

CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are quickly approaching the feast of Christmas, and I would normally be inviting as many people as possible to come along to the Christmas Masses. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we are still only allowed our approved numbers in each church. You will still need to book a place at any of our Masses during the Christmas season. Mass times over the Christmas period will be:

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

16:00 at Saint Oswald's
18:00 at Saint Sebastian's

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)

09:30 at Saint Oswald's
11:00 at Saint Sebastian's

Saturday 26th December

14:30 at Saint Oswald's

Sunday 27th December

09:30 at Saint Oswald's
11:00 at Saint Sebastian's

Please note: from Monday 28th December to Friday 1st January there will be no weekday Masses. The weekend Masses will not be affected.



He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Isaiah 40:11

The Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian

Parish Priest: Fr. Liam Collister

Parish Office: Saint Oswald's Presbytery; St. Oswald Street;
Old Swan; Liverpool; L13 5SB

Office hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 — 4:00

Office and Presbytery are closed on Wednesday's

Thursday & Friday: 9:00 — 3:30

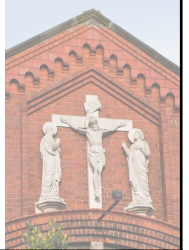
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Sunday 6 December 2020: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sat 5	16:30	Parishioners — StO
Sun 6	09:30	Anita McAvoy — StO
	11:00	Mary Turner — StS
Mon 7	10:00	Rose Walsh (RIP) — StS
	13:00	Funeral Service: Rose Walsh — StO
Tues 8	10:00	Glenda Gerrard (RIP) — StO
	13:00	Funeral Service: Glenda Gerrard — StS
Wed 9		No Mass/service
Thurs 10	10:00	Hannah Hornby (RIP) — StO
	13:00	Funeral Service: Hannah Hornby — StO
Fri 11	10:00	Maura Lehan (RIP) — StO
Sat 12	16:30	Alice and family — StO
Sun 13	09:30	Parishioners — StO
	11:00	May McShane — StS

StO: Saint Oswald
StS: Saint Sebastian

PARISH PRAYER LISTS

Lately dead: Rose Walsh, Glenda Gerrard, Maura Lehan, Hannah Hornby, Pat Gibb, Margaret Kelly, Fr Michael Youell
We remember in our prayers all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please pray for: Peter Benson; Gemma; Doreen Navin Snr; Thomas Brennan; John MacDonnald; Harry; Geraldine Mullan; Joseph Keaveney; Marilyn Brandon; Gary, Alma, & Alf Thomas; Danielle, Tom & Baby Luke; Pdraig Egan; Ann Tyrrell; Mary Murphy; Baby Anthony Bowman and Family; Lily Thomas; Josh Thomas; Wally & Kath; Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, & Religious Life; Jean Farrington; Chloe; Peter Elliott; Peter Riley, Lill Corner.
If you wish to have a name placed on our prayer list, please contact the office.

PARISH PRAYER LAMPS

Prayer Lamps may be offered in our churches for any prayer intention that you wish to be remembered. We ask for a donation of £5 per lamp.

SAINT OSWALD'S LAMPS

Marian Lamp — Dennis Richardson (RIP)
Sacred Heart — Joan Burgess (RIP)

SAINT SEBASTIAN'S LAMPS

Marian Lamp — Lucy McTavish (RIP)
Sacred Heart — Fred McTavish (RIP)

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK DONATIONS

If you would like to donate any unopened boxes or tins of biscuits, sweets, chocolates, selection boxes (etc) to our local foodbanks, please bring them to the presbytery by the 14th December, and we will ensure that our local foodbanks can distribute them to those who are most in need during the coming Christmas time. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and help.

CAFOD FUN RUN 2020

For the past thirty-six years CAFOD has held a Fun Run on 27th December. This year the event cannot be held at the usual Waver-tree Sports Centre, however, it will still take place (but in a slightly different way). CAFOD is taking the event online, and would like to

invite people to take to their local areas to run, walk, (or toddle!) 5K to help raise funds for CAFOD. There is no entry fee to take part but CAFOD are asking participants to kindly raise some sponsorship. Phil Elliott (our parish CAFOD rep) will be taking part in this fundraiser, so if you would like you to sponsor her, please do so using the just giving page. Many thanks for your ongoing support. The Just Giving page can be found here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/funrunlikenoother>

SYNOD 2020

This is your last weekend to give feedback on the proposals for Synod 2020. Please check our webpage and follow the link to help give feedback, which needs to be completed by 7th December. Thank you.

CHURCH REOPENING

Our Churches are due to reopen for public Masses the weekend of the 5th/6th December. Mass times will be back to what we had before the latest lockdown: Saturday Vigil Mass 16:30 (St Oswald); Sunday Masses 09:30 (St Oswald) & 11:00 (St Sebastian). The weekday Masses will resume at 10:00 Monday 7th December. Weekday Mass will be celebrated: Monday (at St Sebastian), and Tuesday & Friday (at St Oswald).

Please remember that you must still get in touch with the office and book a place at Mass, as number restrictions are still in place in both churches (32 at St Oswald; 35 at St Sebastian)

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

While it is wonderful to see people coming to Mass, we need to remember that there are very limited places in both of our churches. Our weekend Mass spaces get booked up very quickly, and then when people phone, we have to tell them there is no space. In our communities there are people who work during the week, and so cannot come to weekday Mass, but they would like to be able to come to a weekend Mass. I would ask that if you are able to attend Mass during the week, please do so, but do not book a place at the weekend Masses. This will allow someone else who can't come during the week to be able to come along at the weekend. Thank you for your understanding.