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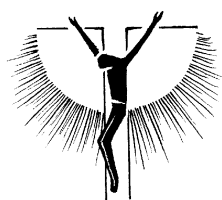
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St Oswald's Masses W/B 28th March 2026

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 28 th March	5.00pm	Barbara Ashcroft
Sun 29 th March	8.30am	Betty McDonald B'Day Remem James Bickerstaff (A)
Mon 30 th March	9.30am	Barbara Ashcroft (A)
Tues 31 st March	9.30am	Fr Laurence Mayne, Special Intention
Wed 1 st April	7.30pm	Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral
Thurs 2 nd April	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper People of the parish, past and present
Fri 3 rd April	3.00pm	The Passion of the Lord
Sat 4 th April	7.00pm	The Easter Vigil People of the parish, past and present
Sun 5 th April	8.30am	The Resurrection of the Lord People of the parish, past and present

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



28th March Palm Sunday.

The Passion of the Lord: Vigil Mass 5pm

29th March Sunday Mass

The Passion of the Lord: 8.30am

Maundy Thursday 2nd April.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

Good Friday 3rd April

The Lord's Passion: 3pm

Holy Saturday 4th April.

The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter: 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection. 8.30am

The veiling of the statues and crucifixes: The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide which begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This is when the Church shifts her focus from Christ in the desert to Christ during his Passion. The crucifixes and other statues and images around the church have been veiled with purple cloths. The last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 There will be a Mass of Preparation for Confirmation on **Sunday 19th April at St Teresa's Church at 4pm** for the young people from our Family of Parishes who are to be confirmed in May. They are asked to come with their families. There will be a short preparation session at this. The Services of Confirmation are on **Tuesday 28th & Thursday 30th April** in St Mary's Church, Leyland. Both start at 7pm. Bishop Tom Naeylon will preside.

CAFOD: The amount donated for the important work of CAFOD is £1075. Thank you for your continued generosity.

St Oswald's Primary Schol: The religious inspection of our primary school by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate took place on 4-5 March 2026. The report has now been published and makes wonderful reading. Congratulations to all!

Foodbank for April: The foodbank would particularly appreciate cereals, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and (as always) tins of readymade meals like Irish stew, curries, chilli con carne and similar products.

Collection: There will be a retiring collection for the upkeep of the churches and shrines in the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Prayer of the Week: Dear Lord, the path to the Resurrection was one of exceptional pain and suffering. It required of You the total sacrifice of Your life. You held nothing back but poured out Your life to the last drop of blood.

Risen Lord, the joyful message is that suffering and death were not the end. You rose triumphantly in a new and glorified body, opening the door for all who believe in You to do the same. Draw me in, dear Lord, to Your suffering and death so that I may also be drawn into the glory of Your Resurrection.

Give me the courage You had as You endured so much. Help me to face the crosses in my life with Your strength. As I do, fill me with hope as I anticipate the new life You will bring from all sufferings united to You. **Amen**

