

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

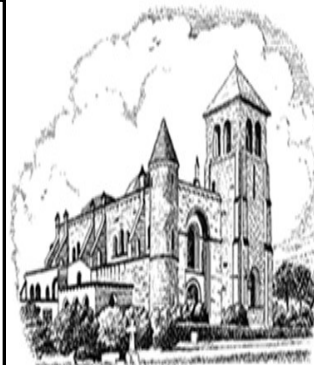
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**Week commencing: 21st June 2020**

**12th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME(A)**

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**12th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Kath Ashton
	11.00am	Alfred Boyd
	6.30pm	Lynn Dean

**Weekday Masses**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sts. John Fisher &amp; Thomas More, Martyrs</b>
	9.00am Peter Taylor
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am Golden Book
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>BIRTH of St. JOHN the BAPTIST</b>
	9.30am Mary & Leonard Hawkins
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am Jean Unsworth
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am Maria Yee
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b>
	10.00am Mark Flynn

**13th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving (TM)
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Parishioners
	11.00am	Joseph Dearden
	6.30pm	Chris Brien

**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.

**Restored Lives**

The 'Restored Lives' programme used for the divorced and separated plan to deliver their summer training conference on the 3rd July using Zoom. It is an ideal opportunity for anyone to find out more about the course and what's involved in setting one up.

You can find more details and tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/restored-lives-training-day-2020-tickets-94840330983>

**St. Oswald's Church Grounds**

I am pleased to be able to say that the recent installation of the barriers at the entrance to the Church car park on St. Oswald's Road has had a marked impact in that, as well as giving our neighbours some peace and quiet, the car park is no longer constantly littered with takeaway packages.

Much, however, remains to be done in bringing both the cemetery and the Church grounds in general up to the standard of appearance I am sure we would all wish them to have. When the time is right, I will be asking for volunteers to help with this.

In the meantime, I am most grateful to those who have set about tidying up the area around the Lourdes Grotto and the Calvary, particularly after the most unfortunate incident recently. This is already looking much improved and cared-for. The intention is to create a 'Garden for Mary' and an 'Easter Garden' with plants associated with Our Lady and the Holy Land. Any donations towards the cost of plants would be most welcome.

## Re-opening of Churches

The Archbishop has decreed that 2 churches per Deanery (i.e. Wigan) will be permitted to open for private prayer as part of a 'cautious re-opening' of churches in the Archdiocese.

Locally, St. Oswald's, Ashton, and St. John's, Standishgate, Wigan, as town centre Churches which are accessible to more people, have been identified as those which should be opened and the Archbishop has authorised this.

We are therefore greatly indebted to those (from all three parishes) who have volunteered to act as stewards to allow St. Oswald's to re-open, and I am most grateful to them for their Generosity in giving up their time to do so.

From **Monday 22nd June**, St. Oswald's Church will be open at the following times:

**Monday – Friday 10.00am—12 noon**  
and  
**Wednesday & Friday 6.00pm—8.00pm**

During this time the following protocols will be strictly adhered to:

1. The Church is open for **private prayer**, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at all times. Please show the appropriate reverence.
2. **Anyone who has the symptoms of Covid-19 (i.e. a high temperature, a new and persistent cough, or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) or has been advised to shield themselves or a member of their household, should not visit Church.**
3. Entrance will be via the Main doors, and exit via the side doors opposite the Grotto.
4. Hand sanitiser is to be used on entry and exit.
5. A one-way system will operate within the Church—up the centre aisle and out via the side aisles to the exit.
6. Social-distancing of 2 metres is to be maintained at all times.
7. Sections of the Church will be cordoned off, and seating will be in designated points. These areas will be cleaned after every individual visit.
8. A maximum of 26 people will be allowed entry at any one time. Those visiting are therefore asked to be conscious of others who may be waiting in the length of time they spend in Church.
9. Entrance to the Lady Chapel will be for one person at a time.
10. Personal prayer books may be brought, but no other materials may be given out.
11. There will be no votive stands.
12. There will be no toilet facilities.

Two stewards will be present whenever the Church is open. Please also respect them, and the fact that they are giving up their time for the benefit of all.

There is a video on the Youtube channel **Rchurchesashton** to help explain these changes.