

Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Oswald Catholic Church
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (29/3/2026)

Sat 28 Mar	6.30pm	Margaret Backer
Sun 29 Mar	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon 30 Mar		No Mass
Tue 31 Mar	9.30am	Swassina Antonio
Wed 1 Apr	9.15am	Rosary, Novena, Holy Mass, Disegni & Deacon Family
Thu 2 Apr	8.30 pm	Evening Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of the Feet, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose.
Fri 3 Apr	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday (05/04/2026)

Sat 4 Apr	8.30pm	Easter Vigil, Blessing of the Fire, Easter Candle & Holy Water, Easter Proclamation, Holy Mass
Sun 5 Apr	10.00am	Easter Holy Mass, Parishioners

Sunday Offerings

Weekly collection: Loose: £319.93, Envelopes: £92.00 Total: £411.93.
Thank you for your generosity.

Good Friday Offering

Good Friday's collection will be sent to Rome to support the development of the Holy Land. Please bring enough cash for the Good Friday offering.

Offertory Gift Aid Envelopes

Boxes for the year beginning 6th April 2026 are at the back of the church. Please take the box with your name on it. Remember that for us to claim the additional 25% from the Inland Revenue, you must pay sufficient UK income Tax. If you have any concern about this, contact Mike Hartly (01691 652574).

If you would like to join the scheme, please ask Fr. Philip for a Gift Aid Declaration.

Easter Flowers

As we come to the wonderful feast of Easter, the biggest celebration in the Church's year, we would be very grateful if anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of flowers for Easter. All donations are very welcome. Please use the box on the table at the back of the church for any donations. Thank you.

Holy Week/ Easter

Dear Fellow Disciples, we are invited by Christ through the Church to enter into Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. This is a real invitation to encounter Jesus in our lives. If you can, please consider attending the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Cards and gifts for Confirmation: New stock has arrived

As mentioned recently, we have 19 candidates for Confirmation this year. If any family members or friends would like to buy cards or gifts, they are welcome to buy these from the Parish Piety Stall. Pam has a catalogue of cards and gifts for Confirmation and would be happy to order any items that aren't already in stock. If you would like to buy any items, please see Pam at the Piety Stall (after Sunday Mass) as soon as possible, and **not later than 29th March**, so that any orders can be placed to ensure delivery in time for the Confirmations. The Piety Stall is outside the front door of the Church.

Church Cleaning

Thank to all who came to clean the church on Saturday in preparation to celebrate Holy Week. May God Bless you all.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry Retreat Day

For all those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family you are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Midday.

When: 18th April 2026 Time: 9.30pm to 4.00pm

Where: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP. Please Register with Monika Golembiewska on 07549 226794 or email: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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, 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

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Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow). who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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.**