

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

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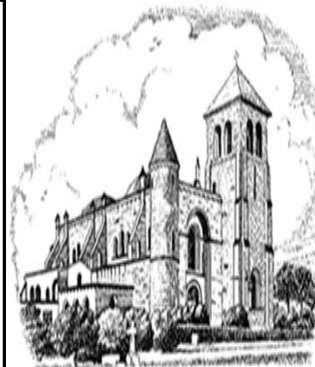
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Week commencing: 24th January 2021

3rd SUNDAY of the YEAR (B)

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Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Cath & Reg Powell
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Parishioners
	11.00am (StO)	Fr Bernard Eager
	6.30pm (OLI)	Terry Craighan

Weekday Masses

Monday	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
	9.00am (OLI) Doris Mulkeen
Tuesday	St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
	9.30am (StW) Jean Unsworth
Wednesday	9.30am (StO) Lydia & Robert Gaynard
Thursday	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
	9.30am (StW) James Riley
Friday	9.00am (OLI) Peggy Burns
Saturday	10.00am (StO) Teresa Topping

4th SUNDAY of the YEAR (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Vera Kelly
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Min McMahon
	11.00am (StO)	Parishioners
	6.30pm (OLI)	Private Intention

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)

Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (StO)

Novena: Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

Anniversaries

24th Jan	Robert Eccles
26th Jan	Nora Fazackerley Ellen Malone Mary Smith
27th Jan	Vera Hayes Doris Mulkeen William Reynolds David Thompson
28th Jan	Tina Jones Alexander Wildman
29th Jan	Philip Robinson Teresa Topping
30th Jan	James Taylor Margaret Whittle

Oberammergau 2022

In 1633, the villagers of Oberammergau in southern Germany made a vow to perform a Passion Play every 10 years in the hope of being spared the effects of the plague which was rampaging across Europe at the time. Ironically, until last year, that vow had been fulfilled except on one occasion when it was banned, and three times due to war.

Now plans are in place for the Passion Play to be staged in 2022, and places are available for a trip from 29th June-6th July 2022, flying from Manchester to Munich and staying for 6 nights in Mosen, Austria, with tickets to see the Play and one night in Oberammergau. Total cost £1785. For a brochure and/or booking form, please see Fr. John

Venerable Mary Joseph of the Cross and Passion

On Thursday of last week, it was announced that the Holy Father had recognised the heroic virtues of Mother Mary Joseph of Jesus (born Elizabeth Prout) foundress of the Sisters of the Cross & Passion. She was born in Shrewsbury in 1820, and became a Catholic on her early 20's. In 1851, she founded the Sisters of the Cross & Passion to care for the poor and abandoned, basing its rule on that of St. Paul of the Cross. She founded schools in Manchester and in Sutton, St. Helens, where she died on the 11th January 1864, and is buried alongside the Passionist Priests, Blessed Dominic Barberi and Fr. Ignatius Spencer.

This means the cause for her canonisation is advancing, and she becomes known as the 'Venerable' Mary Joseph, but two miracles are required for her to be recognised as a Saint.

Prayer for the Canonisation of the Venerable Mary Joseph of the Cross & Passion:

O God, source of all life,
your servant, Mary Joseph of the Cross & Passion,
responded to your call by bringing together a new family
to welcome the poor and abandoned,
and to keep alive the memory of your love
for all your children,
shown to us in the Passion of Jesus, your Son.
Give us the courage to follow her example
of living faith and untiring love.
Through her intercession,
Grant us the favour for which we pray. Amen.

A Journey of Salvation

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation is a free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst College. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art at 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

This year the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with Mass online only. ***Please do not attempt to attend in person.***

The Mass will be broadcast on **Thursday the 11th February 2021 at 7.00pm** from Our Lady's RC Church, Lydiate. Our Celebrant will be Fr Des Seddon.

You will be able to watch using the Facebook link below (no Facebook account is needed, simply click on the link below):

<https://www.facebook.com/Archdiocese-of-Liverpool-Feast-of-Our-Lady-of-Lourdes-Mass-106532301406114>

or you may watch using the CSTV link for Our Lady's Church:

[Our Lady's, RC Church, Lydiate Merseyside - Southport Rd, Lydiate, Liverpool, England](#)