



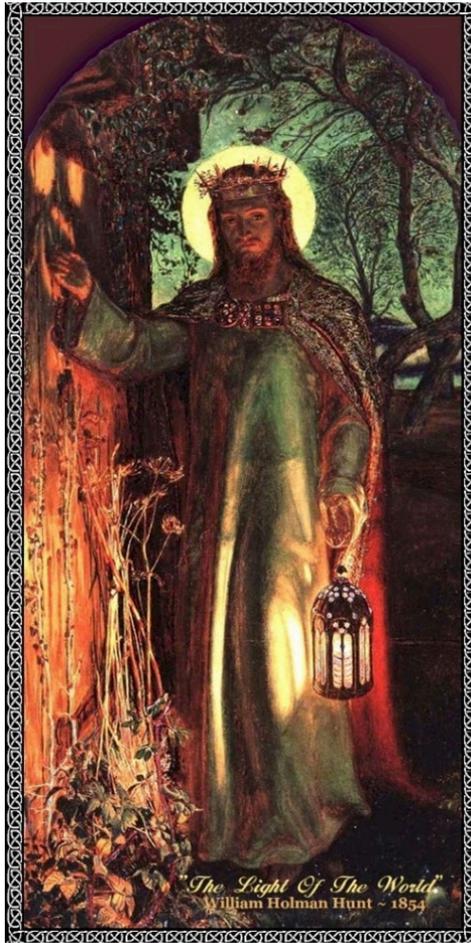
SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

THE LIGHT IS ON...

The season of Lent is a perfect time to be reconciled to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pope Francis warned priests not to make the confessional into a torture chamber. So often, as a priest, I hear people torturing themselves in the confessional because of past sins committed. Confession is an encounter with Jesus where He brings 'pardon and peace' through His forgiveness.

Throughout Lent there will be opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Mass (22nd Feb., 8th March, 22nd March), which was encouraged by Pope Saint John Paul II. The examination of conscience beside the image of 'Jesus the light of the World' is offered to help you prepare for confession. If you haven't been to Confession in a while, don't worry, the priest will guide you.



HOLMUN HUNT:
'THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD'

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE LOVE OF GOD

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind."

- Do I put God first in my life, or have I other priorities before Him?
- Have I neglected daily prayer or rushed it without attention?
- Have I participated faithfully and reverently at Mass each Sunday?
- Have I used God's name carelessly?
- Have I failed to see God in others?

LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

- Have I treated others with charity, patience, and respect?
- Have I judged, gossiped about, or spoken unkindly of others?
- Have I harboured a grudge, resentment, envy, or hatred?
- Have I acted selfishly, thinking only of my own needs and comfort?
- Have I failed to look after myself with healthcare and moderation?
- Have I been stubborn in not accepting help from others?
- Have I lacked thanks for my life?
- Have I lacked love for my neighbour?

Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 23rd February St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 24th February	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 25th February	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 10.30, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass STATIONS OF THE CROSS	• 8.30am-11am, SSAO: Diddy Disciples
Thursday 26th February	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	• 9.30, SSAO: Knit & Natter • 7-9PM, SJ: KERYGMA RETREAT • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 27th February St Gregory of Narek	6.55am, SSAO 9am, SSAO, 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SSAO 10am, SJ	MASS: (PENITENTIAL) Adoration & Rosary Mass STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mass	
Saturday 28th February	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 29th February 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ 3pm, SSAO	Mass & CONFESSION Mass & CONFESSION STATIONS OF THE CROSS	• 7-9pm, SSAO: AA

LENTEN STATION MASSES

A collection of churches in a geographical area, within a Diocese, is called a 'deanery'. We belong to Mount Carmel Deanery, which covers Oldham and Ashton.

As a Deanery we are hosting 'Station Masses', which is an ancient Roman tradition of visiting local churches for Mass. Station Masses (All at 7pm):

24th February, St. Anne's, Ashton;
3rd March, Our Lady's, Moorside;
10th March, Holy Family, Limeside;
17th March, St. Patrick's, Oldham;
24TH MARCH:SS. AIDAN & OSWALD

EASTER RAFFLE

Enter our Easter raffle to win some AMAZING PRIZES:

a beauty hamper, a body care hamper, a chocolate hamper, a children's craft & chocolate hamper, a wine hamper & various vouchers, a children's toy hamper ...buy your tickets after Mass:
£2 A STRIP OR 3 STRIPS FOR £5
(All funds raised for Parish life and mission). Cash or Dona welcome

GREEN FINGERED...

Thank you for those who responded to the call for help with the grounds team.

We will meet on Sunday 1st March at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, after the 11am Mass. All Welcome.

YOUTH CORNER

St. Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostles and became bishop of Smyrna, where he was later martyred in about 155.

He is an important figure because he is one of the earliest



Christians whose writings still survive.

ALL THINGS LENTEN

LENT: TAIZE

Sunday 22nd Feb., SSAO, 7.30pm

KERYGMA RETREAT

Thursdays in Lent, SJ, 7-9pm

PENITENTIAL MASSES

Fridays in Lent, SSAO, 6.55am

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday 1st April, SJ, 7pm

SVP: ST DAVIDS DAY

St Joseph's SVP Society would like to invite all Senior Citizens to a St David's day afternoon tea on Saturday 7th March at 2pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

If you would like to join us please put your name on the list at the back of both churches - transport will be provided if needed

"The Lord will not be outdone in generosity to those who serve those most in need. the greater the love for the poor. the greater the reward"

Pope Leo XIV

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

... with live music, hot supper, and entertainment:

Saturday 14th March, 7pm.

SJ PARISH CENTRE

All Welcome. BYOB

TICKETS: £10pp

(Only 100 tickets on sale)

DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph

Ss Aidan & Oswald



MATRIMONY

For those of you who are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year - 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years married - please let Fr. Gavin know.

CAFOD: SOUP LUNCH

CAFOD: Catholic Agency For Overseas Development is the charitable arm of the Church in England & Wales, which supports our brothers and sisters in areas of war, famine, and need.

Almsgiving to CAFOD is a great opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus through charitable giving.

We will have a soup lunch on **FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY AT SS. AIDAN & OSWALD, 12NOON.**

All money donations will go to CAFOD (envelopes are available)

PILGRIMAGE MEETING

Our second meeting for those joining the 'In the Footsteps of St. Paul' pilgrimage is on the 4th March, 7pm at St. Edward's Parish Centre (OL4 5AJ).

At the gathering we will learn more about our pilgrimage patron, St. Paul, his letters, and his missionary activity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th March: Mother's Day

17th March: St. Patrick's Feast Day

- Deanery Station Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Oldham, 7pm

19th March: St. Joseph's Feast Day

- 7pm Evening Mass, SJ, followed by a social in our Parish Centre.

22nd March: Year 6 leading Mass

24th March: 7pm Vigil Mass of The Annunciation (Deanery Mass & Social.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

For those who wish to have their child baptised: Saturday 28th March, 11-12noon, St. Joseph's Parish Centre

Lately Dead: Mary Bray, Paul Timmins, Anniversary: James Peter Wood, Jean Helen Cunningham, Michael King, Peter McGratton,

General: Winifred and Wilfred Tootill, in honour of Saint Jude, Lisa Tighe, Josephine Hall, Frances Roberts, Karen Ashton, Leo Mazza, Marie Summers



Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted. (Matt. 4:1-11)

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