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St Oswald's Masses W/B 15th August 2026



Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 15 th August	5.00pm	Geoff Watson LD
Sun 16 th August	8.30am	Betty McDonald (A)
Mon 17 th August	11.00 am	Funeral Service: Ann Margaret Clarke
Tues 18 th August	-	
Wed 19 th August	-	
Thurs 20 th August	-	
Fri 21 st August	-	
Sat 22 nd August	5.00pm	Jaqui Wade (A)
Sun 23 rd August	8.30am	Fr. John Joyce LD Fr. Joseph Kendall LD

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

Requiem Mass: Mary Hilary Swarbrick Thursday 27th August 11.30am Please remember Hilary and her family in your prayers.

Parish Cemetery: The work on the new pathway is almost complete with the benefit of good weather. I would ask you to be extremely careful during this time when entering the cemetery if you need to and follow the direction of the contractors. The project is being funded out of a legacy left to the parish by a faithful parishioner with our thanks.

Events at St Gregory's, Weldbank PR7 3NW Annual Beer Festival 21st – 23rd August. It will feature a selection of beers and ciders. Tickets are £5 and include a souvenir programme & a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from our own Pit Stop café. Concert in the Garden on Sunday 23rd August in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's. It begins at 2pm and entry to the concert is free (i.e. no ticket required). Entry to the beer tent is free for those attending the beer festival on Fri/Sat but otherwise entry is £5 on the door.

Family Pilgrimage to Ladyewell with Our Lady Help of Christians, Tarleton Saturday 12th September, 11.00-3.30pm (approx.) Meet at the parish church of Fernyhough PR2 5RR 11.00 Short service at Fernyhough Parish Church, 11.20 Walk together from the church to the shrine, 12.00 Mass in the shrine, *followed by picnic lunch (bring your own picnic, drinks available on site)* 2.30 Sprinkling 3.00 Benediction 3.30 Home Vivienne Goddard know if you are coming by **6th September** 07779 786141 viviennegoddard@gmail.com

"The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its **Second Reading on 11 September**. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. "The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading." Archbishop Richard Moth.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus.

Prayer for the Week: Almighty and everlasting God, You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



Other Sunday Masses in the Family of Parishes: **St Mary's Leyland:** Saturday 6pm + Sunday 10am PR25 1PD. **Our Lady's Tarleton:** Sunday 10am PR4 6AS: **St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham,** PR1 9QD Sunday 11am: **St Teresa's, Penwortham,** PR1 0DS Saturday 6pm + Sunday 9.30am