



# SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

## LENT

Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection.

The six-week period is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for this great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.



## PRAYER

A focus of Lent is Prayer: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy" (St. Peter Damian, CCC 2558). Prayer is less of a comfort blanket and more of a disposition. Prayer is relationship, prayer is understand, prayer is time with God, prayer is being oneself in the presence of God.

## FASTING

To deny ourselves some good is to go beyond the animal instinct of satisfaction and to move to the joy of being free to choose a higher good, namely, charity (love of God and neighbour).

## ALMSGIVING

'Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas deus ibi est' (where there is love and charity, God is there). Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said "not all of us can do great things, but all of us can do little things with great love". We are encouraged to put our faith into action, especially with care for the most vulnerable. Lent is the perfect time to change our selfish ways and care more.

· PRAY · FAST · GIVE ·

Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 16th February	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre</li> <li>1-3pm, SSAO, Whist Drive Group</li> </ul>
Tuesday 17th February (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre</li> <li>7-9pm, SSAO: AA</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18th February <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	6.55am, SSAO 8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7pm, SJ	Mass Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Mass	
Thursday 19th February	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30, SSAO: Knit &amp; Natter</li> <li>7-9pm, SJ: Kerygma Retreat</li> <li>7-9pm, SSAO: AA</li> </ul>
Friday 20th February	6.55am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Mass: (Penitential) Adoration & Rosary Mass Stations of the Cross Mass	
Saturday 21st February St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ 3pm, SSAO	Mass & Confession Mass & Confession Stations of the Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7-9pm, SSAO: AA</li> </ul>

## KERYGMA

The well established Kerygma Retreat led by Mrs Barbara Mason (over 5 weeks) takes us through a biblical understanding of Salvation History, with personal reflection and meaning for our life.

If you wish to grow in your love of the Word of God and bring greater meaning to your life then this retreat is for you. The teaching is scriptural and Catholic. It will give you greater confidence in The Faith, and bring a renewal.

Starting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb., 7-9pm

St. Joseph Parish Centre

(Bring a Bible - some will be available)

## 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

## GREEN FINGERED?

We have a grounds team who maintain the grounds at SSAO. We need more volunteers to help mitigate some significant costs we incur by having a company cut grass and maintain the grounds at SJ.

Can you help? let Fr. G know.

YOUTH CORNER

St. Robert Southworth was a English man who studied for the priesthood abroad because it was

Illegal to be a Catholic in the UK.

Upon his return he was martyred.



## ALL THINGS LENTEN

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

SSAO: 6.55am, 9am, SJ: 10am, 7pm

LENT: TAIZE

Sunday 22nd Feb., SSAO, 7.30pm

CAFOD FAMILY FAST LUNCH

Friday 27th Feb., SSAO, 12noon

KERYGMA RETREAT

Thursdays in Lent, SJ, 7-9pm

PENITENTIAL MASSES

Fridays in Lent, SSAO, 6.55am

DEANERY STATION MASSES

Each Tuesday in Lent, 7pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays SJ, after Mass

Fridays SSAO, after Mass

Sunday SSAO, 3pm

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, SJ, 7pm

CONFESSIONS DURING MASS

Sundays 9.30am SSAO, 11am SJ

(22nd Feb., 8<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March)

*"If you are judging someone it means that you are not loving them"*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## ST PATRICKS NIGHT

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

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7PM.

SJ PARISH CENTRE

ALL WELCOME. BYOB

TICKETS: £10pp

## DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph

Ss Aidan & Oswald



## ST JOSEPH'S RC PRI SCH.

This week our worship focused on safe, healthy living, including Safer Internet Day. We welcomed Oldham Council's safeguarding team for age-appropriate online safety advice. Year 3 visited Bolton Museum, and Reception presented on animals in cold climates. Our PTA hosted a fantastic Valentine's Disco, and we celebrated Founders Day in uniformed group attire. Thanks to all staff, volunteers and families.

## SS AIDAN & OSWALD SCH

This week we marked Children's Mental Health Week with activities promoting wellbeing, including "Wear Your Emotions to School Day" to encourage open conversations. The Local Authority SEND team praised pupils' excellent behaviour and strong sense of belonging. Year 4 led a beautiful assembly on the Beatitudes, reflecting on being the "salt of the earth" and "light of the world."

## 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 in 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

happy *St David's Day*

## THANK YOU

... our sincere thanks to Ryder & Dutton for their generous support in purchasing a new PA system for the Parish Centre to make our parish gatherings even more enjoyable.



Lately Dead: Kenneth Paul Timmins, John Goggins

Anniversary: John Cotgrave, Henry's Sobieralski, Winnie Brown

General: Winifred and Wilfred Tootill, Ortiz Family, Pendergast Family, Charlton Family, Sheila Heap, birthday novena (9)



'It was said to those of old; but I say to you.' (Mt. 5:17-37)

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