

# *St Aidan & Oswald, Royton, Oldham*

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## *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Weekending 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Mass Times This Week

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

Monday 8.30a.m., Wednesday 10.00a.m., Friday 8.30a.m.

### Eucharistic Services This Week

Tuesday 8.30a.m. & Thursday 8.30a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon

### Baptisms

Every Saturday – 2.00p.m. (By Appointment)

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday           **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Gaudete Sunday**  
**“Rejoice”!**

Thursday       **St Peter Canisius**  
*St Peter Canisius was a 16<sup>th</sup> century Dutch Jesuit priest who is remembered for his strong support, in Germany, for the Catholic faith during the Reformation. The restoration of the Catholic Church in Germany after the Reformation was largely through the work of the Jesuits, which St Peter Canisius led*

Saturday       **St John of Kanty**  
*St John of Kanty was a 15<sup>th</sup> century Polish priest who taught in Cracow University and who is an example of learning, charity and holiness*

Sunday           **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Monday         **The Nativity of the Lord**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Sunday           **10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by our St Vincent de Paul Society*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Monday         *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Masses and Eucharistic Services this week*  
**1.30p.m.** *Nativity Play – Years 1 & 2*  
**7.00p.m.** *Scripture Group Meeting*

Tuesday       **9.30a.m.** *Nativity Play – Years 1 & 2*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Wednesday   **8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*  
**10.00a.m.** *A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Ian McGeary R.I.P.*  
**11.30a.m.** *Interment of Ian McGeary R.I.P. at Royton Cemetery*

	<b>8.00p.m.</b> <i>Keep Fit!</i>
Thursday	<b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>Credit Union Management Meeting</i> <b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>
Friday	<b>6.00p.m.</b> <i>Convert's Instructions</i>
Sunday	<b>10.30a.m.</b> <i>Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock and Annette White</i> <b>7.00p.m.</b> <i>Carol Singing</i> <b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>The First Mass of Christmas</i> <b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>
Monday	<b>9.30a.m.</b> <i>Christmas Day Mass</i>

**THE 2024 EDITION OF THE SALFORD ALMANAC** – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.50. (10/12) (17/12)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS** – are on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend**. Please find the time to pop in and have a good browse! Whilst it is getting more and more difficult to purchase religious Christmas cards in shops, there are plenty to choose from in our *Shop!* (5/11) (12/11) (19/11) (26/11) (3/12) (10/12) (17/12)

**THE CHRISMAS 2023 EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC HERALD** – is on sale in the church porches **this weekend** priced £5.00. This is now a monthly magazine, rather than a newspaper. It is beautifully produced and is a really good read for those who like to keep up-to-date with all that is happening within the Roman Catholic Church, both at home and abroad. Being a monthly production, it lends itself to deeper insights of current events. (10/12) (17/12)

**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES** – are as follows:

Christmas Eve - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

9.30a.m. Mass

7.00p.m. Carol Singing

7.30p.m. The First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

9.30a.m. Mass

**A DIOCESAN SYNOD** – has been called by Bishop John Arnold. It will be an opportunity to meet as a diocese to discern what God is asking of his Church at this time, resulting in helping us to live out our calling as missionary disciples. A joint meeting has been arranged for both *Ss Aidan & Oswald's Parish, Royton* and *St Joseph's Parish, Shaw* **for Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024** at 7.00p.m. in the *Community Room* at *Ss Aidan & Oswald's*. For

further information please see either parish's notice boards and their websites. (10/12) (17/12)

**AS SALFORD DIOCESE** - works to reach its goal of being net zero by 2038, the diocesan environmental team is looking to find out more about the travel patterns of people across the diocese. The team has put together a short survey to find out more about how people travel to and from church and would be very grateful for your response. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/skCHYCknBzhDrvbn9>. (26/11) (3/12) (10/12) (17/12)

**THE ROCHDALE CATENIANS** – would like to thank the parishioners of *Ss Aidan & Oswald's* who supported the recent choir concert by the *Nightingale Singers* at *St Vincent de Paul's Parish Centre, Norden, Rochdale*. £1,000.00 was raised from the event for *CAFOD's Harvest Fund*.

**CAFOD WRITES:** A huge thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is a small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners across 762 parishes in England and Wales signed the letter (including 3,500 signatures from 37 parishes in this diocese). Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." Your support helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start. Thank you for adding your voice.

*Keep safe and keep well.*

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

*Fr Stephen. ©*