

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

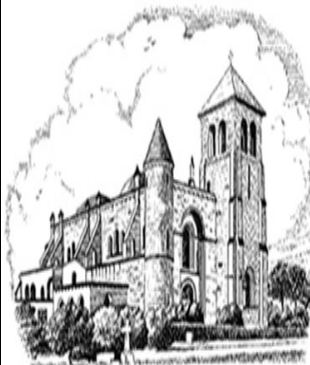
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Week commencing: 26th April 2020

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER (A)

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Saturday	6.00pm	Devine Family
Sunday	9.30am	Sheila Neafcy
	11.00am	Mary Jennion
	6.30pm	Phil Johnston

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.00am	Chris Brien
Tuesday	9.30am	Joyce William
Wednesday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor	
	9.30am	May & Henry O'Donnell
Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday	St. Joseph the Worker	
	9.00am	Sick & Retired Priests
Saturday	St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	
	10.00am	Jim Taylor

4th SUNDAY of EASTER (A)

Saturday	6.00pm	Denis Preston
Sunday	9.30am	Parishioners
	11.00am	Mary Cunningham
	6.30pm	Mary Gibbs

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.

Offertory Envelopes

It would seem there are some who are becoming anxious about making their normal donations to the Church. May I say that there is no need to worry about this. All will be sorted out in the fullness of time.

You may wish to put your donations aside each week and then bring them in when we are able to gather again, or you can simply write a cheque for what you would normally have given. Where possible, envelopes can be posted at St. Oswald's Presbytery.

Alternatively, forms are available for anyone who wishes to arrange a Standing Order.

Latest Developments

Following on from the Blessing of Palms on Palm Sunday, a second recording has now been made, centred on a short period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament together with a reading from scripture and concluding with Benediction. The recording can now be viewed on Youtube on **rcchurchesashton**. I am most grateful once again to Paul Hurst for his time and dedication in producing this video.

Now that we have the Youtube facility, the intention is that from next weekend (2nd May) the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening will be recorded and uploaded onto the same channel in time for you to view it on Sunday morning. This will continue for a number of weeks until such a time as it is possible for us to live-stream Masses. **However...**

For us to be able to do so, I need everyone's help, and I mean **everyone**. To livestream on Youtube we have to have a minimum of **1000** subscribers. So, when all of you who are able, view the latest recording, there will be a box for you to subscribe to **rcchurchesashton** and, as well as doing so yourselves, I need you to get **all** your family (mum, dad, children, aunts and uncles etc. etc.) to subscribe. Even if they have no intention of ever viewing it, they will be doing a charitable work in possibly allowing someone else, who can't otherwise do so, to join in the Mass. So, please do so straight away, and don't put it off.

Next weekend, we also resume our 1st Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, praying especially for vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life, and 1st Saturday devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (as well as May being the month of Mary).

It is said that England was one of the first places where devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was promoted, as St. Margaret Mary, who received the visions of Our Lord revealing his Most Sacred Heart in the 17th century, had as her Spiritual Director St. Claude de la Colombière, who was, at that time, working in London as a Chaplain in the Royal Court.

St. Claude wrote: *'This heart is still the same, always burning with love for men, always open so as to shower down graces and blessings upon us, always touched by our sorrows, always eager to impart its treasures to us and to give himself to us, always ready to receive us, to be our refuge, our dwelling place, and our heaven even in this world.'*

It is perhaps appropriate that we have these devotions this week, coming so soon after Divine Mercy Sunday last weekend, and the recent re-dedication of our country as the 'Dowry of Mary' and, while it is not possible, at the moment, to fulfil the usual of Mass, Confession and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament which is usually associated with these devotions, I invite to do so as much as you can, by participating in the Mass, and praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart and the prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Hopefully, this will mean many more people will come to these devotions when we return.

The Stations of the Resurrection can also be prayed throughout Eastertide.

There is a series of weekly Masses, each Thursday at 7.00pm, for the sick and their families, all front-line workers in the NHS and those who work in social care, celebrated by a different Bishop each week in his own Cathedral as follows:

30th April	Bishop Richard Moth	Arundel Cathedral
7th May	Bishop Marcus Stock	Leeds Cathedral
14th May	Bishop Robert Byrne CO	Newcastle Cathedral
21st May	Bishop Mark Davies	Shrewsbury Cathedral
28th May	Bishop Terence Drainey	Middlesbrough Cathedral

These Masses will be live-streamed, and can be viewed by visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk)

The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham continues to live-stream Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours and Divine Mercy Chaplet each day. This can be accessed, for those with the internet, at www.walsingham.org.uk