



# SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

## THE GREAT SERMON

The Sermon on the Mount is the great sermon of Jesus' ministry. Jesus gives us 8 Beatitudes, which Pope Francis said are the "blueprint" and "roadmap" to get into heaven and the "path" to true happiness and eternal life.

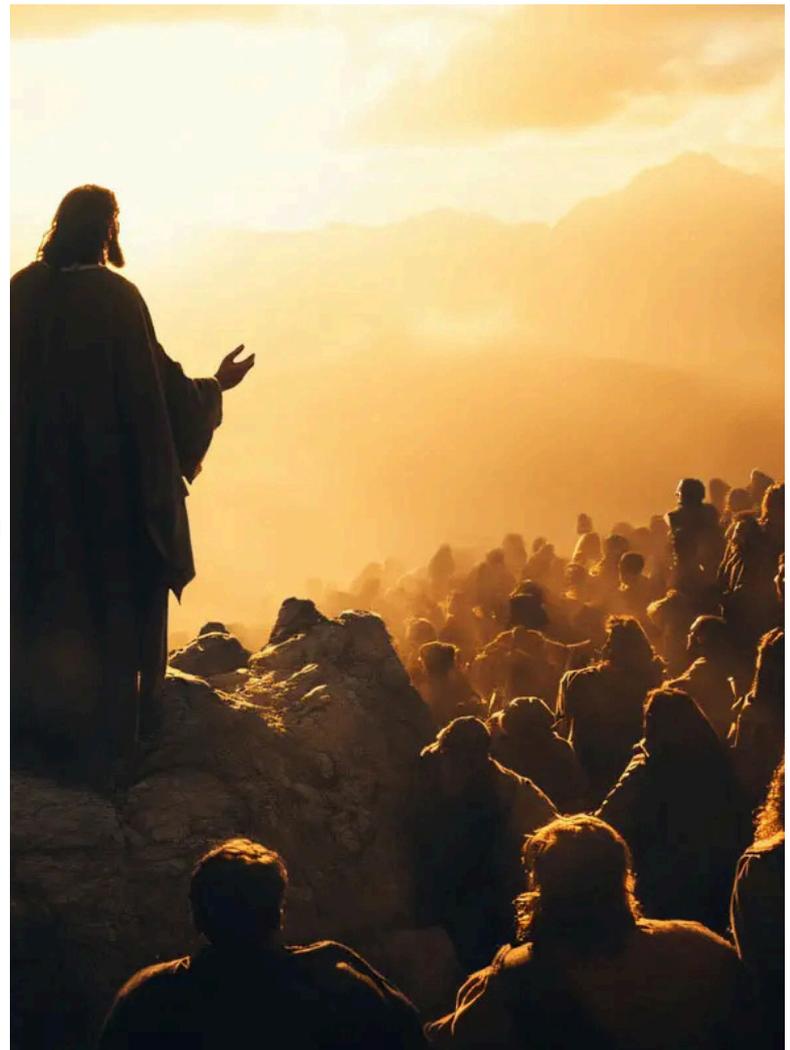
One of the most striking homilies I've ever seen preached was when Pope Saint John Paul II on Easter Sunday 2005 - just six days before he would die - was pushed in his wheelchair towards the balcony at St. Peter's

Basilica to give his Urbi et Orbi Easter sermon. But, because of an operation and his declining health, it made it impossible for him to read out the words. The only thing he could do was raise his hand and bless the crowd gathered below. No words, just a gesture but a holy gesture and also an example for us to imitate; that we too would raise our hands in prayer to bless one another.



Jesus' sermon on the Mount becomes so powerful because not only would he give words leading to eternal life, but He would also put those words into action by giving the greatest sermon... His life for ours on Calvary!

Let us thank God and imitate Him in His love.



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 2nd February The Presentation of The Lord	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> </ul>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February St Ansgar (Oscar), Bishop; St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr	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 4 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.30-11am, SSAO: Diddy disciples</li> <li>7-8pm, SJ: RCIA: exploring the Catholic Faith</li> </ul>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 11.30am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Requiem Mass: Brian Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30, SSAO: Knit &amp; Natter</li> <li>7pm, SJ: Pilgrimage meeting</li> <li>7-9pm, SSAO: AA</li> </ul>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February SS. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	9am, SSAO, 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Mass: First Friday	6pm, SSAO Devotions to The Sacred Heart: Adoration, Confession, Benediction
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass: First Saturday Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	10am, SJ: Devotions to The Immaculate Heart: Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Benediction
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ 2pm, SSAO	Mass Mass Syro-Malabar Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7-9pm, SSAO: AA</li> </ul>

## CONFIRMATION

For any children in year 8 school year, who would like to be Confirmed:

Parents Meeting: information evening  
Wednesday 11th March  
(6.30pm at St. Edward's Church, Lees)

## ST JOHN'S POPYRUS

We will make a parish trip to visit the St. John's Papyrus on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February: 12noon Mass at The Hidden Gem, followed by a visit to the John Ryland's Library. Coffee & Cake!  
either: meet at Hidden Gem, 12noon  
or: meet at Shaw Tram Station at 10.30am (after the 10am Mass, SJ).

## KERYGMA COURSE

For 5 consecutive Thursdays in LENT from 7pm - 9pm beginning the 19th of February. Presented by Catholic catechist and author Barbara Mason. An opportunity for you to renew the gifts and graces received in Baptism and Confirmation, and to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Please see the posters for more details.

## CRIB APPEAL

Thank you for your generous donation to the Crib appeal, it raised £265. This money will go to maintain the holy places in the Holy Land

## WELCOME

We welcome year 5 children from our primary schools, who will help lead the Mass this Sunday.

## YOUTH CORNER

St. Paul Miki was martyred in Japan together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared. Example of fidelity.



## LENT IN OUR PARISHES

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Throughout our time of Lent together there will be various things to help us best prepare for Eastertide.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

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

### LENT: TAIZE

Sunday 22nd February, SSAO, 7.30pm

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST SOUP MEAL

Friday 27th February, SSAO, 12noon

### KERYGMA COURSE

Thursdays throughout Lent, SJ, 7-9pm

### PENITENTIAL MASSES

Fridays throughout Lent, SSAO, 6.55am

### DEANERY STATION MASSES

Each Tuesday throughout Lent, 7pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday SJ & Friday SSAO, after the morning Masses

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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



*Not me but God!*

St. Carlo Acutis

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Feb. 11th : Holy Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, with anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick (SJ)  
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

## DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph

Ss Aidan & Oswald



## ST JOSEPH'S RC PRI SCH.

The focus for our acts of worship this week has been Honesty, with our St Joseph's Workers reflecting on the story of Zacchaeus and how meeting Jesus led him to change his ways, give to the poor and repay those he had wronged. Year 5 shared impressive letters to famous people, full of ambition and thoughtful language, while Year 3 visited other classes to read their creative retellings based on Little Red Riding Hood. Their confidence and storytelling were a delight, and it has been wonderful to celebrate such enthusiasm for writing across the school.

## SS AIDAN & OSWALD SCH

This week, we were delighted to share the fantastic work that takes place in Religious Education and to celebrate all the wonderful aspects of our school during the Catholic Schools Inspection. The inspectors were especially impressed by our children, who were described as exemplary. They spoke with confidence about their faith, showed great respect for one another, and were a true credit to our school community.

Mrs Brogan and Mrs Dalton had the privilege of taking a group of children to see the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis. It was a special and faith-filled experience.

In February we focus our thoughts around Walsingham. Lady Richeldis was led spiritually by the Virgin Mary to Nazareth, where she was shown the House of the Annunciation, and was asked to build a replica in Walsingham as a memorial of the Annunciation.

[www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

## CHARITY CORNER



MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEKS NEWSLETTER



'Blessed are the poor in spirit.' (Mt. 5:1-12a)

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