

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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Fourth Sunday of Advent (22/12/2024)

Sat 21 Dec	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 22 Dec	10.30am	Departed Members of the Iles Family
Mon 23 Dec		No Mass
Tue 24 Dec	6.00pm	Christmas School Mass
	8.30pm	Christmas Carol singing
	9.00pm	Christmas Midnight Mass
Wed 25 Dec	10.00am	Christmas Day Mass
Thu 26 Dec		No Mass
Fri 27 Dec	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm	Fr. Jack Clancy

The Holy Family (29/12/2024)

Sat 28 Dec	6.30pm	Mathew Woods
Sun 29 Dec	10.00am	Parishioners

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £314.39, Envelopes: £82.50, Total: £396.89. Thank you for your generosity.

I WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHISTMAS

Christmas Mass times for the year 2023

24 th December	6.00pm	School Christmas Mass
	8.30pm	Christmas Carol singing
	9.00pm	Christmas Midnight Mass
25 th December	10.00am	Christmas Day Mass

Piety Stall

Our Piety Stall is selling Christmas Cards and other Christmas items. Sunday Missals (Standard Edition) are available in the Piety Stall. You are most welcome to see and buy.

Lucky Numbers/ Items for sale – message from Sr Josephine

Boiler Fund - Lucky Numbers and Craft raised £437.39. Thank you to all who took part (Thanks also to the anonymous doner of the Christmas Hamper.) Christine Whittingham won the quilt and Anish won the Christmas Hamper. A Joyful Christmas to all.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to all who came to clean the church, prepare the Crib and decorate the outside and inside the church. May God Bless you all.

Christmas Eve 6pm Mass

The Diocese has recently had to carry out a Fire Risk Assessment in the Parish, which limits the attendance at any Mass to 160. Normally this is not an issue, but the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve can exceed this number. This Mass is aimed primarily at current pupils of our Primary School and their relatives and school staff. In order to comply with the Fire Risk Assessment and to ensure the safety of the children and their families at that Mass, we would kindly ask those not currently connected with the School to please attend either the 8.30pm/9pm Mass on Christmas Eve or the 10am Mass on Christmas Day. Thank you for your understanding.

Journeying together: Synod of Bishops

The process of the Church journeying together was begun by Pope Francis in 2021, with input from local churches. The final Synod of Pope Francis' initiative 'Journeying together' took place in October. The final document is available on the parish website. At the concluding Mass of the Synod, Pope Francis gave a homily reflecting on the message of the Synod for each one of us and for the Church as a whole. Copies of the homily are available at the back of church.

Sick and Housebound

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Christopher Brown, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Liz Forest, Lisa Swift, Anthony Glennon, Julia Wild, Linda Rowe, Veronica McLardie, Rob and Jenny Fry, Sr. Christine Stone, Pat Brayne, Aileen Antony, Marian Tolley, John Edwards, Pippa Cawley, Lesley Pike, Anthony Edmond Tobijanski and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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The Introductory Rites

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R: **Amen.**

P. Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy. R. **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Let us pray.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Responsorial Psalm: **Bring us back, O God;
Let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;
Let it be to me according to your word.
Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

The Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow up to and including the words "and became man"*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third

day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

R: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: **It is right and just ...**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: The mystery of faith.

R: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

The Communion Rite

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

R: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

P: Behold the Lamb of God.....

R: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**