



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessing our sins may feel daunting as we regret the times we chosen bad over good. Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing and mercy; God wishes to unburden us and renew us. All we need do is let Him into the recesses of our indifference and rebellion so, just as the Father in the parable the Prodigal Son, we too would feel the merciful embrace of God our Father. Penitential Services will be: **Wednesday 9th April, 7pm, Ss. Aidan and Oswald's; Tuesday 15th April, 7pm, St. Joseph's.** There will be visiting priests joining us.



SACRED TRIDUUM

Spy Wednesday

This is the day we recount Judas' plan to betray Jesus (Mt 26:14-16).

Maundy Thursday

Today is called so because of the Latin *Mandatum*, meaning 'mandate', when Jesus gives His great commandment: to "love one another" as He washes the feet of the Disciples (Jn. 13:1-35)

Saints Aidan and Oswald:

- 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 'Watching' until Midnight

Good Friday

We recall Jesus' Passion and Death, which He undertook - obedient to His Father - for our salvation (John 18 & 19).

Saint Joseph:

- Stations of the Cross, 12noon
- Burial of Christ, 7pm

Saint Aidan and Oswald

- Good Friday Liturgy, 3pm

Easter Vigil

The Highpoint of the Christian liturgy where we recall Salvation History, through Readings and Psalms, culminating in the Easter Proclamation that Christ is Risen! (Lk. 24:1-12).

Saint Aidan and Oswald:

- Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm

Easter Sunday

The Day of the Resurrection. Each Sunday throughout the Year is a 'little Easter' when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.

Saint Joseph, 12noon onwards:

- EASTER PARTY:
- Live entertainment
- Pop Up Bar
- Face Painting
- Fun Activities for children
- Bring your own picnic
- Bake some goodies to share

WASHING OF FEET

For Maundy Thursday the tradition is that 12 parishioners would have their feet washed by the priest as a reminder to the priest as his role as servant.

It is also a reminder to the people-of-God of their dignity as disciples.

There is a sign-up-sheet for people to volunteer to have their feet washed.

EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers have been absent during Lent. For Easter we beautify the sanctuary with flowers. For those who would like to make a contribution. All donations greatly appreciated.

Mass Times

Saint Joseph's

Monday-Friday: 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday: 11am

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Mon. & Tues.: Euch. Service: 9am

Wed. & Thurs. 9am Masses

Friday: (**Penitential Mass**) 6.55am, 9.30am (School)

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am

Confession

St. Joseph's:

Sat: 10.30-11am

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's:

Sat. 11.30-12noon, 5-5.20pm

Adoration (with Rosary)

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's

Mon - Thurs: 8.30am - 9am

Friday: 9am - 9.30am

Devotions

St. Joseph's

Stations of the Cross, Sat. 9.30am

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart

First Saturday of the Month

Ss. Aidan and Oswald's

Stations of the Cross, Sun. 3pm

Devotion to the Sacred Heart

First Friday of the Month

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

For those couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this year (10, 25, 30, 40, 50, or 60 years of marriage) please let Fr. Gavin know.

BAPTISMS

There will be a baptism session for those who wish to have their child 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.

DEANERY STATION MASS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Deanery Lenten Station Masses (7pm)

- St Edward's, Lees, 8th April.

SVP

SVP are holding a coffee afternoon in the school hall at Ss. Aidan and Oswald's on Monday 7th April, from 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

As a Parish we are making a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in October (7-14th). 'Medj' is a wonderful place of prayer where many conversions to the Catholic Faith have come from.

If you're interested in a place, please make the booking with AGLOW (£300 deposit) with a booking form available at the back of Church/ online @aglowpilgrimages.com

If you would like to attend but you are struggling financially, please see Fr. Gavin.

SAFE GUARDING

Volunteers: To be safely recruited, you are invited to a Safeguarding Surgery on Saturday 31st May, between 12noon - 3pm, at Ss. Aidan and Oswald's, so that you can have your ID verified. Please call in within the allotted time.

Each person in a ministry **MUST** be safely recruited. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team will be able to verify your ID within the time allotted.

To verify you, please bring:

1. Passport and Driving License.
2. Birth/ Marriage certificate
3. A Utility Bill and Bank Statement.

"The beginning of good works is the confession of evil works"

St. Augustine of Hippo

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Palm Sunday: 13th April

Divine Mercy Sunday: 27th April.

- 2pm onwards: Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass. St. Joseph's.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 7th April: **Saint John Baptist De La Salle**, Priest. He devoted himself to educating the poor, founding schools.

Friday 11th April: **St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr**. A Polish pastor who cared for the souls of his people. Was martyred for reproaches against the king and his crimes.

SAINT JOSEPH'S

RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's been a joyful week with ducklings visiting classrooms before heading to a local farm—thanks to Mr. Burrows for arranging that! We welcomed John Donald from Emmaus CAT for a parent meeting about our upcoming academisation. Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum and represented us brilliantly. Mrs. Lyons led an inspiring assembly for World Autism Awareness Day. Our Saint Joseph's Workers completed their final Lenten reflections—huge thanks to them and Mrs. Simpson.

SS. AIDAN & OSWALD'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday, two of our children brought the Diocesan anchor to St. Anne's and took part in their beautiful whole-school assembly.

Year 5 led a lovely assembly reflecting on the recent parable of the fig tree, sharing the personal changes they have made since hearing the Gospel reading.

Meanwhile, Year 2 had an exciting trip to Manchester Airport, where both children and staff enjoyed an up-close look at the planes, making for a truly memorable experience.

You are invited to join us for the Stations of the Cross, at Ss. Aidan and Oswald's church, on Thursday 17th April, at 10am.

'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' (John 8:1-8)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL ON RECEIVING A WONDERFUL OFSTED REPORT.

Exerts from the report: *'Pupils love coming to school'; 'Children in the early years are taught what excellent behaviour looks like. This sets a solid foundation that is exemplified throughout the school'; '[the children] embody the school's value of 'trust and have faith in each other'* As Parish Priest I am immensely proud of the Governors, Staff, families, and Children. We will find a way to mark this result with the school.

St. Joseph



Ss. Aidan & Oswald



MASSES RECEIVED

General

Winifred and Wilfred Tootill

Veronica Jinks