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St Oswald's Masses W/B 25th October 2025

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 25 th October	5.00pm	Arthur & Damian Bunce (A)
Sun 26 th October	8.30am	Susan McDonough (A) Andrew Watson (A) Ellen May (A)
Mon 27 th October	9.30am	Jim Potts (A)
Tues 28 th October	9.30am	Peter Smith
Wed 29 th October	-	
Thurs 30 th October	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Harold Whiteside
Fri 31 st October	9.30am	Michael Gillett LD
Sat 1 st November	5.00pm	Valerie Readman LD
Sun 2 nd November	8.30am	Harold Whiteside LD Refreshments in the hall after Mass

How to become a Catholic: Journey of Faith information flyers are available in the porch. The first session starts on Wednesday 12 November at St. Mary's Social Centre, Broadfield Walk, Broadfield Drive Leyland PR25 1PD at 7pm

St. O Sacramental Programme 2025-2026: The Sacramental Programme for St. Oswald's will be starting with a meeting of parents on **Monday 17th November at 6.30pm** to outline the programme followed by an **Enrolment Mass on Sunday 23rd November at 10.30am**. This will lead to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and then First Holy Communion in May 2026. The parents of the children in Y4 at St Oswald's have already received this information but if there are any baptised Catholic children in Y4 or above attending other schools who wish to join the programme then their parents should contact me as soon as possible. Fr. M

Little Church: As we have now the option of using the parish hall, we are looking to restart little church at the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5pm on Saturdays. It would be great if we could put together a team of catechists to inspire our young children in the faith. DBS clearance would be required. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. Fr. M

Christmas Shoebox Appeal: Can you fill a shoebox for a child in Moldova, Sri Lanka or war-torn Ukraine? Contents can include a small soft toy. Also useful are hat, gloves, comb, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, crayons and paper. The box should have a separate lid and be labelled age appropriate to the contents. Thank You.

Defibrillator: You will notice that a defibrillator has now been fitted to the side wall of the school near the entrance and accessible 24/7. To open the cabinet, you simply call 999 or 112, state your location and get the unlock code. Start CPR. Use the defibrillator. Stay on the line for further guidance. It could be a life saver!

St. Oswald's Bereavement Group. Sunday afternoon gathering on 2nd November from 2pm – 3pm. in the parish hall.

Remembrance Mass: Thursday 6th November at 6.30pm when we remember our loved ones who have died and particularly those who have died in the last year.

St Oswald's: Act of Remembrance Our local Longton churches will gather for the **Annual Act of Remembrance at 10am on Sunday 9th November at our Crucifix**. You are encouraged to join us on this important occasion.

Annual Blessing of Graves Service: Sunday 9th November at 2pm. Refreshments in the hall afterwards

Hutton Service of Remembrance: 10.45am on Tuesday 11th November at Hutton Village War Memorial

Caritas Lunches: The next Caritas Lunch will be held on **FRIDAY, 21st November**. The Christmas Caritas Lunch will be held on **THURSDAY, 18th December**. We look forward to seeing all our friends old and new. Thank you for your support

Prayer for the Week (Psalm 85:9-10,11-12)

"I will hear what the Lord God has to say a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people and his friends and those who turn to him in their hearts Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven." Amen

