

# *St Aidan & Oswald, Royton, Oldham*

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## *The Holy Family*

Weekending 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Mass Times This Week

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

Monday 12.15p.m., Tuesday 8.30a.m.,

Wednesday 8.30a.m., Thursday 8.30a.m.,

Friday 7.00p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon

### Baptisms

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

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Monday **Holy Mary, Mother of God**

*(See below)*

Tuesday **Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

*St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen were 4<sup>th</sup> century bishops of the Eastern Church and close friends. St Basil was Bishop of Caesarea and active in promoting the monastic life, writing a 'rule' which is still observed today. Gregory was Bishop of Constantinople and was a man of great learning.*

Wednesday **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Sunday **The Epiphany of the Lord**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Sunday **10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Carole- Anne & Thaddaeus Varey*

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

Monday **12.15p.m.** *Mass for the Start of the New Year*

Tuesday *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Masses this week*

**9.30a.m.** *Jackpot Draw (See below)*

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

Wednesday **10.30a.m.** *A Funeral Service at Oldham Crematorium Chapel for the repose of the soul of Margot McGuirk R.I.P.*

Thursday **1.00p.m.** *Big Church Clean - I*

**4.00p.m.** *Jade Halkyard's Full Initiation into the Roman Catholic Church*

**5.00p.m.** *Big Church Clean - II*

**6.00p.m.** *Big Church Clean - III*

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

Friday **6.00p.m.** *Holy Hour*

**7.00p.m.** *Mass (First Friday)*

Sunday

**10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by the  
McGlade family*

**10.30a.m.** *Credit Union Office Open*

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

**IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET** – that due to my continuing ill-health I have tendered my resignation to Bishop John Arnold, as Parish Priest of both *Ss Aidan & Oswald's* and *St Joseph's*. Having received my latest cardiologist's report, not good reading, I asked the bishop to allow me to retire five months earlier than I would have done. He understood my situation and has allowed me to do so. It could be January 2024 before a new Parish Priest is appointed. He will be responsible for amalgamating *Ss Aidan & Oswald's* and *St Joseph's*. The bishop has asked me to stay on in my present semi-retirement capacity until then. Watch this space! (24/12) (31/12)

**THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY EDITION OF MY DAY BY DAY** – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £1.00. (31/12)

**THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY EDITION OF BIBLE ALIVE!** - is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.00. (31/12)

**THE 2024 EDITION OF THE SALFORD ALMANAC** – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.50. (10/12) (17/12) (24/12) (31/12)

**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)

**A VOLUNTEER FOR PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY** – is required, especially now that we are well into Winter! Wet leaves and snow are particular hazards at this time. The *Catholic Insurance Service Ltd.* insists that certain standards be maintained. If we fall short of these standards we will not be able to make a successful claim. If a car park cannot be treated for ice then it must be closed and signed posted as such! If you would like to volunteer to be our *Health & Safety Manager* and organise a team to help you, please contact me and we will take it from there. Thank you. (24/12) (31/12)

**TOMORROW (MONDAY) – NEW YEAR'S DAY** – is the *Feast of Holy Mary, Mother of God*. Mass will be celebrated at 12.15p.m. I hope that you will try your best to attend and thus start the New Year in the best possible way, i.e. by dedicating it to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**THIS MONTH'S JACKPOT DRAW** – will be held on **Tuesday morning** at 9.30a.m. Please make sure your subscriptions are up to date. May I thank all our members for your continuing support. If you are not a subscriber to the *Jackpot* and would like to be, see me after Mass and we will have you in it in no time! There are four monthly prizes of £500.00, £100.00 and two prizes of £25.00 each. Remember - you have to be in it, to win it!! Thank you.

**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) (24/12) (31/12)

**THE MONKS AT AMPLEFORTH ABBEY** – in Yorkshire, have produced their programme of retreats for 2024. There are a few leaflets in the church porches regarding this. Further details may be obtained from the abbey's website by visiting: [retreat@ampleforthabbey.org.uk](mailto:retreat@ampleforthabbey.org.uk)

*May I wish you and your families a very happy, holy and peaceful New Year.*

*Keep safe and keep well.*

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

*Fr Stephen. ©*