



SAINT JOSEPH'S WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

Parish Meeting

All parishioners from St. Joseph's and Ss. Aidan & Oswald are invited to a parish meeting on **Thursday, the 20th of March, 7pm, location TBC**. A meeting to hear from the parishioners about their hopes for the parishes and how we can continue to support each other going forward.

tea, coffee, and biscuits



Readers

Those who read at Mass are welcome to join together for a day of recollection. **Mrs Barbara Mason** will be helping to lead the day.

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers

A day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers. It is hoped all ministers will attend. **Mgr. John Allen** will be helping to lead the day.

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

Altar Servers

Altar Servers are invited to join together for an afternoon of training.

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

Elements of Lent

Prayer

Prayer is the foundation to our relationship with God.

In the words of St. John Chrysostom:

'Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.'

Fasting

To choose to deny ourselves something is to be truly free. Choice is what makes us human; to give up something out of love of God and our neighbour is to be truly free, free from being possessed by our possessions.

Saint Basil the great wrote:

"There is both a physical and a spiritual fast. In the physical fast the body abstains from food and drink. In the spiritual fast, the faster abstains from evil intentions, words and deeds."

Almsgiving

Of all three, almsgiving is the greatest, but without the other two it becomes social action with God as a bystander.

"Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin." St. Francis of Assisi,

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Mass Times

Saint Joseph's

Mon - Tue, Thurs - Sat: 10am

ASH WEDNESDAY: 11am, 7pm

Sunday: 11am

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Mon-Tue: Eucharistic Service: 9am

ASH WEDNESDAY: 6.55am, 9.30am

Thursday: 9am

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

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am

Confession

St. Joseph's: Saturday 10.30-11am

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's: Sat. 11.30-12noon, 5-5.20pm

Adoration (with Rosary)

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Mon - Thurs: 8.30am - 9am

Friday: 9am

Devotions

Saint Joseph

- Stations of the Cross, Sat. 9.30am

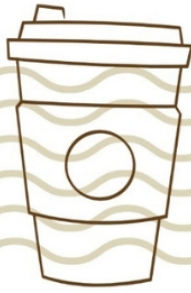
Saints Aidan and Oswald's

- First Friday: **Friday 7th March**

Holy Hour with Confession: 6pm

Holy Mass: 7pm

- Stations of the Cross, Sun. 3pm
- Taize: Sun. 9th March, 7.30pm



WELCOME CENTRE

ST AIDAN & OSWALD R/C CHURCH
EVERY MONDAY & TUESDAY
10.30 - 12 noon

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING FINANCIALLY AND NEED SOME HELP
PLEASE CALL INTO OUR WELCOME CENTRE.

FREE DRINK AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A LITTLE COMPANY AND FRIENDLY
PEOPLE TO TALK TO, PLEASE CALL IN.

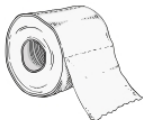
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Items for the Welcome Centre

Of your charity, the Welcome Centre would appreciate
the following as donations:

- sugar
- coffee
- milk
- spam
- ham,
- rice pudding
- toilet roll
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- deodorant
- washing up liquid



PARISH JACKPOT CLUB



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Jackpot

£4 per month
a chance to win
£500
£50
£25
cash prizes

Money raised by the Jackpot Club helps to support initiatives within the parishes.

Each person can have multiple chances to win by sponsoring multiple numbers.

The draw takes place on the first Tuesday of each month.

please contact Veronica to enter the draw:

veronica8721@aol.com
(You can set up a monthly standing order for payment)

*It's a "win, win"
for you and our
parishes*

Saint Joseph with Saints Aidan & Oswald

ST. JOSEPH

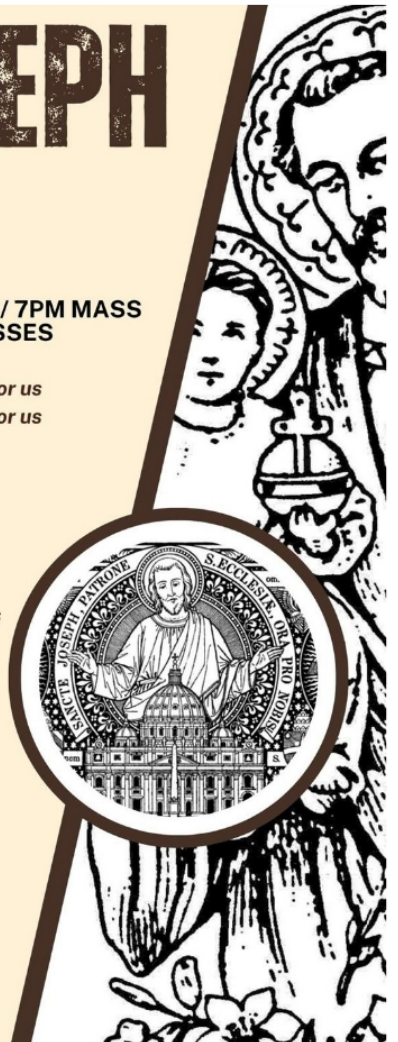
Novena

10TH - 19TH MARCH 2025

WEEKDAYS: 6PM ADORATION/ 7PM MASS
WEEKENDS: DURING THE MASSES

- 10th: Protector of the Church, *pray for us*
- 11th: Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us*
- 12th: Model of Work, *pray for us*
- 13th: Keeper of Virtues, *pray for us*
- 14th: Terror of Demons, *pray for us*
- 15th: Hope of the Sick, *pray for us*
 - Anointing of the Sick
- 16th: Man of Peace, *pray for us*
- 17th: Patron of the Dying, *pray for us*
- 18th: Deanery Station Mass (Vigil)
 - Confessions from 6pm
 - Social after in Parish Centre
- 19th: Parish Mass & Parish Party
 - Live Music
 - Food & Drink provided

Saint Joseph's RC
Church, Oldham road,
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Giving

This week I met with the finance team from both St. Joseph's and Ss. Aidan and Oswald's. We discussed the finances of both parishes and are working closely together to support each other. We are also making it more accessible to donate to the parish to help maintain our buildings and also provide for the mission-life of our parishes for generations to come. We are introducing new pathways to donate:

1. **Gift Aid:** if you pay tax please consider signing up to the envelope system so that the parishes can claim 25p back in each pound you give. This does not affect your tax code. Please email Veronica for more information veronica8721@aol.com

2. **Direct Debit/ Standing Order:** printed sheets are available in church so you can set up regular online payments rather than carrying cash to Mass. This is preferable for banking for the parishes. email Roni for more details: veronica8721@aol.com

3. **QR scan.** The QR codes, once scanned by your phone (using the camera), links to a website so you can make a one off payment or weekly payments.

4. **Loose change.** We will continue to use the collection baskets to collect cash donations you make. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

All donations, greatly received.

**Next Jackpot Draw
Tuesday 4th March**



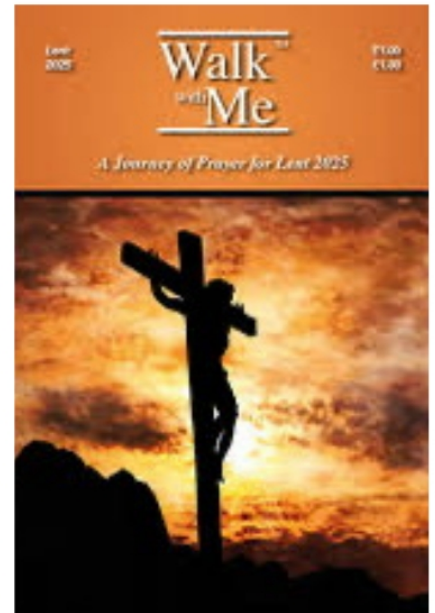
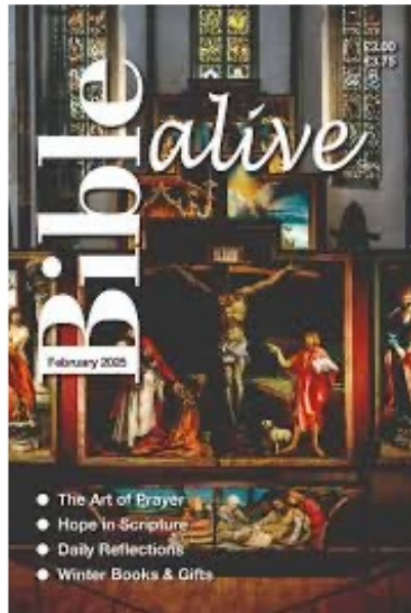
St Joseph's



Ss. Aidan & Oswald

Literature on Sale

On sale Bible Alive: £3, Walk With Me: Free, and Lent Day by Day: £1



Saints this week



5th March: St. Kieran
Kieran, was an Irish monk and bishop, active in the fifth or sixth century, and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.



6th March: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
They were martyred at Carthage in 203. They are mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass.



Saturday 8th March: St. John of God
He was born to a poor but devout family in Portugal in 1495. He devoted his life wholly to the service of the poor and the sick.

Parish

Fr. Gavin is away next weekend (7-9th March).

I will be away next weekend, leading a retreat in Wales. This commitment was already in the diary before I knew I was moving to Shaw, Crompton, and Royton. I will keep you in my prayers. We welcome Fr. Callum Brown for the Vigil Mass on Saturday and Canon Antony McBride for the Sunday Masses.

Sacramental Programme

We welcome the children on the Sacramental Programme and their families to Mass next weekend. May they be blessed by the Lord as they seek to receive Him in Holy Communion and serve Him in how they live. I met with the St. Joseph children at their meeting this week and had a chance to speak with their parents.

Taize prayer evening

Ss. Aidan & Oswald. Sunday 9th March, 7.30pm. An evening of prayer. All welcome.

Deanery Station Masses:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Deanery's visiting Lenten Station Masses.

- Bishop John will celebrate Mass at St Joseph's, Mossley, on the 11th March, 7pm.
- Mass on 25th March, the Annunciation, is at St Herbert's, 7pm.
- Mass on the 18th March will be held at St Joseph's, Shaw, 7pm, with adoration and Confession from 6pm. After Mass we will host food and drink.

AA

I joined the AA meeting, which we host three nights a week at the Welcome Centre. The meeting included their thanks for the use of the space and also their commitment to keeping the centre and the area outside the centre clean.

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love."

Saint Francis of Assisi

Casey's Pro-Environment

who are using our carpark during the construction of the new homes on the former Our Lady's RC High School site, are beginning works on the outside of the Church and Presbytery to increase the green space in our parish. They also intend to make access to the church from Oldham Road accessible again by re-paving the walkway leading to the stairs. This is their good-will gesture to the parish, which we are grateful for.

Novena to St. Joseph:

10-19th March (please see the insert for more details). The Novena will culminate in a Deanery Station Mass on 18th March (6pm adoration and 7pm Mass, followed by a social), and our parish Mass and Social on Wednesday, 19th March, 7pm, followed by a parish party. Food and beverages will be provided. Live entertainment. All parishioners welcome.

St. Joseph's Remedial Works to Roof and Ceiling:

Over the past weeks St. Joseph's Church has been closed to remedy an issue with ceiling panels inside church. This has led to the discovery of issues with the roof needing repairs. Works have been completed inside, and church is now reopened. The roof repairs will start asap but will cause no disruption to Masses or liturgies being celebrated in Church. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

School Visits

This week I met with the Headteachers from St. Joseph and Ss. Aidan. They, and their Senior Leadership Team, and Governors, are doing a sterling job supporting the children in their faith-life and education. We discussed the tripod of HOME-SCHOOL-PARISH which will be the foundation of our Parish family growing together.

It was great to meet with the staff from Ss. Aidan and Oswald's who celebrated a 'Good' Ofsted report. The parish hosted an afternoon tea for the staff which gave me a chance to thank them on behalf of our parishes.

Exploring Faith

For those who would like to explore becoming a Roman Catholic, please speak with Fr. Gavin.

Thank You

A huge thank you for everyone who contributed to the Induction Mass.

"The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good". (Lk. 6:39-45)

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Ss. Aidan and Oswald R.C. Parish,

Royton

Masses Received

General:

Winifred & Wilfred Tootill, Teresa Southworth, John Hall, William Jinks

Lately Dead:

James (Jimmy) Wood (3)
David Conreen (2), Patricia Seddon

Anniversary

Josephine Hall

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop John will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 4th and 5th June 2025. Any children/ young people aged 12 years old or older who would like to be Confirmed, please see Fr. Gavin about your registration.