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St Oswald's Masses W/B 18th April 2026

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 18 th April	5.00pm	David Thomas LD, Gennaro Sicignano (A)
Sun 19 th April	8.30am	Parishioners
Mon 20 th April	9.30am	Priest's Intention
Tues 21 st April	9.30am	Celia & Anne Goode, Irene Taylor (A)
Wed 22 nd April	-	
Thurs 23 rd April	9.30am	Ann Jackson LD
Fri 24 th April	9.30am	Catherine Jones LD
Sat 25 th April	5.00pm	Fredrick Ainsworth (A)
Sun 26 th April	8.30am	Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life
	10.30am	Sacramental Programme Mass

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

Requiem Mass The Mass for **Geoffrey Watson** will take place on **Thursday 30th April at 10.00am** Please remember Geoffrey and his family in your prayers

Our next Caritas Lunch will be held on **Friday, 24th April at 12pm** in St Oswald's Parish Centre. We look forward to welcoming all our friends old and new.

All Hallows High School Lay Chaplain: The Governors wish to appoint a committed and enthusiastic Lay Chaplain at All Hallows Catholic High School. The successful candidate will lead the spiritual life of the school and accompany staff and pupils on their faith journey. Permanent appointment to commence as soon as possible. Further details may be found on the school's web site.

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.

The Sacramental Programme resumes after Easter with the children making their First Communion in May.

Sacramental Programme Mass 26th April at 10.30am **Session 5** Jesus is really present 27th April 6.30pm – 7.30pm

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

The Foodbank would appreciate cereals, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and, as always, tins of readymade meals like Irish stew, curries, chilli con carne and similar products.

Priests' Training Fund Special Collection: Next weekend

Prayer for the week. Loving Father, we ask You to bless our parish: make us better people, more considerate towards others, more honest with ourselves and more faithful to You. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit open our ears to hear You in prayer, open our eyes to Your presence in one another and open our hearts to those who are searching for You. Help each of us find our true vocation in life, so that we may not only find our own happiness but bring happiness to others. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

