



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD



EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus has risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!
As He said He would! Alleluia, Alleluia!

A very happy and blessed Easter to you and your family! The season of Easter reminds us that Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory over sin and death! His life is our life, His death is our victory!

*Christ
is
Risen!*

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.

BUYING A BIBLE

The Acts of The Apostles, found in the Bible, tells the stories of the early Church after Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. As we hear these passages throughout the Easter season, culminating with Christ's Ascension (Ascension Thursday - 29th May - is a Holy Day of Obligation), and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we are encouraged to spend time reading the scriptures and finding Jesus' message of mercy and love.

I have recently been approached by a good number of people who would like to explore becoming Catholic. We start the RCIA later this month. We would like to purchase a Bible for each person. If you would like to pay for a Bible to be gifted to the discerners (£20) please see Fr. Gavin.



EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for those who donated money for flowers; the churches are looking wonderful. Thank you for all of those who helped with flower arranging. If you are interested in volunteering as a flower arranger, please let Fr. Gavin know.

Mass/ Service Times

Saint Joseph's

Monday - Saturday: 10am

Divine Mercy Sunday: 11am, 3pm

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Monday: Euch. Service: 9am

Tuesday-Thursday: 9am

Friday: 9.30am, 1pm Requiem Mass for Patricia Halliwell+

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

Ss. Aidan and Oswald's

Devotion to the Sacred Heart
First Friday of the Month

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday 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.**

The devotion includes: going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. **"Jesus I trust in you"**

CLAENERS

Thank you for those who came to help clean the church and prepare for Easter. It is greatly appreciated.

"We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

Saint John Paul II

CHURCHES TOGETHER

We are hosting a Churches Together Soup Lunch at St. Joseph's on Wednesday 23rd April, 12noon. All welcome

EASTER PARTY

Our Easter Party is today, 12noon - 3pm at St. Joseph's RC Church, Parish Centre.

- Arts and Crafts
- Petting Farm
- Facepainting
- Live Music
- Pop Up bar
- Bring a picnic and some goodies to share

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 next weekend at the Masses. We hold them in our prayers as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMS

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

Saturday 26th April, 11am-12.30pm OR Saturday 7th June, 11am-12.30pm, both at Saint Joseph's Parish Centre. Please speak to Fr. Gavin about booking on one of the above sessions.

SAINT JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week, we reflected on Christ's Passion, with our Juniors leading powerful Holy Week masses and liturgical dances. Infants filled the church with joy through Easter songs. We said farewell to Ms Millward and appointed new catering staff. Our Year 6-organised Easter Garden competition showcased amazing creativity, raising funds for Maggie's and Caritas. PTA's Easter Egg Bingo was a hit! Thanks to everyone for their support this term. Wishing you a peaceful Easter break.

SS. AIDAN & OSWALD'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children in Years 3 and 4 led a moving Passion play that beautifully reminded us all of Jesus' love and sacrifice. On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils presented a thoughtful and reflective assembly, exploring the key symbols of the Garden of Gethsemane and helping us to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. The Stations of the Cross service on Maundy Thursday was especially prayerful. The GIFT Team reverently delivered the readings, while each class contributed a meaningful and creative piece of artwork for every station.

We are grateful to the parents and parishioners who were able to join us for these special moments of reflection and prayer.

'Why do you seek the living among the dead?' (Lk: 24:1-12)

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MASSES RECEIVED

General

Maureen Hurley, Eileen Crawley, Kevin & Sheila Mohan, Mary Jones, Winifred & Wilfred Tootill

Anniversary

Jack Highfield, Dawn Cookson & Baby Robbie, Moira Harwood

Lately Dead:

Karen Ashton (3)

Easter Masses:

William and Veronica Jinks, Gary Mellor, Sheila McCann

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

