

# *St Aidan & Oswald, Royton, Oldham*

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

Weekending 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Mass Times This Week

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

Friday 11.30a.m.,

### Eucharistic Services This Week

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

Wednesday 8.30a.m., Thursday 8.30a.m., Friday 7.00p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon & 5.00p.m.

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday           **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**Caritas Sunday**  
*(See below)*

Wednesday      **St John Bosco**  
*St John Bosco was a 19<sup>th</sup> century Italian priest who founded the 'Salesian Order' and the 'Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians', to assist him in his work with young people*

Friday           **The Presentation of the Lord**  
**A Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life**

Saturday          **St Blaise**  
*St Blaise was a 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop in Armenia who cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in his throat. Subsequently, St Blaise became the Patron Saint of people with throat problems*

Sunday           **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Saturday          **5.30p.m.** *The Retiring Collection is for 'Caritas Diocese of Salford'*

Sunday           **9.30a.m.** *Sacramental Programme Presentation Mass*  
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**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          **7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Wednesday       **8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*  
**8.00p.m.** *Keep Fit!*

Thursday          **1.00p.m.** *Big Church Clean – I*  
**5.00p.m.** *Big Church Clean – II*

Friday	<p><b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i></p> <p><b>11.30a.m.</b> <i>A Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Patricia Murdo R.I.P.</i></p> <p><b>1.00p.m.</b> <i>Committal of Patricia Murdo R.I.P. at Blackley Crematorium</i></p> <p><b>6.00p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p><b>7.00p.m.</b> <i>Eucharistic Service (First Friday)</i></p>
Saturday	<p><b>5.30p.m.</b> <i>The Retiring Collection is for 'Survive-Miva' (See below)</i></p>
Sunday	<p><b>9.30a.m.</b> <i>The Retiring Collection is for Survive-Miva</i></p> <p><b>10.30a.m.</b> <i>Coffee Morning prepared and served by the McGlade family</i></p> <p><b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i></p>

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO:**

- everyone who contributed to last weekend's *Retiring Collection* for the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* which realised £400.00 rounded-up from church funds

**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 on Wednesday 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) (21/1) (28/1)

**THE RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** – is for *Caritas Diocese of Salford*. This organisation is the principal social action agency of the diocese. Its mission is to put 'love into action' by helping those across the *Diocese of Salford* experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination and to transform their lives with dignity. *Caritas Diocese of Salford* provides a practical response to those in crisis, suffering hardship or who are at risk. It supports people as they rebuild their lives for the long-term, enabling them to live in a safe, healthy and secure environment. It also calls for a better, more just world, where the voices of the poor are heard and acted upon and positively influence the systems, decisions and resources that affect those most in need. For Gift Aider there are special envelopes in the church porches for your donations. Thank you. (21/1) (28/1)

**THE RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** – is for *Survive-Miva*, which is a Catholic lay association based in Liverpool and founded in 1974. Its members provide grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access across Africa, Asia and Latin America. For more information

please see the notice in the church porch. A member of *Survive-Miva* will be making an appeal at both Masses. (28/1)

**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)

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer), or contact [salford@cafod.org.uk](mailto:salford@cafod.org.uk), or telephone on 07710 094454. (14/1) (21/1) (28/1)

**A SERVICE OF BLESSING FOR ENGAGED COUPLES** – will be held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February** at *St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst, Manchester* at 2.00p.m. It will be led by Bishop John Arnold and it is intended for couples getting married this year. I have a *Letter of Invitation*, from Bishop John, for any couples who would like to attend, as well as an *Attendance Form*. Please see me if your require them. (21/1) (28/1)

**THE DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM** - is planning two pilgrimage experiences. In May, young people in Years 7, 8, and 9 will have the opportunity to join the team for our third *Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham*. The group departs **on Friday 3rd May** and returns on Saturday 4th May - after joining up with the main diocesan pilgrimage. Our young people will also have the opportunity to travel to Lourdes as aspiring volunteers in the centenary year of our diocesan pilgrimage. The pilgrimage takes place between 25 July 2024 and 2nd August 2024 and is for people in years 8, 9, and 10. Please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for more information (21/1) (28/1)

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

*Fr Stephen. ©*