

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (15/02/2026)

Sat 14 Feb	6.30pm	Isidore Abraham. Ss Cyril and Methodius, B
Sun 15 Feb	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 16 Feb		No Mass
Tue 17 Feb	9.30am	Eucharistic Service in the Convent
Wed 18 Feb	9.30am	Holy Mass, Ash Wednesday
	6.30pm	Holy Mass, Ottis Bellamy
Thu 19 Feb	9.15 am	Backer & McKenna Family
Fri 20 Feb	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.30am	Stations of the Cross
	12.00	Cyril Meredith

First Sunday in Lent (22/2/2026)

Sat 21 Feb	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 22 Feb	10.00am	Frances Rowe

Weekly collection: Loose: £264.87, Envelopes: £124.00 Total: £388.87. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Memorial Book

David Davies, one of our long-standing parishioners, has been compiling and updating the memorial book displayed in Our Lady's Chapel for over 20 years. David will be leaving the parish within the next few months. We would like to take this opportunity to thank David for his work, dedication and most of all for his wonderful and gentle presence in the parish. We are looking for a parishioner who would be willing to take on the important role of commemorating our parishioners who have died. If someone can come forward soon, David has offered to show them what is involved; he assures us it is not a complicated or time-consuming role. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Philip as soon as possible.

Open Door tea and coffee group

On Thursday 19th February, (please note this is on a Thursday this month, due to Ash Wednesday) we will have the next monthly get-together for parishioners to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and a chat from 11am to 12.15pm. This is an opportunity for parishioners to spend some social time together. Do come along if you can.

Foundation Governor Vacancy – Our Lady & St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Our Lady & St Oswald's Catholic Primary School is seeking a practising Catholic to serve as a Foundation Governor on its Local Governing Body. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop of Shrewsbury and play a vital role in preserving and developing the Catholic character, mission and ethos of the school. They work strategically with school leaders and other governors to support Catholic education and ensure the school continues to flourish in faith and learning. This is a voluntary role. No prior experience of education or governance is required, as training and support are provided. What matters most is a commitment to the Catholic faith and a willingness to serve the school and wider Catholic community. Anyone interested in finding out more is warmly encouraged to contact the school office in the first instance for further information about the diocesan application process.

Season of Lent, Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 18th February. Let us start the Lenten season by receiving ashes on our forehead and by fasting. There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, in the morning at 9.30am and in the evening at 6.30pm. It is a time of prayer and abstinence and self-restraint. May this Lenten season bring many blessings to our families and community.

Station of the Cross

During the Lenten season we will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 11.30am before Holy Mass.

Lenten Almsgiving Box

Please see Lenten Almsgiving Box on the table at the back of the church. You are most welcome to drop your donation in the Lenten Almsgiving Box

Piety Stall

The piety stall (open after 10am Sunday Mass) has a selection of new cards for St. Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter. There are also half price calendars and diaries for 2026. Come and buy while stocks last!

Sick and Housebound

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Liz Forest, Aileen Antony, Marian Tolley, John Edwards, Caroline Edwards, Linda Strohacker, Claire Smart, Eileen Iles and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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Year A

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.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
You have revealed the secrets of the kingdom
to little children.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16 17-37

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, 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.**