

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

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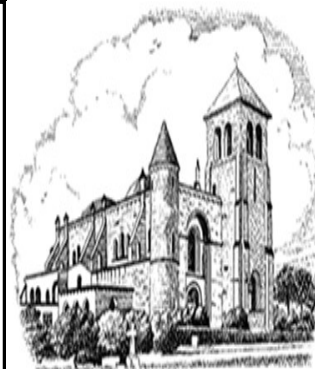
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Week commencing: 18th April 2021

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (B)

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3rd SUNDAY of EASTER (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Teresa Wood
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Parishioners
	11.00am (StO)	Peggy O'Driscoll

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.00am (OLI)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9.30am (StW)	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9.30am (StO)	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9.30am (StW)	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.00am (OLI)	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	10.00am (StO)	Eucharistic Service

4th SUNDAY of EASTER (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Parishioners
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Sheila Neafcy
	11.00am (StO)	Mary & Vincent Rose
	6.30pm (OLI)	Jack Carr

Please note: There is no 6.00pm Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday

Our Lady's & St. Oswald's Cemeteries

Now that grounds maintenance has begun in Our Lady's & St. Oswald's cemeteries, I would ask that Christmas pots are now removed, and any other items beyond the boundary of the memorial. Anything which hinders the maintenance of the cemetery grounds will be removed.

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:

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week. St. Oswald's Church will be open for private prayer from 10am—12 noon Monday to Friday.

Novena: Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

Holy Hour: 7.00-8.00pm (OLI)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the intention of:

Dorothy Boardman

Available dates: 2nd, 9th & 16th May

Anniversaries

18th Apr	Anthony Boot	
19th Apr	Mary Bennett	Agnes Hagerty
	Peter Thomas	
20th Apr	Jane Meagher	
21st Apr	William Clare	
22nd Apr	Michael Garner	Thomas Heaton
	John Vint	
23rd Apr	Michael Rea	
24th Apr	Joseph Hughes	

St. Oswald's Annuity Fund

St. Oswald's Annuity has for many years provided funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the parish property and, thanks to the generosity of its members, we have begun to make improvements to the general appearance of the Church grounds in recent months. Anyone who is not currently a member, but would like to join, is asked to complete a form at the back of Church and return it to the Parish Office.

COVID Restrictions

Although certain restrictions are being lifted, the Coronavirus is still with us, and there are some things, such as social-distancing, which we still have to do, at least for the time being. May I therefore once again remind you that there is a limit on the numbers who can be admitted to each Church, based on social-distancing guidelines. This limit is 140 at St.Oswald's, 100 at Our Lady's and 75 at St. Wilfrid's. When this number has been reached, there is no option but for us to close the doors.

Before Easter, the 11.00am Mass at St. Oswald's was beginning to reach its capacity, but there was still space at the other Masses, particularly on Saturday and Sunday evenings. It would, therefore, be sensible to make sure you arrive in plenty of time.

In asking you to sit in certain places, our stewards are doing only what they been asked to do, and I would ask that you continue to co-operate with them. This is to help with the cleaning of Church after each service, and is a small price to pay for being able to come to Mass—any of you with family in Ireland, where there have been no public Masses since Christmas, will know what I mean.

Bethlehem Fund

Just before Easter, I was able to arrange, thanks to your generosity, for the transfer of £3000 from our Bethlehem Fund to the Franciscan Parish in Bethlehem. This week, I received the following letter from the Parish Priest, Fr Rami.

Dear Father John & brothers and sisters in the parish community

Bethlehem April 5, 2021

Easter greetings

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Because of the new corona virus that spreads illness, death, and catastrophe around the world, virtually no economic sector has been spared from harm, especially the tourism sector. Since this pandemic will remain for months and the Bethlehem area relies on tourism, most of the inhabitants have no more source of income.

Therefore, we the habitants of Bethlehem, really count ourselves fortunate because we have good and generous people who think of us like you. I would like to thank you especially for your generous donation of £3000 you gave to the needy families of Bethlehem, which was very providential, especially during the period of coronavirus. With no work, many new families with need appeared.

We know that God is beside us through his people like you. We are grateful for your prompt cooperation and assistance; I will always remember you in my prayers at the Grotto of the Child Jesus. May the Good Lord bless and protect you now and forever.

Yours in Christ
Fr. Rami Asakrieh OFM , Parish Priest

