

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

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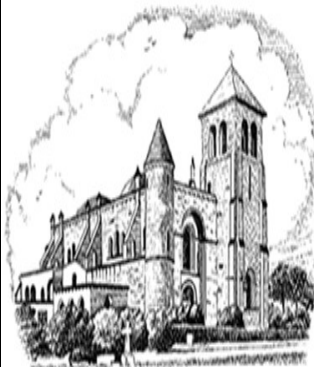
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Week commencing: 23rd May 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

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Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Parishioners
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	John & Margaret Mather & Hannah Bolton
	11.00am (StO)	Tony O'Haire
	6.30pm (OLI)	Jack Carr

Weekday Masses

Monday	Our Lady, Mother of the Church	9.00am (OLI) Rev. G.O'Reilly, Jane Bold & John & Mary Bolton
Tuesday	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	9.30am (StW) Skylett Donnir
Wednesday	St. Philip Neri, Priest	9.30am (StO) Hugh & Elizabeth Roberts
Thursday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.30am (StW) Kate Brown
Friday		9.00am (OLI) Denise Collins
Saturday	St. Paul VI, Pope	10.00am (StO) Lately Dead

TRINITY SUNDAY (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Dot Sefton
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	John Mercer
	11.00am (StO)	Brian Topping
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

St. Oswald's Church Grounds

Work on the Church grounds will, weather permitting,
continue from 2.00pm on Wednesday afternoon.
All are welcome.

Services during the week

Confessions: Sat: 11.00-12 noon (StO)

Rosary: Sun: 9.00am (OLI)

Mon– Sat: 30 minutes before Mass

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)

Holy Hour: Fri: 7.00-8.00pm (OLI)

Sanctuary Lamp

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

Jim Southworth & Family

Available dates: 20th June

Anniversaries

23rd May	Robert Berry	Margaret Giverin
24th May	Alice Carter	Margaret Sands
25th May	Alice Ashton	William Cunliffe
	Wilfred Palmer	
26th May	Frances Durkin	Harold Siney
27th May	Patricia Blackie	
28th May	Thomas Finigan	
29th May	Ada Rowlands	

Walsingham Pilgrimage

We expect our pilgrimage to Walsingham
will be able to go ahead this year from
Monday 23rd-Thursday 26th August, staying
half-board in Elmham House in the Friday
Market. Cost per person, including transport,
is £195 for a standard room and £240 for an
en-suite room. A £25 deposit is required.

Booking forms are now available from
Deacon Malcolm (tel: 725522) or
Anne-Marie (tel: 207007)

COVID Guidelines

Further guidance has been received this week regarding the steps which need to be taken following Stage 3 of the Government's Coronavirus Response Roadmap. As a general principle, all places of worship are always to consider the prevailing local conditions for the virus. This means that, after consultation, the Archbishop has decided that, due to the prevalence of the Indian variant in the North West, we should keep certain restrictions in place in the Diocese. This is particularly important for those who may be returning to Mass for the first time, but also serves as a timely reminder to everyone as to what is required. Therefore

1. The use of hand gel on entering and leaving Church will continue.
2. Face coverings are required, unless there is a medical exemption.
3. The sanitising of benches after each service will continue, therefore stewards will show you to your place, filling up from the front of the Church.
4. Single-use Mass sheets are to be taken away at the end of Mass, not left in Church.
5. Congregational singing is still prohibited.
6. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind only, and at the end of Mass. The Minister of Holy Communion will once again announce "The Body of Christ" for each communicant. Please leave the Church immediately after receiving Communion and do not return to your bench.
7. Baptisms and weddings are still limited to 30 participants, but for funerals the number will be the Covid-secure capacity for each Church.
8. Home visits to the sick and housebound will shortly recommence.

Obviously it is hoped that, in a few weeks, many of these restrictions can be replaced, but this is by no means certain. In the meantime, your continued co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Synod 2021

On this great Feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church, we thank God for the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. We pray for our Synod which will take place next month, and ask God to guide all those who will take part. May this be a moment of blessing and renewal for all the members of the Church in the Archdiocese.

***Merciful Father, Faithful God,
our Church has never lacked the life-giving presence of your Holy Spirit.
May your Holy Spirit always be at work among us,
helping us to be more like Christ in our love of you and of our neighbour.
We ask your blessing upon our Synod.
May we be truly open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Help us to become ever more fully
the Church that you are calling us to be.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

A word of thanks

The family of Jim Southworth of St. Wilfrid's Parish would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have passed on their sympathy and support, and offered up their time and prayers. It has been a great source of comfort and support. Jim loved his church and all its people. The family are still accepting donations for The British Heart Foundation in memory of Jim if anyone wishes to donate. Thank you to everyone.