

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

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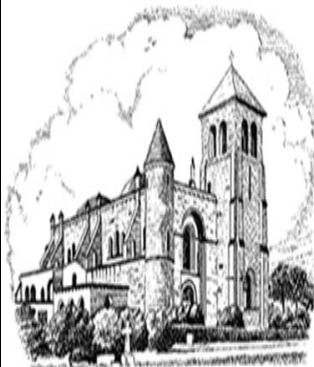
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Week commencing: 27th December 2020

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Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Parishioners
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Maureen Rigby
	11.00am (StO)	Daniel & Ellen Towey

Weekday Masses

Monday	Feast of the Holy Innocents 10.00am (OLI)	Michael McVey & Hughie Owens
Tuesday	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr 10.00am (StW)	Gaetan Donnir
Wednesday	10.00am (StO)	Austin Mulkeen
Thursday	10.00am (StW)	Private Intention
New Year's Day	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 12 noon (OLI)	Parishioners
Saturday	St. Stephen, First Martyr 10.00am (OLI)	Patrick O'Brien

2nd SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Kate Walsh
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Michael Hogan & Robert Lea
	11.00am (StO)	Parishioners
	6.30pm (OLI)	Phyllis & John McAleavy

Please note: Mass and Confessions next Saturday morning (2nd Jan) are at Our Lady's.

Services during the week

Confessions: Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (OLI)

Rosary: There will be no public recitation of the Rosary until further notice.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will recommence on Monday 4th January.

Novena: No Novena this week.

Anniversaries

27th Dec	Thomas Kehoe Ann Witherington	
28th Dec	Mary Miller	James Murphy
29th Dec	Theresa Gannon	
30th Dec	Terry Craighan	Austin Mulkeen
31st Dec	Marie Astley Joseph Gorman Diane Sharples	Maggie Gaynard Teresa Salmon Theresa Siney
1st Jan	Cedric Grindley Augustine McStea Lawrence Pickett	
2nd Jan	Sarah Clare Bernard Wood	Albert Mather

Children of Bethlehem

Our annual fund for the Children of Bethlehem is now open, should anyone wish to make a donation.

In place of the usual Crib Offerings, there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next Sunday (3rd Jan).

Christmas Mass times

The following schedule will apply for Masses over the Christmas weekend:

Christmas Eve:	7.00pm Vigil	St. Oswald's
	9.00pm Vigil	St. Wilfrid's
Christmas Day:	9.30am	Our Lady's
	11.00am	St. Oswald's

There will be **No** Midnight Mass or evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Due to limits on capacity in each Church, **ALL** Masses will be ticketed, and **there will be NO admission without a ticket**, including children. Tickets are available after Mass at the weekend, and during the week.

Each Mass has a different coloured ticket, and so is valid to that Mass only. You may obtain tickets for your household only. Please only request tickets which you know will be used, otherwise you will be denying someone else the opportunity to attend Mass. Each ticket is numbered, and you will be asked to give the name, address and telephone number of each ticket-holder, and the number in the household.

Those with tickets are asked to take their seat in Church no later than 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

If, for any reason, you are unable to attend Mass e.g. due to illness or a change in circumstances, please return the ticket, even at the last possible moment, as this may allow someone else to be admitted.

Between Christmas and New year, daily Mass will be at 10.00am each day, apart from 12 noon on New Year's Day. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Oswald's between Christmas and New Year.

Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family (27th December) are as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	6.00pm	St. Wilfrid's
Sunday:	9.30am	Our Lady's
	11.00am	St. Oswald's



OH HOLY NIGHT!

**'Listen, I bring you news of great joy,
A joy to be shared by the whole people.
Today, in the town of David,
A Saviour has been born to you.
He is Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11)**

Especially this year, I would like to thank all those who have, in so many ways, given so generously of their time to ensure we are able to keep our Churches open.

On behalf of Deacons Jim & Paul and myself, I wish you and your families joy and peace at the birth of Christ, our Saviour, and every blessing of this Holy Season.