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**St Oswald's Masses W/B 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



Date	Time	Mass Intention	
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> January	5.00pm	World Peace	
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30am	Dominic McCormack LD	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Priest's Intention	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Martin & Mary Devane (A)	Y6 Children to join us at Mass
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> January	-		
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.30am	Priest's Intention	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Patrick Kelly	
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> January	5.00pm	Joanne Phillips LD	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30am	Parishioners	

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

**Journey of Faith** The next session is on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at St. Mary's Social Centre, Broadfield Walk, Broadfield Drive Leyland PR25 1PD at 7pm. Theme: The Light of Christ.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2026:** Young people in Year 8 and older are now invited to visit [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://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.

**Foodbank for January:** We would welcome long dated foods, tinned ham, tinned salmon and instant coffee. Churches Together in Penwortham, Sort Code 30-96- 85, Account number 00415955 Lloyds Bank.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January,**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place each year from 18 to 25 January. This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with international siblings in Christ.

This year WPCU takes Ephesians 4 v 1-13 as its central text which includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4) Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between **18-25 January**, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul.

**World Day of Peace - Sunday 18 January**

The Catholic Church marks the World Day of Peace, instituted by Pope St Paul VI, on 1 January each year. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales designate the second Sunday in Ordinary Time as 'Peace Sunday' – on 18 January this year. We are encouraged to reflect on the message of Pope Leo XIV which is: Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace. This is a challenging but exciting goal. He is telling us that peace should not rely on fear, threats, or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope.

**Prayer of the Week**

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in our world. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding lives may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together with justice and peace at the centre. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

