

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

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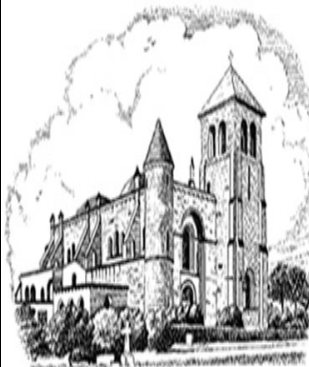
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Week commencing: 6th September 2020

23rd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Sheila Purcell
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Parishioners
	11.00am (StO)	Mark Flynn
	6.30pm (OLI)	Fr Bernard Eager

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.00am (OLI)	Harry Pate
Tuesday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9.30am (StW)	Jean Unsworth
Wednesday	9.30am (StO)	Mary & Leo Boardman
Thursday	St. Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr	
	9.30am (StW)	Catherine & Reg Powell
Friday	9.00am (OLI)	Andrew Lightfoot
Saturday	Holy Name of Mary	
	10.00am (StO)	Alan Cooper

24th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	James Topping
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Parishioners
	11.00am (StO)	Terry Rimmer
	6.30pm (OLI)	In Thanksgiving

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 (StO)

Fri: 7.00-8.00pm (OLI)

Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (StO)

Novena: Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

Anniversaries

6th Sept	Margaret Parkinson	
7th Sept	Alan Cooper	
8th Sept	Agnes Brindle	
9th Sept	John Kelly	
10th Sept	Norman Casey	John Kilcoyne
11th Sept	Albert Jones	Jean Holland
	Agnes Wilde	

Welcome

We welcome into the Family of God, Reggy Jack Wilson, who will be baptised following the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday.

'The Christian community welcomes you with great joy.'

Oberammergau 2022

Following the cancellation of this year's Passion Play in Oberammergau, a number of places have become available for the revised production in 2022. The new schedule is a 7 night trip from 29th June –6th July 2022, departing Manchester, staying at the Inntalerhof Hotel, Mosern, Austria, with an overnight stay in Oberammergau on the day of the Play. Total cost £1785 per person sharing a twin or double room. Brochures and booking forms will soon be available. Anyone who would like to register an interest is asked to speak to Fr John.

Resumption of Services

As time goes by, and more people are returning to Mass for the first time, there is a danger that the conditions by which we were allowed to resume the public celebration of Mass are either not known, or we become complacent in adhering to them. It is necessary, therefore, to remind ourselves of what they are so that we are not lulled into thinking that they no longer apply.

1. Face masks must be worn during Mass, not just when entering Church and then taken off.
2. Hand sanitiser should be used, and the one-way system followed, when entering and leaving Church.
3. Designated seating is to be used at the direction of the Stewards, starting from the front of Church.
4. Single-use Mass sheets are to be used and should be taken away, not left in Church.
5. Holy Communion is under one kind only and is to be received in the hand. Communicants should place one hand flat on top of the other in order to avoid skin contact, and then step to one side to place the sacred host in their mouths. Holy Communion will be distributed after the final blessing, and communicants should leave immediately afterwards, without returning to their places.
6. There should be no congregating outside or in the porch before or after Mass.

Thankfully, the vast majority of people have observed these conditions with good grace. Regrettably, however, there have been one or two incidents recently where this has not been the case, specifically regarding the wearing of face masks and sitting in designated places. We are entirely dependent on those who have volunteered to steward and clean for our Churches being and remaining open. As I said a few weeks ago, there are many Churches which are still closed. I hope not to be put in a position where I have to ask someone not to attend or, worse still, have to close the Churches once again, because we cannot meet the conditions.

As the number of people at Mass begins to grow, I also hope more will come forward to volunteer both at Mass time and during the week at St. Oswald's.

St. Oswald's Cemetery

Those of you with family graves at St. Oswald's will be only too aware that a great deal of work needs to be done to bring the cemetery grounds back to an acceptable state. Already this year, a considerable amount of money has already been spent on felling and pruning dangerous trees, and this is only scratching the surface. A great deal more is required over a long period of time, as it is impossible to do everything at once.

It is, however, unreasonable to expect that the cost of this should be borne entirely by those who contribute each week at Mass. From the 1st September, therefore, a new set of Cemetery Regulations will be introduced, including an annual £30 Cemetery Maintenance Fee, in line with that currently effective at Our Lady's. Copies of the new regulations can be viewed at the entrance to the Cemetery, and on the Church Noticeboard.

Cheques payable to 'St. Oswald's Parish Account' may be sent to the Parish Office. Please indicate either the grave number, if known, the names of those interred, and the name and address of the deed holder.

St. Oswald's Church Grounds

May I remind you that, for security reasons, the barrier to the Car Park and the gates to the Cemetery and Main Drive will be closed at 5.00pm each evening. I would also point out that the Car Park is for Church purposes only, and there have been a number of lock-ins recently.

Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering a series of online talks, "**Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters**", exploring some of the great figures of Western spirituality, such as St Ignatius of Loyola, St Thérèse of Lisieux, St John Henry Newman, St Thomas Aquinas, St Francis de Sales, St Teresa of Avila & St John of the Cross, St Benedict and St Francis of Assisi. The series is free to attend online and will take place at 7.30pm on Thursdays, beginning on 3rd September and running through till 10th December. Simply register to receive a link, either online at www.christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters or by email to events@christianheritagecentre.com.