



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphant entry of Christ - the anointed one - into the Holy City of Jerusalem (Lk: 19:28-40). The tradition was that if a conquering king entered his new city on horseback, it would indicate that he would be a dominant ruler and the people would be subjected to a forceful subjugation, whereas a monarch who rode on a donkey would be a peace-bringer; a uniter; a compassionate ruler. Jesus' entry on a donkey shows the servant-king model of His new kingdom: 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.'



SACRED TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday

Saints Aidan and Oswald:

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

Good Friday

Saint Joseph:

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

Saints Aidan and Oswald

- Good Friday Liturgy, 3pm

Easter Vigil

Saints Aidan and Oswald:

- Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm

Easter Sunday

Saint Joseph, 12noon onwards:

EASTER PARTY:

- Live entertainment
- Pop Up Bar
- Face Painting
- Arts and crafts for children
- Animal petting farm
- Bring your own picnic
- Bake some goodies to share

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Through the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina, He revealed His Divine Mercy.

Saint John Paul II established **Divine Mercy Sunday** to be the first Sunday after Easter Sunday. We will be celebrating this feast 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"



JACKPOT WINNERS

Congratulations to our April Parish Jackpot winners:

- £500 - J Jones (49)
- £100 - Diane Whittingham (314)
- £25 - Teresa Smith (180)
- £25 - Isobel Lord (30)

Mass/ Service Times

Saint Joseph's

Monday-Tuesday: 10am

Good Friday: 12 noon Stations of the Cross; 7pm Burial of Christ

Easter Sunday: 11am

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Monday: Euch. Service: 9am

Tuesday-Wednesday: 9am Masses

Maundy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday Liturgy: 3pm

Saturday (**Easter Vigil**): 8pm

Easter Sunday: 9.30am

Confession

St. Joseph's:

Holy Saturday : 10-10.45am

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's:

Holy Saturday. 11-12noon

Adoration (with Rosary)

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's

Mon - Wed: 8.30am - 9am

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
Stations of the Cross: 3pm

CLASS MASSES

After meeting with Mrs. Brogan, Headteacher at Ss. Aidan and Oswald, and Mr. Needle, Headteacher at St. Joseph, we have decided to invite different year groups to take an active role at some of the weekend Masses.

The Year 4 Classes will be helping at Sunday Mass 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.

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.

EASTER PREPARATION

We appeal for volunteers to help with cleaning and flower arranging on Holy Saturday (19th April, 11am) to help prepare the churches for Easter.

If you are available please just come along to either St. Joseph's or Ss. Aidan and Oswald. *'Many the hands, less the work'*.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK:

milk, tea, sugar, coffee, cereal, hotdogs, meatballs, Frey Bentos pies, canned meat, biscuits, crisps

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.

To verify you, please bring:

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

RECRUITING

St Joseph Primary are recruiting for a Kitchen Manager. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/SJKitchen2025>

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

Ven. Fulton Sheen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Penitential Service:

- St. Joseph's, 15th April, 7pm
- Churches Together, Shaw, Soup Lunch:
- St. Joseph's, 23rd April, 12.30pm

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Wed. 16th April: **St Bernadette** (1844 - 79)
She was born into a destitute family in Lourdes, in France. On 11 February 1858 she received the first of a series of visions of the Mother of God.

St. Bernadette is a Patron Saint of the Sick, may she intercede for our loved ones who are poorly at this time.

SAINT JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week, we reflected on Lent and forgiveness as we prepare for Easter, the greatest feast in our Church year. We welcomed parents and carers for meetings to discuss children's progress—thank you for your continued support. Our strong school-home-parish partnership truly makes our school special. On Wednesday, our talented musicians performed brilliantly in a morning concert, showing real progress and joy. Huge thanks to Alfie from Rock Steady Music for his incredible work since Christmas.

SS. AIDAN & OSWALD'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A big thank you to all the parishioners who were able to join us for the SVP coffee event – it was a lovely afternoon.

Our Reception classes delighted everyone with a beautiful assembly on the theme of journeys, reflecting on the exciting adventures they've had during their time in Reception.

We're also grateful to Fr. Gavin for leading a thoughtful liturgy on Reconciliation with our children in Years 4-6 and for offering them the opportunity for individual confession.

Stations of the Cross, at Ss. Aidan and Oswald's church, on Thursday 17th April, at 10am.

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' (Lk. 19:28-40)

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MASSES RECEIVED

General

Kathleen Smith, David Taylor, O'Brien family, Winifred & Wilfred Tootil

Anniversary

Mary Theresa (Terry) Boden, George Slicker, Clare Drogan, Elizabeth Drogan, Mary Leyland John Flynn, Jeff Wright.

Lately Dead

Katie Overd, Karen Ashton

Harry Dubois (4), Margaret Gidley (4), Eileen Crowley (2), Crowley Family: Annie, Jimmy, Brian, Gidley Family: Charles (Snr), Charles (Jnr), Madeline,

DONATIONS VIA QR

St. Joseph



Ss. Aidan & Oswald

