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St Oswald's Masses W/B 19th September 2026

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 19 th September	5.00pm	Janet & Joseph Wilkinson Wed Ann. Jo & Cyril Foster Wed Ann.
Sun 20 th September	8.30am	Eileen Fishwick LD & Family
Mon 21 st September	9.30am	Hilary Swarbrick LD
Tues 22 nd September	9.30am	Steve Bates LD
Wed 23 rd September	-	
Thurs 24 th September	9.30am	MT Special Intention
Fri 25 th September	9.30am	Nancy & Ron Pope (A)
Sat 26 th September	5.00pm	Geoff Watson Birthday Remembrance
Sun 27 th September	8.30am	Raymond Mercer (A) John Nixon (A)

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

Church refurbishment: During the week **Monday 21st September to Friday 25th September** new flooring will be laid in the Sacristy and adjoining rooms. The mid-week Masses will be held in the parish hall at the usual time of 9.30am

Annual Mass Count takes place this weekend and the following three weekends when we record the number of parishioners – adults and children - at Sunday Mass.

Home Mission Sunday: The Bishops of England and Wales ask us to observe Home Mission Sunday and to pray for the success of the work of evangelisation throughout England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those we know, relations and friends, who are distant from the life of faith. Home Mission Sunday reminds us of something Pope Leo said in his recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* that the desire for God is hardwired into every human heart. So on Home Mission Sunday, let's pray for the mission of the church in our land and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that many more people may find their way to salvation in Jesus Christ and his church. There is a second collection to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

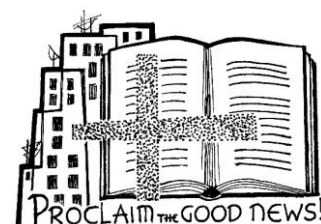
Little Church: Little church will be held for primary aged children at the Saturday evening Mass starting on **Saturday 26th September**. All our catechists have been DBS cleared and will looking forward to working with our children in passing on the faith.

Church Cleaning: Thank you to all those who volunteered to help with the church cleaning. There will be a meeting in church on **Saturday 26th September at 10.30am** to organise ourselves.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027

Applications are now open for young people in Year 10 and up to the age of 22 to travel to Lourdes to work with our assisted pilgrims. Coach 5 takes young people from the Lancashire areas of Orrell, Chorley, Leyland and Penwortham. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of service, faith, joy, and learning new skills. There is a £50 reduction for anyone applying before 18th October. There is a further £100 reduction for any young person who achieved the Gold level of the Faith in Action Award at the end of the last school year. Apply at www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. For more information, please email Ben McMullen, Coach Leader at coach5@rcaol.org.uk

Prayer of the Week: Heavenly Father, we have gathered today with grateful hearts. Thank you for bringing us together in your presence. As we worship, open our hearts to your word and guide us in truth and love. Quiet our minds from the distractions of the week and focus our attention on your goodness. Bless our time together and may everything done here today bring honour and glory to your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. **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