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2nd Sunday of the Year

Weekending 13th/14th January 2024

Mass Times This Week

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

Tuesday 10.30a.m.

Eucharistic Service Times This Week

Monday 8.30a.m.,

Wednesday 8.30a.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 **2nd Sunday of the Year**
Peace Sunday
(See below)

Wednesday **St Anthony**
St Anthony was a 4th century Egyptian abbot who is regarded as the 'father of all monks' and who retired to the Egyptian desert at the age of 20. He attracted many people to the monastic life

Thursday **This Year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today**

Friday **St Wulstan**
St Wulstan was an 11th century Benedictine monk who was renowned for his care of the poor and the sick and the high standards he asked of his clergy

Saturday **St Sebastian**
St Sebastian was a 3rd century Italian martyr who died during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian

Sunday **3rd Sunday of the Year**
Sunday of the Word of God

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Saturday **5.30p.m.** *The Annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (See below)*

Sunday **9.30a.m.** *The Annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*
10.30a.m. *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock and Annette White*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Monday *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Eucharistic Services this week*

Tuesday **7.00p.m.** *Scripture Group Meeting*
10.30a.m. *Ss Aidan & Oswald's Primary School Mass*

Wednesday	7.30p.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i> 8.45a.m. <i>Babies' & Toddlers' Group</i> 8.00p.m. <i>Keep Fit!</i>
Thursday	7.30p.m. <i>Credit Union Management Meeting</i> 7.30p.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>
Sunday	10.30a.m. <i>Coffee Morning prepared and served by our St Vincent de Paul Society</i> 10.30a.m. <i>Sacramental Programme Workshop No.1</i> 7.30p.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO:

- everyone who attended the meeting last Thursday as part of our preparation for the *Diocesan Synod*. Parishioners from both *St Joseph's* and *Ss Aidan & Oswald's* were present. (*See the next item*)
- Tom Penketh, a parishioner of *St Joseph's Parish*, for volunteering to become the *Health & Safety Officer* for both *St Joseph's* and *Ss Aidan & Oswald's* (thinking ahead when the amalgamation of the two parishes takes place!).

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY – a day in which the Pope Francis wants us to pray especially for peace throughout the world. The theme he has chosen this year is *Artificial Intelligence & Peace*. It might seem a strangely technical, rather abstract title, of limited interest except to experts, but new technologies are developing so quickly that we need to think about their consequences for our freedom, peace and security. Who is gaining power through AI – and who is being disempowered? We also need to think of the risk of Artificial Intelligence, which will only have as much soul and ethical vision as those who programme it, calling the shots on the battlefield, deciding who lives and who dies – and possibly one day even triggering wars automatically. We need to pray for peace, not just today but everyday.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – is holding it's annual *White Flower Appeal* **this weekend**. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the His Majesty's Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortions. (7/1) (14/1)

ALL LAST YEAR'S LOST PROPERTY – is on one of the tables in the church porch **this weekend**. So, if you lost your teeth, hearing aids, glasses, walking stick, umbrella, etc. have a look on the table! Items still there at the

end of the month will be placed in one of my black wheelie bins! (We have to make room for this year's lost property!) (7/1) (14/1)

FURTHER TO THE DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETING - held here last Thursday at the *Big Listen* event, there are boxes available in the church porches to place any comments you may wish to make and which will be shared at the forthcoming diocesan meeting. Paper and pens are also available, if you were unable to attend the meeting, you are still invited to comment on how you think future development of the Church should proceed. For further information please see the Parish Website. The boxes will be available for the next two weeks, should you wish to complete your comments at home.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY – are required, as two current volunteers will not be continuing. Volunteers must be DBS checked. If you would like to help, please contact me and we will take it from there. The *Children's Liturgy* takes place every Sunday morning during the 9.30 Mass. Thank you. (24/12) (31/12) (7/1) (14/1)

CAFOD – THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT – is looking for people to give just a little time and join it in its mission. Could you help at a parish level? It is also looking for volunteers to visit local schools. Training and support will be provided. For more information please visit cafod.org.uk/Volunteer, or contact salford@cafod.org.uk, or telephone on 07710 094454. (14/1)

Keep safe and keep well.

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

Fr Stephen. ©

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