

Fourth Sunday of Trinity: Service of Holy Communion at St Oswald's 28 June 2026 10.30am led by the Rector

Welcome to our family! Whether you are a first-time visitor to St Oswald's or a lifelong member, we are thrilled to worship with you today. Expect an environment of open hearts, sincere fellowship, and joyful, gospel-centered praise where you can experience the love of God - exactly as you are.

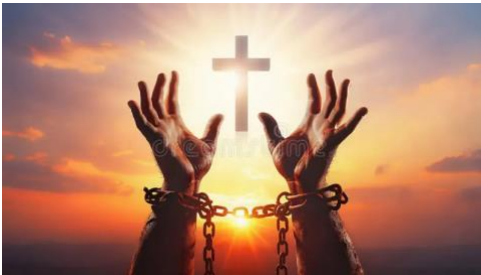
Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.12 to end



12 Do not let sin control the way you live; **13** do not give in to sinful desires. **13** Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. **14** Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. **15** Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! **16** Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. **17** Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. **18** Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. **19** Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy. **20** When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. **21** And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. **22** But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. **Alleluia!**

Matthew 10.40-42



40 “Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. **41** If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. **42** And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will

surely be rewarded.

Times of fellowship this week

- Monday** 29 June at 1.30pm **EXPLORERS - Amy Carmichael** Parish Hall at Christ Church
Tuesday 30 June at 10am Communion in Culcheth Parish Hall
Wednesday 1 July at 9am Morning Prayer at Christ Church Croft
Thursday 2 July at 9am Morning Prayer at St Oswald’s Winwick
Friday 3 July 10-12pm **AMY'S FRIDAY FEELING** cafe club - all welcome!
Friday 3 July 1.30pm **CULCHETH EXPLORERS - Slavery**
Sunday 5 July **Fifth Sunday of Trinity 10.30am** Team Communion at Christ Church
Please make every effort to come to this service with our brothers and sisters from Christ Church and Newchurch. They need you -Trev



In the film, The Mission, Rodrigo Mendoza (Robert De Niro) is a former slave trader and mercenary. and He has spent years in Paraguay, capturing native Guarani people and selling them into slavery. Later, in the film, Rodrigo realises what he’s done and turns away from his wrongdoing. He then decides to go with some Jesuit missionaries on the

*difficult journey to their remote jungle mission—all the while, showing his guilt by dragging behind him a huge, heavy pack of the armour and weapons he used during his sinful life as a slave trader. On their way to the mission, the travellers meet a band of Guarani natives. The atmosphere is tense. Both Rodrigo and the missionaries are unsure how the natives will respond to the man who sold many of their family and friends into slavery. But they know his new story; they forgive him, and welcome him as a brother, severing the pack of his guilt from his back and watching it tumble down the waterfall into the plunge pool below ……
Lord help me to forgive, as You have forgiven me - Trev*