

# *St Aidan & Oswald, Royton, Oldham*

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## *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Weekending 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Mass Times This Week

Saturday Vigil – 5.30p.m. Sunday – 9.30a.m. & 7.30p.m.,

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

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Monday **The Baptism of the Lord**

Friday **St Aelred of Rievaulx**

*St Aelred was a 12<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian monk who is remembered for his spiritual writings, particularly on the gift of friendship*

Saturday **St Hilary**

*St Hilary was a 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Poitiers in France. He fought against the heresy of Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. For this he was exiled*

Sunday **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

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. Masses this week*

**7.00p.m.** *St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (See below)*

Tuesday **7.00p.m.** *Parish Finance Committee Meeting*

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

Wednesday **8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*

**8.00p.m.** *Keep Fit!*

Thursday **7.00p.m.** *A Meeting as part of our preparation for the Diocesan Synod (See below)*

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

Saturday **5.30p.m.** *The Annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (See below)*

Sunday **9.30a.m.** *The Annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*

**10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock and Annette White*  
**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) (7/1)

**THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY EDITION OF MY DAY BY DAY** – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £1.00. (31/12) (7/1)

**THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY EDITION OF BIBLE ALIVE!** - is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.00. (31/12) (7/1)

**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) (7/1)

**THE JANUARY EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC HERALD** – is on sale in the church porches **this weekend** priced £5.00. Please put the money in one of the candle boxes. Thank you. (31/12) (7/1)

**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 at the end of the month will be placed in one of my black wheelie bins! (We have to make room for this year's lost property!) (7/1)

**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) (7/1)

**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) (7/1)

**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* **on Thursday**, 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) (7/1)

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN** – will be holding its annual *White Flower Appeal* **next weekend**. *SPUC's* vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the His Majesty's Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortions. (7/1)

*Keep safe and keep well.*

*May God bless you and Ss Aidan & Oswald pray for you.*  
*Fr Stephen.*