

# *St Aidan & Oswald, Royton, Oldham*

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## *31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year*

Weekending 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Mass Times This Week

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

### Eucharistic Services This Week

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

Thursday 8.30a.m., Friday 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           **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
Tuesday       **St Willibrord**  
*St Willibrord was an 8<sup>th</sup> century English priest who was called the 'Apostle to the Frisians' in modern Netherlands*  
Thursday       **The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
*The Lateran Basilica is the Pope's basilica and today's feast is the sign of unity with the Holy See*  
Friday          **St Leo the Great**  
*St Leo the Great was a 5<sup>th</sup> century Pope who strove to protect the integrity of the faith and defended the unity of the Church*  
Saturday       **St Martin of Tours**  
*St Martin was a 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Tours, France. He worked hard visiting his flock and preached against paganism. He was one of the first non-martyrs to be canonised*  
Sunday          **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Saturday       **2.00p.m.** *We welcome into the parish community George William Davies on the occasion of his Baptism*  
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*  
Monday        **The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Eucharistic Services this week**  
                  **9.30a.m.** *Jackpot Draw (See below)*  
                  **7.00p.m.** *Scripture Group Meeting*  
Tuesday       **7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*  
Wednesday   **8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*

	<b>8.00p.m.</b> <i>Keep Fit!</i>
Thursday	<b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>
Friday	<b>6.00p.m.</b> <i>Convert's Instructions</i>
Saturday	<b>2.00p.m.</b> <i>We welcome twins Arthur Samuel Jona Hughes and William Erik Findley Hughes into the parish community on the occasion of their Baptism</i>
Sunday	<b>10.30a.m.</b> <i>Coffee Morning prepared and served by Jimmy and Liz Grennan</i>
	<b>7.30p.m.</b> <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>

**CONGRAULATIONS TO DAVID & CATHERINE FERGUSON** - on celebrating their *Golden Wedding Anniversary* last Friday. In an age when marriage is ignored by many in our society and so many marriages end in divorce, it is a credit to David and Catherine that they have given such a wonderful example of Christian marriage. So, on behalf of the whole parish and myself, may I thank them for their witness in this regard and wish them many more years of happily married life.

**THE NOVEMBER BOOK** – is available near the sanctuary steps, for people to write the names of their deceased relatives and friends, whom they wish to be prayed for at Masses throughout November, the month dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Names already in the *Book* need not be duplicated. (29/10) (5/11)

**THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF MY DAY BY DAY** – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £1.00. (29/10) (5/11)

**THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF BIBLE ALIVE!** - is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.00. (29/10) (5/11)

**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)

**THIS MONTH'S JACKPOT DRAW** – will be held **tomorrow (Monday) 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.

**ST ANTHONY'S CENTRE, TRAFFORD PARK** – is providing help for the unemployed or those returning to employment. Free courses for eligible candidates aged 19 years or over will be starting soon. With particular emphasis on English and maths, these short courses will provide opportunities for students

to improve their English and maths skills. For example, courses include Introduction to Maths; Maths for Parents; Maths for Budgeting and Maths for Beginners. To find out more see St Anthony's Website: [stanthonycentre.org.uk](http://stanthonycentre.org.uk) or telephone on 0161 848 9173 or email the Centre at [Training@stanthonycentre.org.uk](mailto:Training@stanthonycentre.org.uk) In addition, please see the notice in the church porch. (29/10) (5/11)

**HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP MIGUEL MAURY BUENDIA** - *Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain*, will make a pastoral visit to *Salford Diocese* on **28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November**. As part of his visit he will celebrate Mass at *St Patrick's, Collyhurst* on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at 6:30pm where he will impart an *Apostolic Blessing* on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass and there is no need to register. (5/11)

**ONCE AGAIN YOUR GENEROSITY IS BEING CALLED UPON** – to provide food for the poor and/or homeless in our area. The cost-of-living crisis has only served to make the situation worse. So please, on behalf of the men and women who call at the presbytery, may I ask you to very kindly donate any of the following tinned items: ham, *Fray Bentos* pies, corned beef, meat balls, hot dogs, fish, baked beans with sausages, baked beans, fish, mushy peas, and rice pudding. In addition the following would be greatly appreciated: meat paste, fish paste, semi-skimmed long life milk, tea bags, coffee, sugar, toilet rolls and can openers, etc. “In so far as you did it to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40) On behalf of the beneficiaries of your kindness, may I thank you in anticipation. (5/11)

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*Keep safe and keep well.*

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

*Fr Stephen. ©*