

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

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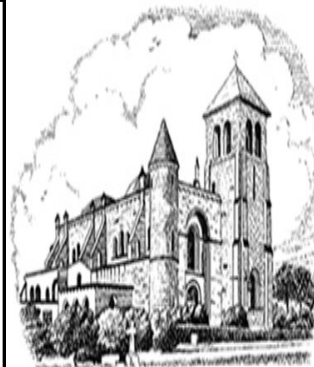
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Week commencing: 8th November 2020

32nd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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32nd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Margaret Taylor
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Parishioners
	11.00am (StO)	Henry Skoroszewski
	6.30pm (OLI)	Pious List

Weekday Masses

Monday	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
	9.00am (OLI) Vera Talbot
Tuesday	St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
	9.30am (StW) Pious List
Wednesday	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
	9.30am (StO) Pious List
Thursday	St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
	9.30am (StW) Angela Ritchie
Friday	9.00am (OLI) Pious List
Saturday	10.00am (StO) Sue Watson

33rd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Pious List
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Bill Heaton
	11.00am (StO)	Mary Rogers
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

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)

Novena: No Novena this week

Synod 2021

The Synod proposals for the third theme, 'How we pray together' are attached to the newsletter this week.

Each theme has a number of headings with an 'affirmation' and a series of proposals.

At the beginning of December, our Synod members will be asked to indicate which of those affirmations and proposals they consider should go forward for discussion at the Synod next year. To assist them in this task, you are asked to take the proposals home with you for consideration, and to indicate for each theme **2 affirmations and 5 proposals** which you believe should be the subject of the Synod discussions.

Please keep hold of your responses until we resume normal services in a few weeks' time.

Anniversaries

8th Nov	James Blackburn	
9th Nov	Cornelius Meagher	Veronica Talbot
10th Nov	Jane Pigott	
11th Nov	Thomas Gallagher	
13th Nov	Patricia Beesley	Arthur James
	Ted Pilkington	Steve Smith

Cessation of Public Worship

The following statement from the President and the Vice-President of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales on the National Lockdown was issued on Wednesday 4th November 2020

'Today, Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until 2nd December. These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings.

Churches remain open and in use for activities other than communal worship, including personal prayer and support for those in need. Funeral Masses and funeral services may be held.

Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: '*Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity*' (Titus 3:1). We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods.

It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society.

At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need.

This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today.'

Cardinal Vincent Nichols
President

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon
Vice-President

In response to this, St. Oswald's Church will remain open between 10.00am –12 noon Monday –Friday for private prayer and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament. St. Wilfrid's Church will also be open between 4.00-5.00pm on Saturday afternoons.

This would also be a good opportunity to recover the prayer of the Angelus to be prayed at 6.00pm each evening as the Bishops suggest.

Sunday Mass will continue to be recorded and can be viewed on our Youtube channel **rcchurchesashton**. Videos of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena and the Rosary can still also be viewed.

The newsletter is also available on St. Oswald's website at
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