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**St Oswald's Masses W/B 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm	Barbara Ashcroft
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> December	8.30am	James & Philomena Mellows, Robert Michael McClellan Geoff Thurman LD, John Fiddler B'Day Remem
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.30am 2.00pm	MG Special Intention Funeral Service: Marion Beesley
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am	Violet & Harry Singleton
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm & 7pm	Parishioners Past and Present
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30am	Parishioners Past and Present
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Patrick Kelly ill
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm	Philomena & James Mellows, Robert Michael McClellan, Roy Allen
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30am	Roy Tilling B'Day Remembrance

**Refreshments in the parish hall following the 8.30am Sunday morning Mass**

**Funeral Service** The services for **Marie Goodier** will take place on Friday 2nd January at 11.30am Please remember Marie and her family in your prayers.

**Bishop Richard Moth appointed Archbishop of Westminster** His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has on 19 December, appointed the Right Reverend Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster. Archbishop-elect Moth will become the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who has served in the role since 2009. Cardinal Nichols will now become Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Westminster until Archbishop-elect Moth is Installed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 14 February 2026.

**Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope 2025:** As we approach the end of the Jubilee Year 2025, we want to thank each and every one of you for journeying with us as *Pilgrims of Hope*. In the Archdiocese of Liverpool, we will close the Jubilee on Sunday 28 December, the Feast of the Holy Family. To mark this occasion, Archbishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11:00am on Sunday 28 December at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. All are welcome to attend.

**Thank you** to those who supported the carol service last weekend and particularly those who helped to organise the service both in the church and in the parish hall afterwards. It was an opportunity for our family of parishes to come together to listen to the Word of God and to respond with our voices. My thanks to Deacon Bill who helped to coordinate the service.

Father Michael and Deacon Bill wish you and your families the peace and joy of the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in any way throughout the year and to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. It is certainly encouraging to see so many who give of their time and their gifts. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.

**Prayer for the Week:** God of all time, help us enter the Christmas and the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to our families, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well. Creator of all life, help us enter the Christmas and the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter Christmas and the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come. May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days to come. **Amen**

