

## OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY

### Archbishop Malcolm has issued the following statement about the recent pronouncement from the Vatican prohibiting the blessing of same sex unions:

“The recent response by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to a dubium (question) on the blessing of same-sex unions has caused some hurt amongst the faithful of the archdiocese and beyond. It is important that we reach out to all our LGBT+ brothers and sisters, to show them that they have a place at the heart of our Church, and our archdiocese. As Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, has been reported as saying recently, the latest pronouncement should give us greater impetus to another conversation about inclusion. Indeed, Liverpool Synod 2020 is, in one sense, just this: staying faithful to Tradition, but being open, through our learning, reflection, prayer and discernment, to the new insights which the Holy Spirit offers to us about the depths and breadth of God’s creation. We are a stronger and more powerful witness to Christ because of the presence of our LGBT+ brothers and sisters, indeed, because of the inclusion of all the people of God. Far from denying their experience, and the reality of their lives, we should learn from them and hear God speaking through that reality. We would be poorer without them. It is our hope and prayer that we will find new ways of expressing this inclusivity, understanding the language we use, and employing the talents of everyone, to witness more profoundly in our lives as priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful, a fundamental Gospel teaching: that God’s love has no limits.”

#### My standpoint:

Everyone who comes through the doors of our church should always feel welcomed, included, and loved within any of our parishes; no matter their background, sexuality, identity, ethnicity or gender. All people are welcome to come and worship as part of our inclusive and loving parish community.

# 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, Thursday, and Friday: 9:00am—3:00pm  
***The office and presbytery are closed on Wednesday***

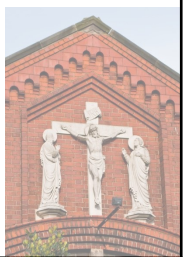
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**Sunday 18th April 2021:  
Third Sunday of Easter**

“It is written that the Messiah is to suffer  
and to rise from the dead on the third day,  
and repentance and forgiveness of sins  
is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations”

Luke 24:46-47

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17	16:30	Jim Fitzgerald (Ann)
Sun 18	09:30	Parishioners
	11:00	Kagemichi Katakura & Family
Mon 19	10:00	Kate Griffin (RIP)
Tues 20	10:00	Mary Zarina (RIP)
Wed 21	<b>No Mass / service</b>	
Thurs 22	10:00	Billy & Thomas Devine (RIP)
Fri 23	10:00	David Wyke (RIP)
Sat 24	16:30	Mary Nirmala (RIP)
Sun 25	09:30	Winstanley & Woods Families
	11:00	Parishioners

At the moment all Masses are celebrated in Saint Oswald's Church

**Unfortunately at this time, Saint Sebastian's cannot reopen due to ongoing building works.**

All previous restrictions will still remain in place (social distancing, wearing of face masks, etc.). There will also remain a restriction on numbers allowed to attend Mass, but we are able to accommodate more people within our church.

Funeral services will be celebrated within the church, but requiem Masses will not be celebrated at this time. **Please remember there is a maximum number of 30 people allowed to attend a funeral, and this number is set by the government.**

If you are at clinical risk of COVID-19, or have been told to shield, please follow the medical advice, and stay at home.

### BAPTISMS

Please pray for: Ruby, Jack, and Harry Lamb, and also Kagemichi Daniel Katakura (who will be baptised this weekend), and also for Lexie-Mai Newman (who it to be baptised next weekend). We welcome them all into our parish family. Please pray for all who will be receiving sacraments during the coming weeks and months.

### PARISH PRAYER LISTS

**We remember in our prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time, and all who have died recently.**

Mick McCoy

#### Parish prayer list:

Peter Benson; Joseph Keaveney; Marilyn Brandon; Gary, Alma, & Alf Thomas; Danielle, Tom & Baby Luke; Padraig Egan; Ann Tyrrell; Mary & John Murphy; Baby Anthony Bowman and Family; Lily Thomas; Josh Thomas; Wally & Kath; Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, & Religious Life, Adam Mawer, Lil Corner, Mary Carroll, Debbie Froud, Stephen Parkinson, Jade Wilson,  
**If you wish to have a name placed on our prayer list, please contact the office.**

### PARISH PRAYER LAMPS

The Prayer Lamps on the side altars in both of our churches may be lit for any prayer intention that you wish. We ask for a donation of £5 per lamp.

#### SAINT OSWALD'S LAMPS

Marian Lamp — John Owens (RIP)  
Sacred Heart — Theresa McDermott (RIP)

### RED MISSION BOXES

Many thanks for your continued support to the Red Mission Boxes. £1483 was collected in the last count. Terry.

### LOST KEY

A key was left in the church sometime during the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday Good Friday and Holy Saturday), and has been handed in to the parish office. If you have lost your key, please get in touch with us.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you use the offertory envelopes to donate to either of our churches, please contact the presbytery and we will make sure you receive them. Many thanks.