

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

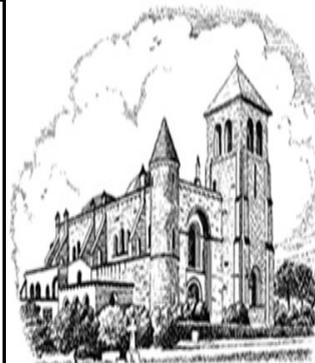
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**Week commencing: 24th May 2020**

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<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	John & Hilda Donlan
	11.00am	Joseph Corcoran
	6.30pm	Private Intention

**Weekday Masses**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>
	10.00am Brian Byrne
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Philip Neri, Priest</b>
	9.30am Andrew Devine
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b>
	9.30am Hugh & Elizabeth Roberts
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am Denis O'Brien
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Paul VI, Pope</b>
	9.00am Private Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am Mary Leonard

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)**

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	Dave Hackett
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Parishioners
	11.00am	Teresa Mills
	6.30pm	Private Intention

**Services during the week**

**Confessions:** There are no Confessions until further notice.

**Rosary:** There is no public recitation of the Rosary until further notice.

**Holy Hour:** There are no public Holy Hours until further notice.

**Novena:** There is no Novena until further notice.

**St. Oswald's Church Car Park**

Regrettably, after persistent and on-going anti-social behaviour, it is necessary to install bollards to the entrance of St. Oswald's Church car park, both for the security of the Church and the well-being of local residents.

With effect from this weekend, access to the car park will be from 8.00am-5.00pm each day, at which time the bollards will be raised.

It should be noted that St. Oswald's is not a public car park and should be used for Church

**Children's Liturgy**

Parents of children who regularly attend Children's Liturgy may be interested to know that CAFOD have an on-line Children's Liturgy. Just go onto the CAFOD website ([www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)) and register for Children's Liturgy under Schools and Youth. You will then receive an email to log in at 10am on a Sunday morning.

**Ashton Food Bank**

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution can do so by dropping items off at the Food Bank at St. Thomas' Hall, Ashton, on Friday mornings between 9.30-11.00am. There is a particular need for items such as tinned meat, fruit and vegetables, pasta, mash and uht milk.

**Annuity Fund**

Due to the current restrictions, the Annuity Fund draws from March onwards have been postponed and will be made at the earliest opportunity.

## YouTube

My apologies to those of you who were waiting for our Ascension Day Mass to appear on Youtube. Unfortunately, the gremlins struck (that's my way of saying that something happened which I don't understand!) and, while it was eventually uploaded, it was later than we would have liked.

If you do want to play catch-up, you can now do so.

Once again, the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening will be recorded and uploaded onto the same channel for you to view it on Sunday morning. This week, we are planning on making a recording of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary to coincide with the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday, and that of Mary, Mother of the Church the following day.

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## Bishop Vincent Malone

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Vincent Malone, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, who died early on Monday morning at the Royal Liverpool Hospital aged 88 years, having been diagnosed with Coronavirus.

Bishop Vincent trained for the priesthood at St Joseph's College, Upholland, and was ordained priest at St Oswald's Church, Old Swan, Liverpool on 18th September 1955. After a number of years spent in the teaching profession, mainly at Cardinal Allen Grammar School, Liverpool, he became chaplain to the University of Liverpool (1971) and then Administrator of the Metropolitan Cathedral (1979).

On 13th May 1989 he was named as Titular Bishop of Abora and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, and received episcopal consecration the following 3rd July. His resignation as Auxiliary Bishop was accepted on 26th October 2006, shortly after his 75th birthday, but he continued in his role as Vicar General and Canon of the Cathedral Chapter long after that.

Archbishop Malcolm said: 'Bishop Vincent had retired from his role as auxiliary bishop when I arrived in Liverpool six years ago, but he was still a very active member of the Archbishop's Council and a Trustee of the Archdiocese. No report or set of accounts was safe from Bishop Vin's eye for detail. As a young priest he had trained as teacher of mathematics, and numbers and diagrams certainly contributed to his view of the world or at least of the Church, but it would be very wrong to portray him as a person who was unfeeling. His mild and polite manner found its fulfilment in his ministry as a priest and bishop which was characterised by unflinching kindness and respect to all those he met and served. Bishop Vincent told me that he enjoyed being an Auxiliary Bishop because it kept him close to people. He made a massive contribution to the life of the local church and city as Dean at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Chaplain to Liverpool University and chair of numerous committees including the early ecumenical bodies which laid the foundations for the harmony we enjoy between churches and people of faith in these days.

'In life, Bishop Vincent Malone was peace with God and his creation, may he now be welcomed by his Lord into a place of peace and light.'

Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: 'As a fairly young priest I was sent to live for a few years at the Clergy House of the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. Monsignor Vincent Malone was in charge. Above all I remember his endless patience to get right every aspect of the work of the Cathedral; his unflinching courtesy with every person he met, even those who were occasionally very difficult; his kindness to those in need who came to the door. He had a gentle rebuke for those who acted precipitously and a readiness himself to make amends. He offered warm hospitality without ever being ostentatious and a quiet witty conversation. He was a lovely man to be with. He served the Archdiocese unflinchingly and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, especially in our ministry in universities, in which he had considerable experience. We will miss him. We pray that he is received by our Heavenly Father with loving mercy and that he can look down upon us with an affectionate smile as he sees us still struggle to do our best. His service, his struggle is over. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.'

Finally, Archbishop Malcolm received the following message from Pope Francis:

'His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Vincent Malone, and he sends prayerful condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese. United with you in offering thanks to God for the late Bishop's many years of priestly and episcopal ministry, especially his service to the education of young people, His Holiness commends his soul to the merciful love of our heavenly Father. To all who mourn Bishop Malone's passing in the sure hope of the resurrection, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and consolation in the

## **On-line and Text Giving**

The Archdiocese has now developed facilities for online and text giving which can be used for both one-off and regular monthly donations.

### **Online giving website**

Each parish has its own unique link on the website and a photograph of your church is shown to provide additional reassurance to donors that they are donating to their parish. All donations will go to the parish selected by the donor. The link is:

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-oswald-st-edmund-arrowsmith-ashton-in-makerfield-weekly-donation-copy>

### **Text giving**

Four text giving campaigns have been created for each parish. The details of each campaign are given below.

Text *STOSWALD* to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STOSWALDNOINFO* to 70085.

Text *STOSWALD* to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STOSWALDNOINFO* to 70450.

Text *STOSWALD* to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STOSWALDNOINFO* to 70460.

Text *STOSWALD* to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text *STOSWALDNOINFO* to 70470.