

Welcome to the parishes of
St. Oswald and
St. Sebastian

*A Roman Catholic community
serving God's people
in Old Swan, Broadgreen, Kensington and
Fairfield.*



Thank you for coming to our church.
You are very welcome.

We hope this is a place where you can feel at home
and come closer to God.

This leaflet hopes to answer some of the questions
people often ask us.

Please fill in one of the new parishioner forms
to help us know who is living in our parishes.

Thank you.

The parishioners of St. Oswald's Parish and St. Sebastian's Parish are working together to build a Roman Catholic community of prayer, friendship and service of God and neighbour.

Getting more involved: We always need more volunteers to help in our parish. Our service of God always begins at home forgiving and caring for each other, and among our neighbours and in our community. In Church we always need new people to be readers, catechists, cleaners, musicians, gardeners, welcomers, people to help with Little Church, with our ministry to the bereaved, helping local people in difficulty and many other volunteers. Fr. Mark will be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to become more involved in the life of our parish community.

Children: It is great to welcome families in our parishes. Children are the present and the future of our Church. At our Sunday Masses primary school children are invited to come to Little Church / Children's Liturgy of the Word, for the first part of the Mass to listen to God's Word in a way that might be easier for them to understand. You are welcome to bring your children into the group if they are nervous about coming along on their own.

We also have a monthly "Family Mass" where we try to involve the children more in what is going on during the Mass.

First Holy Communion: Children not attending one of our parish schools who are going into year 4 need to be registered for our Confirmation and First Holy Communion programme through the parish office. The programme starts each September.

In times of ill health: If you are unable to attend Church through ill health please let us know and someone will be able to bring you Holy Communion at home. If you or someone you know would like to be visited by one of our special ministers of Holy Communion at home then please call the parish office.

If you go into hospital you must inform a member of staff there if you would like to be visited by one of the hospital chaplains.

If you are ill or undergoing treatment please see Fr. Mark after any Mass. He can give you the Sacrament of the Sick asking God for healing and for the help and strength you need.

Baptism: If you wish to have your child baptized please contact the parish office. You will be asked to attend two preparation evenings and then choose the Sunday on which we can celebrate the baptism. Baptisms are normally at St. Oswald's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and at St. Sebastian's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month starting at around 12.15.

Marriage: Getting married in church does not need to cost a lot of money and it can be a real source of blessings for you and your family. Call the parish office if you have any questions about what is involved in getting married in church.

Our marriage preparation courses run sometime in the first three months of the year. Please let us know in good time if you would like to be married in one of our parishes. We need at least six months notice in the Archdiocese of Liverpool before a wedding can take place.

Learning more about the Catholic Faith: All year we support adults who would like to know more about our Faith. If you want to:

- deepen your own faith
- become a Catholic
- make your First Holy Communion
- be confirmed
- come back to celebrating the sacraments
- support your children in their faith

please contact the Parish Office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Financial support: We depend on the generosity of all those who use our church to keep going. It gets harder each year to meet our costs. If you are a UK tax-payer we can claim back around 25% of any money you give to the church if you Gift-Aid your donations. This is a big help to us. Mass offerings, occasional donations such as at a wedding or baptism can all be gift-aided by using one of the printed envelopes at the back of church. Also giving by numbered envelope is a good way of supporting our church. If you go to Mass somewhere else in the area and use one of our envelopes the money will be passed back to your parish.

You might also like to have a monthly standing order with your bank donating to your parish so if you are unable to attend Mass our parishes are still supported. Please let us know if you would like to Gift-Aid your weekly donations, use a box of parish envelopes or make a standing order.



For any further information please contact

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Our Parish Schools:

St. Cuthbert's School 0151 2284137. St. Sebastian's School - 0151 2609697
St. Oswald's Juniors - 0151 2594580. St. Oswald's Infants - 0151 2288436

*Father, thank you for the many good things you have given us. Look
after the people we love
and help us to look after each other.*

*Help me to live the life of goodness and love that you have shown us in
Jesus your son.*

May our churches always be places where you are known and loved.

AMEN.



St. Oswald's Church, St. Oswald Street, Old Swan. L13 5SB.
St. Sebastian's Church, Lockerby Road, Fairfield. L7 0HG.

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: St. Oswalds 4.30pm

Sunday: St. Oswald's 9.30am

Sunday: St. Sebastian's 11am