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St Oswald's Masses W/B 14th February 2026



Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 14 th February	5.00pm	James & Catherine Duignan
Sun 15 th February	8.30am	John Fiddler (A)
Mon 16 th February	9.30am 11.30am	VG Special Intention Funeral Service: Margaret Joyce Gardner
Tues 17 th February	9.30am	Kitty McCrave (A)
Wed 18 th February	9.30am	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs 19 th February	2.30pm	Requiem Mass: Gerard Bullen
Fri 20 th February	10.30am	Memorial Mass: Anne Colls
Sat 21 st February	5.00pm	Hilary & Tony Turner (A)
Sun 22 nd February	8.30am	Martin Feeney LD

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

Pastoral letter from Archbishop John: To be read aloud in all churches at Holy Mass 14/15 February 2026

Deacon Leo McNicholas. It is with great sadness that I inform you that Deacon Leo McNicholas died on Tuesday 10 February. Deacon Leo was in the first cohort of men trained for the permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, being ordained by Archbishop Worlock in 1979. He faithfully served in our parish of St Oswald, Longton for many years and the archdiocese. Please remember Margaret and his family who grieve his loss. Requiescat in pace. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

Ash Wednesday Mass 18 February with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9.30am.s. It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Journey of Faith: Rite of Election Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Sunday 22nd February at 3pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 There will be a Mass of Preparation for candidates and their families on **Sunday 19th April at 4pm in St Teresa's Church.** Confirmations for our family of parishes will take place on **Tuesday 28th April and Thursday 30th April at 7pm** at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Leyland with Bishop Tom Naylor.

Family of Parishes Working Group: The Family of Parishes Working Group spoke at Mass in all four parishes last weekend presenting us with four possible ways forward for the future. Subsequently there will be open meetings in each parish. Our meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm** in the parish hall. Please make every effort to attend.

St. O Sacramental Programme: The children made their first confession before Christmas during the season of Advent. The programme will restart after half term with a **Sacramental Programme Mass on Sunday 1st March at 10.30am followed by an evening session on Monday 2nd March.** Please remember our families in your prayers.

Family of Parishes Stations of the Cross. The stations will take place in each of our churches.

27th February St Teresa's, Penwortham **6th March** St Mary's, Leyland. **13th March** Our Lady's, Tarleton.
20th March St Oswald's Longton. **27th March** St Mary Magdalen's Penwortham. They will all start at 7pm

St Oswald's: RED MISSION BOX COLLECTION - Please leave your boxes in the sacristy or hand them to Mike Boardman. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, You understand what it is like to be hungry. Teach us to have grateful and generous hearts. Forgive us when we make selfish choices or remain silent in the face of injustice.
 Lord Jesus, You welcomed all to your table. May we recognise that we God's people with our common home and our global neighbours, so all are invited to share the feast.
 Lord Jesus, You come to us as bread and wine. Fill us with your compassion.
 Nourish us as we care for each other and seek to make your Kingdom a reality in our world. **Amen.**

