



# SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE

As a Parish we are making a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in October this year (7-14th).

It will be a chance to spend time together in prayer and socialising.

'Medj' is the sight of apparent apparitions of Our Lady. It is a wonderful place of prayer where many conversions to the Catholic Faith have come from.

If you are 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](http://aglowpilgrimages.com)



## CONGRATULATIONS

Sean and Ella celebrated their matrimony this week at Ss. Aidan and Oswald's surrounded by family and friends.

We pray that they have a happy and blessed life together.

## 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

If your child is being baptised this year in our parishes, they will be invited to meet with Fr. Gavin, then there will be a Baptism Preparation session to attend, finally the child will be welcomed at a weekend Mass prior to the Baptism.

## CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Candidates are invited for Pizza and get together with Fr. Gavin on Thursday 27th March, 6pm, Ss. Aidan and Oswald's Parish Room.

## ANNUNCIATION

Tuesday, the 25th of March, we celebrate the solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord to the blessed Virgin Mary. Mary said yes and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Our 'yes' to the Lord welcomes Him into our lives.

## PARISH MEETING

A great number of parishioners gathered together for a parish meeting this week.

The reason for the meeting was to spend time together, and for me to share my joy at being your parish priest. I also had an opportunity to hear from the parishioners about what makes them most proud of being from St. Joseph's or Ss. Aidan & Oswald's and how we can share our love of God with others in our community.

I was able to set out my idea for collaborative ministry for the parishes.

- 1: Parish council/ committee, which will be made up of people who are involved in parish ministry. This will be a consultative group, which will help to guide decision making.
- 2: Devotional life will be at the forefront of who we are; growing in relationship with God.
- 3: Harnessing the gifts of the parishioners to help with running the day-to-day life of the parish to ensure we are safe and our buildings are maintained and are compliant.

I do hope that you feel part of the parishes and that you know that the House of God is home to us all.

## Mass Times

### Saint Joseph's

Monday - Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 10am  
Sunday: 11am

### Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Mon-Tue: Eucharistic Service: 9am  
Wednesday - Thursday: 9am  
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

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart (First Saturday of each month)  
Stations of the Cross, Sat. 9.30am

### Ss. Aidan and Oswald's

Devotion to the Sacred Heart (First Friday of each month)  
Stations of the Cross, Sun. 3pm

## READERS

Day of recollection with **Mrs Barbara Mason**. Date: 29th March, 12.30-4pm  
Location: St. Joseph's

## ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are invited to join together for an afternoon of training.  
Date: 5th April, 12.30-4pm  
Location: Ss. Aidan & Oswald's

## CONFIRMATION

Bishop John will be Confirming any children/ young people aged 12 years old or older on the 4th and 5th June 2025, please see Fr. Gavin about your registration.

## DEANERY STATION MASSES

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

- St Herbert's, 25th March.
- St Anne's, Ashton, 1st April.
- St Edward's, Lees, 8th April.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Oldham Deanery will be travelling together on SATURDAY 3rd MAY 2025

to book your place call Janet Rathburn (07989558248)

Day Pilgrimage £35 (£15 deposit)  
Overnight £143 - £159 (70 deposit)

All welcome

## THE NEXT PARISH JACKPOT DRAW IS 1ST APRIL

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVP Coffee Afternoon.

We will be holding an SVP coffee afternoon, in the school hall at Ss. Aidan & Oswald's, on Monday 7th April, from 2pm.

Everyone is welcome.

## HOLY MASS

The tradition of having Holy Mass celebrated for someone living or deceased is a very strong part of our Catholic faith and tradition.

If you would like Holy Mass celebrated for a loved one - living or deceased - envelopes are available.

## BUILDING UPDATE

Saint Joseph's roof and ceiling have now been repaired.

There will be extensive reviews for each of our property buildings to ensure they are safe and compliant with health and safety and building regulations.

*“Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.”*

St. Francis De Sales

## SAVE THE DATES

- Mothers Day: 30th March
- Daylight saving: 30th March - clocks go forward 1 hour.
- Cafod Family Fast Day Lunch: Soup lunch: Friday 4th April, 12.30pm, Ss. Aidan and Oswald Parish Room
- Reconciliation Service: Tuesday 15th April: St. Joseph's, 6.30pm

## ST. JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY

Wednesday was a fantastic celebration of Saint Joseph! We began with a reflective Stations of the Cross led by our Saint Joseph's Workers, joined by Greg from the Mark 10 Mission. The day included Mass with Fr Gavin and Fr John, sunshine-filled play, a buffet lunch, artwork and a joyful assembly. We ended with evening Mass, liturgical dance, pie supper and live music. Huge thanks to all involved – especially the Staff and our brilliant children!

## SS. AIDAN & OSWALD'S RC PRIMARY

At Ss Aidan and Oswald's, we started the week with the GIFT Team sharing Sunday's Gospel with all the classes and leading them in a mindfulness session.

As part of their history topic, Year 1 are studying the Royton Railway crash and invited a visitor, who was a little girl at the time, to speak to the children about her memories of the crash. If anyone has any information / experiences about the crash, we would welcome them in to speak to the children – please contact the school office.

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*‘Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.’ (Luke 13:1-9)*

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## GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at

Ss. Aidan & Oswald

(St. Joseph's will be ready in April).

if you would like to have a box of envelopes, please see Roni veronica8721@aol.com

## GIVING VIA QR

St. Joseph

Ss. Aidan & Oswald



## MASSES RECEIVED

General

Winifred & Wilfred Tootill,  
Paul James Carroll, Winnie Grady,  
Mary Catherine Slicker, Mary Taylor  
Slicker Family, Carroll Family  
Basil Ellison

Lately Dead

John Abbott, Mary Campbell,  
Dermot Brennan

Anniversary

Gordon Higham, Ellen Ridgewell,  
Louis Glynn, Seamus (Jim) Mullen,  
Anne Clark (2), Sean Denvier