

### **BEING AN INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CHURCH**

The following message was left on our Facebook page recently:

**“I have never felt more excluded than when my partner and I went to St Oswalds with our little girl. She was so excited by the acoustics that she just wanted to make noise. People looked at us in disgust. I took her out ... We have since found a more inclusive church, but were hugely upset by St Oswalds”**

I am sorry that this family experienced this. I have always said that I would rather hear children being children, then not having any children in our Churches at all. This should be a wake up call for our communities. All it takes is one word, or glaring look, to turn people away from coming back to our Churches. We need young families to feel welcomed and wanted, as they are the future of our parish communities.

### **ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER**

If you have any items that you wish to place in the Parish Newsletter, please make sure that the Parish Office has it by 3:00pm on Thursday. Items can be emailed in, or written down and posted through the letterbox. If they are not written down, they may not be published.

### **PARISH VOLUNTEERS**

It is hoped that the works on Saint Sebastian’s Church will be finished soon, and that we can start celebrating Mass in the Church once more. This is a time for renewal in both of our parish communities, and a good time to remind everyone that the future of both of our parishes is in the hands of you, our parishioners. We are in need of various volunteers, in both churches, in order to keep the up and running. If we don’t have enough people to help, we will not be able to sustain our parishes and keep them open. If you would like to volunteer for either church, please get in touch with the Parish Office as soon as possible, as some of roles may need an enhanced DBS check.

### **MASS TIMES AND VENUES**

Once Saint Sebastian’s Church reopens again, our weekday Mass timetable will change slightly from what it used to be pre-covid. Weekday Masses will continue to be at 10:00am (unless changed for a funeral). The venues for Masses will be:

Monday: 10:00am, Saint Oswald’s  
Tuesday: 10:00am, Saint Sebastian’s  
Thursday: 10:00am, Saint Oswald’s  
Friday: 10:00am, Saint Sebastian’s

*Weekend Masses times and venues will remain unchanged*

## The Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian

### **Parish Clergy**

Fr. Liam Collister  
Dcn. John Power

### **Parish Office**

Saint Oswald’s Presbytery; St. Oswald Street;  
Old Swan; Liverpool; L13 5SB  
Tel: 0151 228 3327

### **Office hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
9:00am — 3:30pm.

*The office and presbytery are closed on Wednesdays*

**Facebook:** The Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian

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**Sunday 2nd October  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 1	10:00	Rosary — StO
	15:30	Exposition — StO
	15:45	Confessions — StO
	16:30	Deceased Conway Family, Cloomahara — StO
	18:30	Ukrainian Rite Mass — StO
Sun 2	09:30	Parishioners — StO
	11:00	Peter Delaney (RIP) — StS
	13:00	Baptism's — StO
Mon 3	17:00	Tamil Community Mass — StO
	10:00	David Wike (RIP) — StO
	10:30	Communication Group — StO Presbytery
	11:00	School Mass — StO
Tues 4	18:30	Baptism Preparation — StO Presbytery
	10:00	Margaret Reid (RIP) — StO
Wed 5		No Mass/Service
Thurs 6	10:00	Suzanne McDermott (Sp. Int) — StO
Fri 7	10:00	Jacqueline Anne Redfern (RIP) — StO
	14:45	Funeral Service: Jacqueline Anne Redfern — StO
Sat 8	10:00	Rosary — StO
	15:30	Exposition — StO
	15:45	Confessions — StO
	16:30	Amy & David (Sp. Int) — StO
	18:30	Ukrainian Rite Mass — StO
Sun 9	09:30	Frank Lindop — StO
	11:00	Parishioners — StS
	13:00	Baptism's — StO
	17:00	Tamil Community Mass — StO

### Key

StO — Saint Oswald's Church  
StS — Saint Sebastian's School Hall

## PARISH PRAYER LISTS

### LATELY DEAD

*We pray for all who have died recently, including:*

James Georgeson, Maureen Turner, Gerard Murray, Anthony Brandreth,  
Jacqueline Anne Redfern

*and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## PRAYERS

*Please pray for all who have asked for prayers, including:*

Joe Keaveney, Pdraig Egan, Ann Tyrrell, Mary & John Murphy, Jarleth & Kathleen Conway, Kathy Hagen, Maura & Dougie, Wally & Kath, Eibhlin & Derek, Sadbh; Ide & Maurice, Lornagh, Thomas, Lily, Tom Óg & baby, Anthony Brosman, Religious Vocations, Fr. Tom Gagic, Fr. Bernard Jackson, Fr. John Poland, James Toohey, Monica Bellew, Ann O'Gorman, Doreen Collins, Pauline Murphy, Asham Yadi, Marie McGarry, Rachel Wilcock, Mary Edwards, Susan Walton, Stephen Parkinson, Jade Wilson, Bob & Brenda Wike, Daniel, Mary Carroll, Rosemary & John Harman

## PARISH PRAYER LAMPS

### Blue Lamps

1. Olive Hill (10th Ann)
2. Vicki Hartwell (Sp. Int)

### White Lamps

1. Pope Francis' Intentions
2. Religious Vocations

*If you have any intentions for either our Prayer List or Prayer Lamps, please contact the Parish Office. Parish Prayer Lamps may be lit for any intention, and we ask for a donation of £5 per Prayer Lamp.*

## PARISH LOTTERY

Our Lottery draw took place on Friday 30th September, with a prize jackpot of £000. The winning numbers were: 01, 08, 10, 11, 12, and 14. congratulations to our 2 winners! The next draw will take place on Friday 7th October, with an estimated jackpot of £119. Many thanks for your support.

## WINTER CLOTHING APPEAL

Our Parish SVP will be holding a winter clothing appeal in October, in order to help those who are in need during the coldest months of the year. We are looking for any winter clothes that are in good and wearable condition. Many thanks for your support.

## IMPROVING COMMUNICATION GROUP

Saint Oswald's Presbytery hosts a Hard of Hearing / Lip Reading group, which focusses on improving communication and helping to better understand hearing problems. The group meets on Mondays at 10:30am, and lasts about two hours. It will be starting on Monday 3rd October 2022, and will initially meet for 10 weeks. If you would like to come along, you would be very welcome, just turn up!