

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

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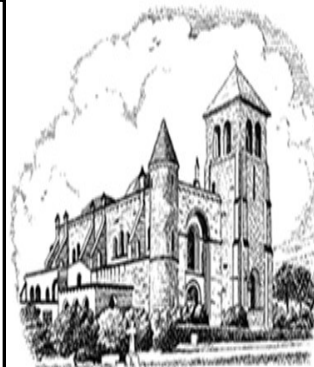
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**Week commencing: 6th December 2020**

**2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT (B)**

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<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm (StW)	Jose Gonzalez
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am (OLI)	Robert Lea
	11.00am (StO)	Frank Boardman
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

**Weekday Masses**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>
	9.00am (OLI) Kay Bridson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>
	<b>9.30am (OLI)</b> Parishioners
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am (StO) Anna Hayes
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am (StW) Robert & Julia Hurley
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am (OLI) Fr James Glenholme
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am (StO) Marie Topping

**3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT (B)**

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm (StW)	Tom Ainscough
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am (OLI)	Frances Strickleton
	11.00am (StO)	Parishioners
	6.30pm (OLI)	Gwendoline Cowser

**Please note: Mass on Tuesday of this week will take place at Our Lady's at 9.30am for the Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

**Services during the week**

**Confessions:** Sat: 11.00-12 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)

Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (StO)

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

**Anniversaries**

6th Dec	Evelyn Fagan	Nora Whittle
7th Dec	Mark Bolton	Philomena Roby
8th Dec	Olive Blackburn	Peter Cain
	Janet Reynolds	
9th Dec	Leslie Owen	
10th Dec	Ronald Clarke	Teresa Finnerty
11th Dec	Edna Bunting	James Cahill
12th Dec	Helena Dewhurst	Joseph Green
	Teresa Morgan	

**'Walk with Me'**

The daily Advent prayer booklet 'Walk with Me' is available at the back of Church to help us with a few minutes of prayer each day in preparation for Christmas. Please do take a copy with you.

**Children of Bethlehem**

As we approach Christmas, I was glad once again to receive a message this week from Fr Rami Asakrieh, the Franciscan Parish Priest of Bethlehem whom we met on our last trip to the Holy Land. Normally, the whole of Advent is a major event in Bethlehem as the eyes of the world are turned upon it and they prepare to welcome pilgrims for Christmas. But, just as this year has not been normal for any of us, this is especially so of the Christian community in the Holy Land who have been without the support, both spiritual and financial, which pilgrims bring.

As a result, our annual fund for the Children of Bethlehem will be opened with immediate effect, should anyone wish to make a donation. In place of the usual crib offerings, there will be a retiring collection after all Masses on the 2nd Sunday after Christmas (3rd January).

