

# *Ss Aidan & Oswald, Royton, Oldham*

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## *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year*

Weekending 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Mass Times This Week

Saturday Vigil – 5.30p.m. Sunday – 9.30a.m.

### Eucharistic Services This Week

Monday 8.30a.m., Tuesday 8.30a.m.,

Wednesday 12.15p.m. & 7.00p.m.,

Thursday 8.30a.m., Friday 8.30a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday           **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
*World day of Prayer for the Sick*

Wednesday      **Ash Wednesday**  
*A Day of Fasting & Abstinence*  
*(See below)*

Saturday          **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
*These 13<sup>th</sup> century holy men received a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a consequence they founded the Servite Order, among other things, to foster devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows*

Sunday           **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
*(See below)*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Sunday           **10.30a.m.** *Sacramental Programme – Workshop II*  
**10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Jimmy and Liz Grennan*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Monday           *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Eucharistic Services this week*  
**7.00p.m.** *St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (See below)*

Tuesday          **7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Wednesday      **8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*  
**10.30a.m.** *Ss Aidan & Oswald's Primary School 'Ash Wednesday Service'*  
**12.15p.m.** *A Eucharistic Service incorporating the Distribution of Ashes (See below)*  
**7.00p.m.** *A Eucharistic Service incorporating the Distribution of Ashes*

Thursday         **7.30p.m.** *Credit Union Management Meeting*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Sunday           **9.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by members of our St Vincent de Paul Society*

**3.00p.m.** *Stations of the Cross* (See below)  
**7.30p.m.** *Lenten Taize Service* (See below)  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO** - everyone who contributed to the the recent *Retiring Collection* for *Caritas Diocese of Salford* which realised £500.00 rounded-up from church funds

**THE LENTEN EDITION OF MY DAY BY DAY** – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £1.00. (11/2)

**THE LENTEN EDITION OF BIBLE ALIVE!** – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.00. (11/2)

**THE LENTEN EDITION OF WALK WITH ME** – is available in the church porches **this weekend** free-of-charge. (Never say I don't ever give you anything!) (11/2)

**THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC HERALD** – is available **this weekend** in the church porches priced £5.00. Please place the money for these in one of the candle boxes. Thank you. (4/2) (11/2)

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE** – as the *Code of Canon Law* states, “The *law of abstinence* binds those who have completed their fourteenth year, with no upper age limit. The *law of fasting* binds those who have attained their majority (18 years) until the beginning of their sixtieth year.” (Canon 1252) According to the *Bishops of England & Wales*, we are to *abstain* from meat or some other food, drink or amusement. *Fasting* means eating considerably less food.

**ON ASH WEDNESDAY** – ashes will be distributed during the *Eucharistic Services* at 12.15p.m. and 7.00p.m.

**THROUGHOUT THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT** – the *Stations of the Cross* will take place **every Sunday** at 3.00p.m. (11/2)

**A LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE** – will take place **next Sunday** at 7.30p.m. This will be a fitting start to the *Holy Season of Lent*. I hope you will find the time to participate in the *Service* and thus prepare well for the rest of Lent. (4/2) (11/2)

**DEANERY STATION MASSES THIS LENT** – will be celebrated at the following venues: 20<sup>th</sup> February St Edward, Lees; 27<sup>th</sup> February St Ann's, Ashton-under-Lyne; 5<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick, Oldham; 12<sup>th</sup> March St Mary,

Failsworth; 19<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph, Mossley. All the Masses will start at 7.00p.m. (11/2)

**A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION** – with reflections on the Crucifixion of the Lord Jesus, will take place **on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00p.m. in the *Community Room*. It will be given by John Littleford BA(Hons) First Arts. This is a most fitting meditation for this *Holy Season of Lent*. I know – I have seen it. (11/2)

**THIS YEAR'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – will take place **on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at *St Matthew & St Luke's Church, Chadderton Hall Road, Oldham, OL1 2RT* at 2.00p.m. This year the *Service* has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. People in over 146 countries and islands will be joining in prayer. You are welcome to participate. Please do! For further information please see the notice in the church porch. There are also some leaflets on the tables in the church porches.(11/2)

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** – will be administered by Bishop John Arnold to students wishing to receive it and who are in Years 8, 9 and 10 on **Saturday and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. For students who do not attend *Newman College* there are invitations in the sacristy for you to collect. These contain information about how to register for the programme and the dates of all the seven sessions taking place at *St Edward's, Lees* and other important information. In addition, please see the notice in the church porch. (28/1) (4/2) (11/2)

*Keep safe and keep well.*

*May God bless you and St Aidan and St Oswald pray for you.*

*Fr Stephen. ©*