



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

Eucharistic Ministers

There is a day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers. It is hoped all minister will attend. The time together will be an opportunity to pray together and spend some time reflecting on this important ministry.

Lunch will be provided. Please email to confirm your attendance and any dietary needs.

Date: 22nd March, 12.30-4pm
Location: Ss. Aidan & Oswald's

Readers

Those who read at Mass are welcome to join together for a day of recollection. We will ponder on the Word of God, and spend time together in prayer.

Lunch will be provided. Please email to confirm your attendance and any dietary needs.

Date: 29th March, 12.30-4pm
Location: St. Joseph's

Altar Servers

Altar Servers are invited to join together for an afternoon of training. There will also be a time of prayer together.

Lunch will be provided. Please can the parent/ carer email to confirm attendance and any dietary needs.

Date: 5th April, 12.30-4pm
Location: Ss. Aidan & Oswald's



Open Church

A great devotion is to 'pay a visit' to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament when we pass a Church or find we have some spare time in the day.

The Saints testify to the power of spending time with Jesus. Saint Alphonsus wrote:

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

Perhaps we can have our churches open daily so that we too can visit Jesus frequently and spend time with Him?

I propose that, initially, we open the narthex of each church from 8am - 4pm each day throughout the week for private prayer. Thoughts?

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque:
"Every time you visit the Church for the love of Christ, His heart draws us in an embrace of sheer delight."

Mass Times

Saint Joseph's

Monday - Saturday: 10am
Sunday: 11am

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Monday: Eucharistic Service: 9am
Tuesday - Thursday: 9am
Friday: 9.30am
Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.30am

Confession

Saint Joseph's: Saturday 10.30-11am
Saints Aidan & Oswald's: Saturday 11.30-12noon, 5-5.20pm

Adoration (with Rosary)

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 9am

Devotions

Church opening times

TBC

Saints Aidan and Oswald's

First Friday: Sacred Heart of Jesus
Holy Hour with Confession: 6pm
Holy Mass: 7pm
(each First Friday of the month)

Parish

Induction Mass

A very warm welcome to parishioners, friends, brother-priests, and my family who join us this weekend for the Mass of Induction as Parish Priest.

I am incredibly excited to take up this role and look forward to serving the Parish communities.

Environmental Project

Works at the former Our Lady's RC High School, off Broadway, has transformed the former site into a housing estate of 47 new homes. The completion is sometime later this year.

As a result of our hospitality of use of the Parish Carpark at Ss. Aidan and Oswald, The Casey Group: Pro-Environment, have offered to do a project to enhance the church's land, making it more green.

Some plans will be published and I will keep you informed of the progress

Parish & Diocese

Welcome Centre & Food bank Donations

The Welcome Centre at Ss. AO opens each Monday and Tuesday from 10am. It is a space for people to gather, socialise, and enjoy food and drink. All are welcome.

Food bank donations are at St. Joseph's and Ss. Aidan and Oswald. All donations greatly appreciated.

“Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until we find our rest in you.”

Saint Augustine of Hippo

Diocesan Synod

The Diocesan Synod culminates with a Diocesan Voting Day, where clergy and lay synod members will come together to vote on recommendations that will form the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. This is followed by a celebratory Mass on Sunday 2nd March 2025 at St Patricks RC Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester. M4 5HF from 15:00 to 17:00.

Universal Church

Pope Francis

This week we have heard in the media that the Pope has been admitted to hospital with a chest infection. Although his condition seems to be stable - he has been sat up reading and doing some light duties from his hospital bed - we know that our prayers and support will comfort him at this time.

Jubilee of Artists

During this jubilee year, which ordinarily occurs every 25 years in the Catholic Church, it is a special time of grace and renewal. This week (14-18th February) we celebrated the Jubilee of Artists. Pope Francis' homily speaks of the role of an artist in society:

“We live in a time of complex financial and social crises, but ours is above all a spiritual crisis, a crisis of meaning. Let us ask ourselves questions about time and about purpose. Are we pilgrims or wanderers? Does our journey have a destination, or are we directionless? Artists have the task of helping humanity not to lose its way and to keep a hopeful outlook.”

Jesus said to his disciples: *“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”* (Luke 6: 27-38)

Masses Received

General:

Winifred & Wilfred Tootill

Lately Dead:

Mary Malone
Maureen Winrow

Anniversary:

Josephine &
John Hall

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Dates for your diary



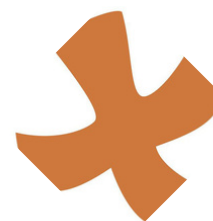
St Joseph Novena

10th - 19th March,
6pm onwards: Holy Hour,
Novena Prayers, & Mass at St. Joseph's Church, OL2 8SZ



Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday is on the **5th March**. Masses to be confirmed.



Taize event

Sunday 9th March, 6pm, a prayerful time with Taize music. All welcome.