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Divine Mercy Sunday

Weekending 6th/7th April 2024

Mass Times This Week

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

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

Thursday 8.30a.m., Friday 10.00a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon & 5.00p.m. - 5.20p.m.

Baptisms

By Appointment

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday **Divine Mercy Sunday**
(See below)

Monday **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Thursday **St Stanislaus**
St Stanislaus was an 11th century Bishop of Krakow who took a stand against the brutality of King Boleslaus, eventually excommunicating him. The king responded by killing Stanislaus himself

Friday **49th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood** *(See below)*

Saturday **St Martin**
St Martin was a 7th century Italian Pope who called the Lateran Council to decree against the Monothelite heresy which maintained that Jesus Christ had only one will, whereas the Roman Catholic Church teaches that he had two wills, a human will and a divine will

Sunday **3rd Sunday of Easter**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Sunday **10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by the McGlade family*
3.00p.m. *Divine Mercy Devotions (See below)*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

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

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

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

Thursday **10.45a.m.** *A Funeral Service for the repose of the soul of John Hagan R.I.P.*

12.00noon *Interment of John Hagan R.I.P. at Royton Cemetery*

7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Friday
Oswald's
here!)
10.00a.m. *Mass with the children from Ss Aidan & Primary School (This will be my last Mass*

Sunday
10.30a.m. *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock and Annette White*

7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

THIS IS MY FINAL NEWSLETTER – to you, the people of Ss Aidan & Oswald's. Although it has been a long time coming, it doesn't make my leaving you any easier, nor that of Barbara, my dear housekeeper of 26 years! May we take this opportunity to thank those of you who have very kindly given us cards and gifts regarding our illnesses, Easter and retirements. You are very kind and thoughtful. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time here, serving you in our different capacities, but the time has come for us to move on. As you welcome your new parish priest, we are sure you will make his time here as happy and as enjoyable as ours has been. May we wish you well for the future and may you embrace the amalgamation with my other parish, St Joseph's, Shaw, with enthusiasm and commitment.

THE APRIL EDITION OF MY DAY BY DAY – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £1.00. (31/3) (7/4)

THE APRIL EDITION OF BIBLE ALIVE! - is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.00. (31/3) (7/4)

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) (31/3) (7/4)

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS – will take place **this afternoon** at 3.00. St Maria Faustina was asked by Jesus Christ, who revealed himself to her on 22nd February 1931, to have a picture painted of him of the vision she saw. At the bottom of the painting the words "Jesus, I trust in you" were to be inscribed. He then requested that this picture be venerated throughout the world. The words of the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* were revealed to her. Jesus said to St Maria Faustina that anyone who says this Chaplet unceasingly will

receive great mercy at the hour of death. I hope you will do your best to come to the special devotions and consequently develop a devotion to the Divine Mercy - if you haven't already! (31/3) (7/4)

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, 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. (31/3) (7/4)

DR KERSHAW'S HOSPICE – is seeking volunteers to help support patient care. Volunteers are an integral part of the hospice and play an essential role. The gift of your time and skills can make a huge impact and just a few hours can make a real difference, not only to the hospice and the patients, but also to yourself. There are endless ways to get involved, from volunteering at events, becoming a member of the reception team, working in one of their shops and using any specialist skills you may have, such as photography. There is a volunteering role to suit everyone! For further information please see the notice in the church porch and/or visit the hospice website at www.drkh.org.uk (31/3) (7/4)

HAVE YOU GOT 'GREEN FINGERS' – so as to take over looking after the flower pots and hanging baskets on the approach to the side porch of the church? Anthony and Margaret Tunnicliffe have lovingly tended them for many years and are unable to continue to do so. They also tended the tubs and flower beds at the bottom of Vaughan Street. If you are willing to continue their good work, please let me know. Thank you. (31/3) (7/4)

So, for the last time, keep safe and keep well.

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

Fr Stephen. ©