

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

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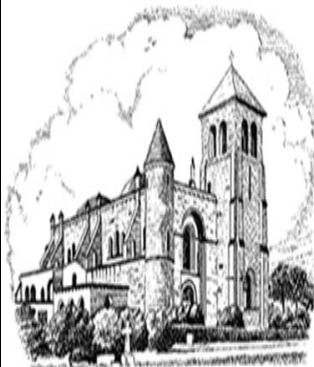
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Week commencing: 28th March 2021

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Prosper Donnir
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Maureen Rigby
	11.00am (StO)	Mary Gates
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.00am (OLI)	Christopher Brien
Tuesday	9.30am (StW)	Tom Riley
Wednesday	9.30am (StO)	Brian Whittle
Maundy Thursday	10.00am (StO)	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
	7.00pm (OLI)	Mass of the Lord's Supper Private Intention
Good Friday	10.00am (StO)	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Stations of the Cross (St.Oswald's; Our Lady's: St. Wilfrid's)
	3.00pm (StO)	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	10.00am (StO)	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
	8.00pm (StW)	Easter Vigil Private Intention

EASTER SUNDAY (B)

	9.30am (OLI)	Parishioners
	11.00am (StO)	Parishioners

Holy Places

The annual collection for the Holy Places, which goes to support the maintenance of the sites associated with Our Lord's life, death and resurrection in the Holy Land, will be taken after all Masses next weekend.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the intention of:
Special Intention (TM)

Easter Services

This year, we will be able to celebrate the services of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum in the presence of the faithful, albeit with the usual restrictions of social distancing in place. This means that the numbers able to attend will be determined by the capacity of the Church which, for us means 140 in St. Oswald's, 100 in Our Lady's and 75 in St. Wilfrid's. It also means that some of the more familiar aspects of the Easter Liturgies will not be included.

Whilst the use of social media has allowed many who are shielding to follow Mass during the period of lockdown, it is suggested that the focus on media coverage of liturgies should be on those presided over by the Diocesan Bishop so that those who are unable to attend their own church follow the diocesan celebrations as a sign of unity. Please visit www.liverpoolmetrocathedral/cathedral-service-times

The following times of Services will therefore take place during Holy Week:

1. **Palm Sunday:** The normal weekend Mass times will apply. The Blessing of Palms will take place at the beginning of Mass, but from the back of Church. There will be no procession, and you will be asked to take your place before Mass in the usual way. Palms will be distributed at the end of Mass. The shorter version of the Passion narrative will be read by the Priest or Deacon, without the different voices being used.

2. **Chrism Mass:** The Archbishop has decided that the Chrism Mass will take place at The Cathedral during Holy Week, but in the presence of Deans and Hospital Chaplains only, so there will be no coach for this Mass this year. The Chrism Mass will take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday of this week and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheMetropolitanCathedralLiverpool>

3. **Liturgy of the Hours:** Morning Prayer & the Office of Readings will be prayed on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 10.00am in St. Oswald's Church. This is a good opportunity for those who are physically unable to attend to join in the Prayer of the Church.

4. **Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Mass will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday evening at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Church. The Washing of the Feet will be omitted, and there will be no Procession to the Altar of Repose or Watching in the Garden at the end of Mass.

5. **Good Friday:**

i) The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12 noon in all three Churches at the same time. Those who attend the Stations of the Cross are under no obligation to attend the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm. In this way, it is hoped there will be sufficient space for all who wish to attend the later service.

ii) The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will take place at 3.00pm in St. Oswald's Church. Once again, the Passion narrative will be read by the Deacon, without the different voices being used. The Unveiling of the Cross will take place in the usual manner, but the Veneration of the Cross will be by the Priest alone. You will then be asked to kneel for a short period of silent prayer. Holy Communion will be given at the end of the Service in the (now) usual way.

6. **Confessions:** There will be no Confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

7. **Easter Vigil:** The Easter Vigil will take place on Holy Saturday at 8.00pm in St. Wilfrid's Church. There will be no Mass at 6.00pm that day. The Blessing of the Fire will be omitted, and Mass will begin with the Greeting and singing of the *Exsultet*. The Liturgy of the Word will include a number of Old & New Testament readings, followed by the Gospel and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Mass will then continue in the usual way.

8. **Easter Sunday:** Mass on Easter Sunday will be at 9.30am in Our Lady's and 11.00am in St. Oswald's. There will be no 6.30pm Evening Mass in Our Lady's on Easter Sunday.

Anniversaries

28th Mar	James Owens	Grace Prior	
29th Mar	Catherine Bird	John Giverin	Catherine Tague
31st Mar	Stanley Hull	John Morris	
1st Apr	Elizabeth Davis	Mary Mitchell	Thomas Riley
2nd Apr	Frederick Witherington		
3rd Apr	Harriet Clough	Joseph Gaynard	Bryan Topping