

St. Oswald's Catholic Church

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Mass & Service Details for the w/b on 20th / 21st September

Date	Time	Mass Intention 25 th Week in Ordinary Time.		
Sat 20 th September	5.00pm	Mary Simmonds (A)		
Sun 21 st September	8.30am	Betty McDonald LD Margaret Tilling 90 th B'Day		
Mon 22 nd September	9.30am	Fr Bernard Wood LD		
Tues 23 rd September	9.30am	PF Speedy Recovery		
Wed 24 th September	-			
Thurs 25 th September	6.30pm	60 th Church Anniversary Mass		
Fri 26 th September	9.30am	Catherine Jones (Get Well)		
Sat 27 th September	5.00pm	Betty McDonald LD , 51 Yrs Wedding Anniversary		
Sun 28 th September	8.30am	Raymond Mercer (A) John Nickson (A)		

Please remember Terry Ford and his family in your prayers. His funeral will take place on **Tuesday 30**th **September at 10am.**

60th Anniversary Mass. Our celebration take place on **Thursday 25th September at 6.30pm**. There is an opportunity for the parish family to come together to give thanks to God for the last 60 years and to remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The hall will be open from 5pm – 6.15pm to receive the refreshments so that the celebrations can be continued after Mass.

St. Oswald's Bereavement Group. Our parish bereavement support group will be restarting their Sunday afternoon gathering on **Sunday 5**th **October from 2pm – 3pm. in the parish hall.**

Annual Mass Count These next four weekends, we record the number of parishioners – adults and children - at Sunday Mass to be sent to the diocese to form part of the diocesan annual statistics. At the end of the year, we will send in the number of baptisms, confirmations, receptions into the Church, weddings and deaths that have taken place in the parish in 2025.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2026 Visit www.liverpoollourdesyouth.co.uk to book from 15th September. Early bird discount of £50 if you sign up before 20th October. For those who have completed the Faith IN Action Gold Award, there is a further £100 reduction. Promotional videos are available on the Animate YouTube channel.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday – Home Mission Sunday

The Bishops of England and Wales ask us to observe Evangelii Gaudium Sunday formerly known as Home Mission Sunday and to pray for the success of the work of evangelisation throughout England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those we know, relations and friends, who are distant from the life of faith.

The Retiring Collection will fund the bishops' national work of evangelisation and will also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

Prayer for the Week: Jesus, you have called us through our baptism, to love and serve you and sent us out to make you known to others. Bless each person in our Parish so that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, each of us may spread the good news of your saving love to the glory of our Father in heaven. **Amen**