

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

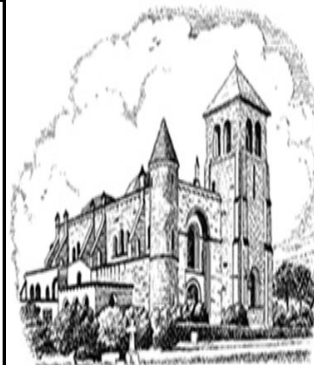
Liverpool Road, Ashton-In-Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9NP
Liverpool R.C. Archdiocesan Trustees Reg. Charity No. 232709

Parish Priest: Rev. John Gorman Tel: 01942 727271

Deacons: Revv. Paul Blinston, Jim Byrne, John O'Brien (rtd)

Parish Office: 01942 727249 Open: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am—2pm

Parish Website: www.stoswaldandstarrowsmith.org.uk



Week commencing: 5th July 2020

14th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Parish Mass Book: Page 99 Order of Mass: Page 7

Preface 3 of Ordinary Time: Page 66 Eucharistic Prayer 3: Page 27

14th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday	6.00pm	Pam Hughes
Sunday	9.30am	Kay Bridson
	11.00am	Tom Roberts
	6.30pm	Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.00am	Rev. G. O'Reilly, Jane Bold & John & Mary Bolton
Tuesday	9.30am	T. Stephens
Wednesday	9.30am	Molly Haselden & Tony Storey
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention (JP)
Friday	9.00am	John Mercer
Saturday	St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	
	10.00am	Mary & Leo Boardman

15th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday	6.00pm	Charles & Alice Fitzpatrick
Sunday	9.30am	Chris Heyes
	11.00am	Helen Ward
	6.30pm	Parishioners

Services during the week

Confessions: Sat: 11.00-12 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;
Wed & Fri: 6.00-8.00pm (StO)

Novena: There will be no Novena until further notice.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

With great regret and despite our best efforts, it is now obvious that it would not be feasible to undertake our Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year due to difficulties with transport and accommodation.

Deposits will be refunded to those who booked in the next week or so. The dates for 2021 are the 23rd-26th August.

Fr Bernard Eager

Pray, please, for the repose of the soul of Fr Bernard Eager, formerly Parish Priest of St. Catherine's, Lowton, who died on Monday of this week. Many of you will also remember Fr Eager as an Assistant Priest at St. Oswald's, Ashton, where he served from 1965 until 1978. The Archbishop will celebrate his funeral in a family-only ceremony next Wednesday.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Many thanks to the great many of you who have gone to such lengths to hand in your offertory envelopes over the lockdown period.

For those who have not yet received a new box of envelopes, these are available at the back of Church, as are Standing Order Forms for those who may wish to have one.

For the foreseeable future there will be no offertory collection during Mass. Envelopes may be left in the basket at the back of Church before or after Mass.

Cautious Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

From **Monday 6th July** the regular schedule of Masses will recommence in the usual locations under the strict conditions set out below for the prevention of infection and the protection of those attending. Permissions will be reversed should rates of infection rise.

Each church will have a limited number of people who can be in the building.

This number is 130 for St.Oswald's; 100 for Our Lady's; and 75 for St. Wilfrid's.

This number will be strictly adhered to, and the doors will be closed should this number be reached. While there is no desire to prevent anyone from attending, exceeding this number will result in permission being withdrawn and there being no Mass in the future.

There is currently no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday.

Sunday Mass will continue to be recorded on Youtube, and so those who are elderly or vulnerable should carefully consider whether to attend Mass at this time. Those who are able to attend Mass during the week are encouraged to do so, to allow those who cannot to attend Mass at the weekend, and to relieve the pressure on weekend Masses.

Anyone coming to Church will be required to wear a facemask, which they will be permitted to lower to receive Holy Communion.

Volunteer stewards will be on hand to direct hand sanitising on arriving and leaving, to direct people to benches and to encourage worshippers to maintain reasonable social distancing. Social distancing guidelines of 1 metre plus. are still in force.

Every 2nd bench will be cordoned off, and seating will be in designated places only. This means you may be asked to sit somewhere other than your 'usual' place.

A one-way system will operate in Church on arrival and at Holy Communion i.e. up the centre aisle and down the side aisles. This is to ensure, for cleaning purposes, that the central part of the Church is filled up before the sides.

Single use newsletters and Mass sheets will be given out but these must be taken home.

There will be no singing and no Sign of Peace during Mass.

Holy Communion will be distributed after the final dismissal of the Mass. Communicants will be directed by stewards when and how to approach the altar, and then leave the church directly after receiving Holy Communion without returning to their benches. Shopping bags or other large personal items should therefore not be brought to Church.

Holy Communion will be given as the Sacred Host only. The reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is not permitted.

The priest will wear a visor while distributing Holy Communion and sanitise his hands before and after distribution.

The words: "The Body of Christ. Amen" will only be said once at the beginning of the distribution of Holy Communion and will not be repeated for each communicant.

Communicants should approach the altar with arms outstretched and hands flat, in order to maintain a reasonable distance from the minister and to avoid skin contact.

There should be no handshakes or hugs after Mass and lingering clusters of conversation in the porch or outside the church are to be avoided.

The toilets will be closed and may only be used in a genuine emergency.

Votive candles may be lit **before** Mass, but only from another lighted candle.

My thanks go to all who have prepared our Churches for re-opening, especially those who helped with the cleaning. Please note that each Church has to be cleaned after every service, and that a team of volunteers is required after every Mass if our Churches are to remain open.

Only those undertaking this task will be allowed to remain in Church after Mass.

If you are willing to help, please let Fr John know.

From Monday 6th July a **Funeral Service** of the Word and Commendation can take place in Church but these should be small family gatherings. Coffins cannot be touched and must not have any objects placed on them.

Baptisms can now take place and families who have had to postpone their child's baptism have now been contacted to re-arrange the date. Again, these should be small family gatherings

Wedding Services can now take place in Church but there are to be no more than 30 people present.

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will resume from Saturday 11th July from 11.00-12 noon at St. Oswald's. Confessions will take place in the Sacristy.
If the door is open, it means the priest is free.

**St. Oswald's Church will remain open for private prayer and devotion
from Monday – Friday between 10.00am—12 noon and
on Wednesday & Friday between 6.00pm—8.00pm**