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St Oswald's Masses W/B 3rd January 2026



Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 3 rd January	5.00pm	Francis Jones B'Day Remembrance
Sun 4 th January	8.30am	Andrew and Eileen Leahy (A)
Mon 5 th January	9.30am	Priest's Intention
Tues 6 th January	9.30am 2.15pm	Marie Goodier LD Epiphany Mass with St Oswald's Primary School children
Wed 7 th January	9.30am	Requiem Mass: Mary Audrey Bromily
Thurs 8 th January	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Margaret Miller
Fri 9 th January	9.30am	World Peace
Sat 10 th January	5.00pm	Special Intention
Sun 11 th January	8.30am	Anne Goode (A)

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

Bereavement Meeting: The next meeting will be on **Sunday 4th January** 2pm – 3pm in the parish hall.

Journey of Faith The next session is on **Wednesday 7th January** at St. Mary's Social Centre, Broadfield Walk, Broadfield Drive Leyland PR25 1PD at 7pm. Theme: The Bible

Requiem Masses The requiem for **John Washington** will take place on Tuesday 13th January at 10.30am. The requiem for **Patrick Joseph Kelly** will take place on Friday 23rd January at 10.30am. Please remember the deceased and their families in your prayers.

Jubilee Year of Hope: Pope Leo XVI will formally close the Jubilee Year in Rome on 6th January 2026. The whole Church has celebrated being pilgrims of hope in a troubled world. May we continue to bring Christ's hope and peace to our brothers and sisters.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026: Young people in Year 8 and older are now invited to visit www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk in order to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment closes on 13th February 2026. Pupils at All Hallows will receive information through school.

Family of Parishes Pilgrimage to Lourdes: There is planned a Family of Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage. This will be part of the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (23rd - 30th July 2026). Twin/double room £965pp. Single room £1179pp. Full board in Four Star Hotel Padoue. Flying from Manchester. There will be **an information evening at 7.00pm on Thursday, 15th January in St Mary's Community Centre** for anybody who wishes to find out more about the trip.

An important role for our Ministers of Holy Communion is to take the Eucharist to those who are sick or who are in our nursing homes. We are looking for volunteers to accompany our Ministers of Communion in this role. Please speak to Fr. Michael or Deacon Bill if you are able to help.

Let us bring Jesus into our hearts, our families and our homes this new year.

EPIPHANY 2026 – Chalking of the Doors. In various parts of the world, the Epiphany is marked with the time-honoured tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk of any colour and write above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 26**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar - who came to visit Jesus in the place where he was born. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus Mansionem Benedicat: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "26" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless the building so marked and that He stay with those who dwell or work therein throughout the entire year.

Prayer for the Week: Loving Father, bless our family and those we hope to welcome over the course of this year. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

