



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

CROWNING OF MARY

It is a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church that the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All the saints over the past 2000 years have shown love for Mary.

One of the devotions is the Crowning of Mary at the beginning of May. This was done by a 'May Queen'. There would also be a procession with a statue of the Mother of God.

We will crown the image of Mary today as an expression of thanks for her being the *theotokos* - God-bearer - and for being our mother also.



Act of consecration to Mary:
(by Pope Pius XII)

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, in this tragic hour of the world's history, we entrust and consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart, our only refuge, our hope, our salvation. Have pity on this world, torn by the most terrible conflicts, burning with the fires of hate, victim of its own sins. May thy Heart be moved at the sight of so much ruin, pain and sorrow. We consecrate to thy maternal heart our persons, our families, our country, the whole of humanity. Protect and save us!

CONCLAVE

Conclave - the process by which a new Pope is elected - is due to begin on 6/7th May.

The 'Princes of the Church' are the most diverse ever to gather to elect the successor of Peter. You will find on the Church noticeboards lists of the cardinal electors and those who are over 80 and won't be voting, but will still take part, albeit prayerfully.

An initiative we are hosting is to invite you to choose a cardinal to pray for, that he be prudent and wise in his decision making. Prayer will be the source of guiding the cardinals to choose the 267 Bishop of Rome.

Please take a slip of paper with the name and image of a cardinal to pray for.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

On Saturday 10th May the children from St. Joseph's RC Primary School will be receiving their First Holy Communion. This is a moment of significance importance in the life of the child and their family.

We hold that Holy Communion is Jesus Christ **really, truly, substantially present** in the Eucharist.

I am incredibly grateful for the Catechists who have helped to prepare the children to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

SYRO-MALABAR

A Catholic principle is that "no language is foreign, no culture is alien to receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are blessed in our parishes to have a mix of cultures and backgrounds, and yet we are **one family**.

The Syro-Malabar Catholic Community will be joining for prayer and Catechesis at Ss. Aidan and Oswald's each month:

The Syro Malabar community members in Oldham, will be gathering for family prayer meetings conducted by St. Sebastian family unit Oldham at St. Aidan & Oswald Catholic Church Royton, from **May 2025 on second Fridays 07:00 pm of every month**. We welcome you all to participate for the same.

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Mass/ Service Times

Saint Joseph's

Wednesday - Saturday: 10am

Saturday 12noon: First Holy Communion

Sunday: 11am

Saints Aidan & Oswald's

Monday: Euch. Service: 9am

Tuesday-Thursday: 9am

Friday: 9.30am (with school)

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am

Confession

St. Joseph's:

Saturday: 10.30am - 11am

Ss. Aidan & Oswald's:

Saturday. 5pm - 5:20pm

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

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

11th May we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It is a joy and privilege to serve the Lord as a priest. If anyone feels called to the priesthood please see Fr. Gavin for a chat.

WELCOME

We welcome Finley, Ada, Nathaniel, Lawrence, Freddie, and Emilia who will be presented this weekend. They will receive the gift of baptism over the coming weeks.

CLASS MASSES

Next Sunday we welcome the children and parents from our Year 4 Classes who will be helping at the Sunday Masses - 9.30am and 11am - on the 11th May - welcoming, reading, serving, and helping with other duties.

CAR PARKING

Please be patient with each other when parking for Mass/ services. We are exploring options to increase space.

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

There is a **day trip out later this month (31st May)** for the young people, where we will spend time together exploring faith and enjoying pizza.

RCIA

We had 16 people who attended the RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - on Wednesday this week.

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.

If you are interested, **the meetings are held each Wednesday from 7.00 to 8.00 pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.**

*"The Son of God became man
for our salvation but only in
Mary and through Mary."*

St. Louis Marie de Montfort

CREDIT UNION

Ss Aidan & Oswald's Credit Union will hold its AGM on Thursday 22 May, 7:30pm in the Community Room. All members are invited to attend.

Please contact us by email at ssaocu@outlook.com or by Tel 07983 214496 for further information.

BAPTISMS

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

The next session is **Saturday 7th June, 11am-12noon, at Saint Joseph's Parish Centre.** Please speak to Fr. Gavin about booking on one of the above sessions.

ST. JOSEPH RC PRI. SCH.

This week, we have focused on perseverance, inspired by the Gospel story of friends lowering a paralysed man to Jesus. Year 4 had a brilliant trip to Bury Fire & Rescue, then ran the Mini-London Marathon! Year 3 are preparing for First Holy Communion – please keep them in your prayers. Friday's May Procession honoured Mary. Thank you for your generous donations to the Welcome Centre – they'll make a real difference to those in need locally.

SS AIDAN AND OSWALD RC PRI. SCH.

On Wednesday, CAFOD delivered a thoughtful and inspiring assembly to all the children in Key Stage 2. The representative shared how the money the children had raised over the past few years has made a meaningful impact—supporting families in need around the world and showing how even a small contribution can bring about big change. Following the assembly, the Year 4 pupils had the opportunity to take part in engaging and reflective workshops.

A special congratulations to our Year 3 children, who made their First Confession after a beautiful Reconciliation Service at church. They are now preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

'Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.' (John 21: 1-19)

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MASSES RECEIVED

General

Angelina Mazda, George Slicker, Paul James Carol, Winifred and Wilfred Tootill
Holy Soul in Purgatory

Anniversary

Louie Slicker, John Price, Clare Whelan

Lately Dead:

Pope Francis, Sue Booth, Agatha Kane, Vincent Whelan, Robert Henshaw(2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Father's Day: 15th June

Pentecost Novena: 29th May - 8th June

Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne:
August BH (31st - 2nd Sept.)

DONATIONS VIA QR

St. Joseph Ss. Aidan & Oswald

