



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

POPE FRANCIS

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RIP POPE FRANCIS

On Easter Monday we learnt of the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. It seems God, in His Wisdom and Divine Providence, is teaching us the reality of where the Easter message leads: that death does not get the 'last word', that Resurrection-Life awaits us!

Pope Francis' pontificate was marked by compassion for the poor, migrants, and care for our Common Home; the Earth.

His ministry as 'Pontiff (bridge-builder), saw him dialogue with new nations and further relations with Islam, and, in an ever fast-changing world, he showed acceptance and openness. He gave the Church a new platform; ensuring the Gospel message was heard. May Pope Francis rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

We will have a film night on

Thursday 1st May, 8.30pm (1.5 hours long) which documents the Pontificate of the late Pontiff:

'Pope Francis: A Man of His Word'

Ss. Aidan and Oswald's Parish Rooms

CONCLAVE

After the *novendiales* (nine days of mourning) for the Pope during Sede Vacante ('empty chair') conclave will begin where the next successor of Saint Peter will be chosen. Please pray for the cardinals as they discern, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, who they will vote for.

We have 4 Cardinals in England and Wales, 3 who will be voting.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Today, in the Universal Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a day when we remember that God's Justice is tempered by His Mercy. As the late Holy Father Francis taught us "Jesus reveals the Merciful Face of the Father." We mark this day by having adoration and the chaplet of Divine Mercy from 2pm on Sunday 27th April at Saint Joseph's followed by Holy Mass at 3pm.

A plenary indulgence is gained by those who celebrate Divine Mercy by
(1) reciting the Chaplet;
(2) Sacramental Confession;
(3) receive Holy Communion.

Mass/ Service Times

Saint Joseph's

Monday - Saturday: 10am

Sunday: 11am

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Monday: Euch. Service: 9am

Tuesday-Thursday: 9am

Friday: 9.30am (with school)

11am Funeral Service Anita McKimm+

7pm First Friday Mass

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am

Confession

St. Joseph's:

Saturday: 10.30-11am

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's:

Saturday: 11.30am-12noon

Adoration (with Rosary)

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's

Monday-Thursday: 8.30am-9am

Friday: 9am-9.30am

Devotions

St. Joseph's

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart

First Saturday of the Month:

Saturday 3rd May

Ss. Aidan and Oswald's

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

First Friday of the Month:

Friday 2nd May, from 6pm, Mass 7pm

CONFIRMATION

The young people – Confirmands – who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John Arnold on the 4th of June, will be presented this weekend at the Masses. We hold them in our prayers as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



CLASS MASSES

Next Sunday we welcome the children and parents from our Year 4 Classes who will be helping at the Sunday Masses - 9.30am and 11am - on the 11th May - welcoming, reading, serving, and helping with other duties. The Year 5 Classes will do the same on the 6th July. The hope is that each year group will take a part in the Masses over the year.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Next weekend we crown the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary is such an important figure in the Christian life, because she models discipleship: *"Mary, full of grace, first conceived Jesus in her heart before she conceived him in her womb."* (St. Augustine). Rosary beads will be blessed and distributed next weekend. I encourage each one of us to take up the habit of praying the rosary, daily. And, as the family of God in Royton, Shaw, and Crompton we would grow in our love of Jesus as we contemplate Him through the eyes of Mary. Remembering 'A family that prays together, stays together'.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kindness at Easter and for my birthday. It is greatly appreciated.

I've been your Parish Priest for three months now, and I'm loving getting to know you and learning how to serve you as your pp. We have achieved some great things together and plenty more to come.

"Easter is a season of profound transformation, a time when the old gives way to the new and the broken is made whole. It is a reminder that God's power is made perfect in weakness, and that His grace is sufficient for all our needs."

Saint Faustina Kowalska

WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome Luca into the Catholic Church as he will be baptised. Please continue to make the children and their family welcome at Mass.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the wonderful liturgies over the Sacred Triduum.

BAPTISMS

There will be a baptism session for those who wish to have their child(ren) baptised:

The next session is **Saturday 7th June, 11am-12.30pm, at Saint Joseph's Parish Centre**. Please speak to Fr. Gavin about booking on one of the above sessions.

NEW FOODBANK BOX

Owen, a young parishioner at St. Joseph's, has made a new food bank box as part of his GCSE Design & Technology project. Owen writes *"It means a lot to me to support the church in this way and to help others in the community who might be in need. I'm proud that something I've made which can have a real, positive impact."* We are very proud and grateful

RCIA

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is a programme for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Christian Faith. For those who might be interested in becoming members of the Church, or for those interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe, all are welcome. It is a journey of learning, experiencing and sharing that will hopefully allow us all to be open to what God wants to do in our lives.

If you are interested, the first meeting is on Wednesday 30th April from 7.00 to 8.00 pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. You will be very welcome.

CREDIT UNION

Ss Aidan & Oswald's Credit Union will hold its AGM on Thursday 22 May, 7:30pm in the Community Room. All members are invited to attend.

Please contact us by email at ssaocu@outlook.com or by Tel 07983 214496 for further information.

'My Lord and my God!' (John 20:19-31)

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MASSES RECEIVED

General

Winifred & Wilfred Tootill

David Hawkins and Mum

Ortiz, Charlton & Pendergast families

Peter Dolan, Pope Francis

Vincent Whelan, Sheila Allen (2), Marie

Dubois (2), Dawn Cookson (2) and Baby

Robbie (2)

Anniversary

John Moore

Lately Dead:

Karen Ashton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

First Weekend in May:

Crowning of Mary and blessing of Rosary Beads

11th May: Vocations Sunday

DONATIONS VIA QR

St. Joseph Ss. Aidan & Oswald

