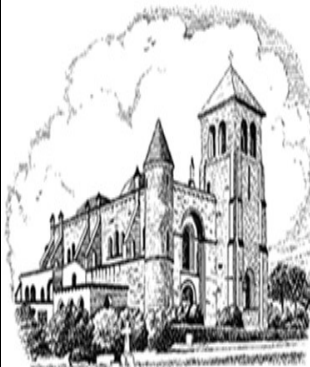
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Week commencing: 18th October 2020

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

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.00am (OLI)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9.30am (StW)	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9.30am (StO)	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	St. John Paul II, Pope	
	9.30am (StW)	Margaret Gorman
Friday	9.00am (OLI)	Graham Evans
Saturday	10.00am (StO)	Margaret Boardman

30th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Parishioners
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Olive Shaughnessy
	11.00am (StO)	Joseph Corcoran
	6.30pm (OLI)	Joanne Parker

Services during the week

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

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

18th Oct	James Berry	Peter Cholawka
	Clara Palmer	
19th Oct	Peter Rowan	
20th Oct	William Aspey	Thomas Collins
	Josephine Kehoe	Mary Rigby
21st Oct	Peggy Hesketh	Michael Hogan
	Alf Percy	David Simm
	Joseph Walsh	
22nd Oct	James Hart	Phyllis Whittle
23rd Oct	Ellen Swann	Ernest Walker
24th Oct	Kathleen Murton	John Wilson

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Marriages

Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication?
Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again?

The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! The next programme is a 'virtual' one on 12th - 15th November meaning you experience it in your own home.

For further information or future programmes contact
Clive & Kathy on 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com
or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

APF Red Boxes

This Sunday is also World Mission Sunday and, in place of a second collection, those of you who have red boxes are asked to place your contributions in a plastic bag with your name and address inside and bring them next weekend and leave them in the basket which will be at the back of Church. In this way we can continue to support the work of the Missions at this difficult time.

Synod Sunday

Today 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.

Today the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will find on the Synod Website www.synod2020.co.uk. Over the coming 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. Please visit the website, read the summary proposals, and prayerfully reflect on them.

The Archbishop has sent the following Pastoral Message for Synod Sunday:

‘I am writing this to you today because this was to have been the weekend of our Synod 2020 gatherings. The situation we are living in at the moment has, as you know, meant that we felt it was right to move this weekend until June next year.

The work of the Synod has not stopped – God is still asking us to reflect on becoming the kind of Church he is calling us to be and, in many ways, we have been invited to do this with a new urgency at this time.

Our Synod journey brings together the “imperatives” of co-responsibility, collaboration and genuine listening between Church leaders and the lay faithful. Synodality is an essential aspect of Church life today. Pope Francis is firm on Synodality as the way forward. I am reminded of something that Pope Benedict said in 2012:

“Lay people should not be regarded as ‘collaborators’ of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really ‘co-responsible’ for the Church’s being and acting ... It is therefore important that a mature and committed laity be consolidated, which can make its own specific contribution to the ecclesial mission with respect for the ministries and tasks that each one has in the life of the Church.”

This is very much your role in the next part of our Synod journey. Over 3,500 proposals were submitted – thank you. The Synod Working Party (and others) have worked with all these proposals and have faithfully kept all the proposals and ideas that you have highlighted. They have produced a summary which we are making available to you this weekend.

I need each of you to play your part in discerning the next steps forward. At the beginning of December each Synod Member will have to indicate which of the ideas and issues that they are most drawn to. They will need your input to do this faithfully. This will then enable us to present to you, in March, the Synod Proposals to be voted on in June. After June we will work on drawing up a Pastoral Plan in the light of the Synod Proposals which will be promulgated at the start of Advent 2021.

The next months are an exciting opportunity for us all to listen again to the voice of the Spirit of God guiding and directing us. Please play your part, we will not be able to complete this task faithfully without you.’

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.

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.