

# *St Aidan & Oswald, Royton, Oldham*

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## *Palm Sunday of the Passion*

Weekending 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Mass Times This Week

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

Tuesday 2.00p.m., Thursday 11.30a.m. & 7.00p.m.

### Eucharistic Services This Week

Monday 8.30a.m., Wednesday 8.30a.m., Friday 3.00p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon

### Baptisms

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

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Holy Week**
- Saturday **5.30p.m.** *Palms will be distributed and blessed during this Mass*
- Sunday **9.30a.m.** *Palms will be distributed and blessed during this Mass*  
**10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock & Annette White*  
**3.00p.m.** *Stations of the Cross*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
- Monday *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Eucharistic Services this week*  
**8.30a.m.** *Eucharistic Service*  
**2.00p.m.** *Passion Play*
- Tuesday **10.00a.m.** *Passion Play*  
**2.00p.m.** *St Aidan & Oswald's Primary School Mass*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
- Wednesday **8.30a.m.** *Eucharistic Service*  
**8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*  
**11.00a.m.** *Mass of Sacred Chrism at St Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester (See below)*
- Thursday **Maundy Thursday**  
**11.30a.m.** *A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Michael Wilson R.I.P.*  
**1.00p.m.** *Committal of Michael Wilson R.I.P. at Oldham Crematorium*  
**7.00p.m.** *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, including the Recommissioning of our Eucharistic Ministers, followed by 'Watching before the Blessed Sacrament' until 9.00p.m.*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
- Friday **Good Friday**  
**10.00a.m.** *Stations of the Cross*  
**3.00p.m.** *Solemn Afternoon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

*The Retiring Collection today is for the 'Shrines of Palestine'*

Saturday **Holy Saturday**  
**5.30p.m.** *Easter Vigil Mass*

Sunday **Easter Sunday**  
**9.30a.m.** *Mass During the Day*  
**10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Carrie-Anne & Thaddaeus Varey*  
**7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO** - everyone who represented Ss Aidan & Oswald's at the *Deanery Station Masses* this Lent

**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 **this weekend**. 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) (18/2) (25/2) (3/3) (10/3) (17/3) (24/3)

**THE NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** – are available for collecting from the back of church **this weekend**. If you are not in the *Planned Giving Scheme* and would like to be, please see me and we will get it organised. If you are a taxpayer, the parish is able to benefit financially from His Majesty's Government. This will not affect your financial situation in any way – but you have to sign-up for this and join the *Planned Giving Scheme*. Again, you may see me, should you wish the parish to benefit in this way. Thank you. (17/3) (24/3)

**THIS WEEK'S COPY OF THE TABLET** – is on sale in the church porches **this weekend** priced £5.00. Please put the money in one of the candle boxes. Thank you.

**DECADES OF THE ROSARY** – is the title of a history of *Holy Rosary Parish, Fitton Hill*. Copies are available in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £5.00 each. They include an update on the current status of the church and the mosaic which has been graded by Historic England. (10/3) (17/3) (24/3)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – will take place **this afternoon (Sunday)** at 3.00. This is the Church's traditional foremost meditative devotion for Lent. I hope you will avail yourself of it this afternoon and *Good Friday* morning at

10.00, especially if you will not be at the *Solemn Afternoon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion* at 3.00.

**THE MASS OF SACRED CHRISM** – will be celebrated at *St Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester*, **on Wednesday morning** at 11.00. Every parish in the diocese has been allotted three tickets for entrance to *St Patrick's*. If anyone would like to attend, please see me for a ticket. Anyone who has never been to the *Mass of Sacred Chrism* is particularly encouraged to represent *Ss Aidan & Oswald's*. A packed lunch will be provided afterwards.

**GOOD FRIDAY 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.

*Keep safe and keep well.*

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

*Fr Stephen. ©*