

THIS WEEKEND		11th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 12th June	5.00pm	St O	John & Teresa Gilleran (A)	
	6.30pm	St T	Frances Hart Renee Newman Deceased	
Sun 13th June	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Charlotte Clare Burke -Birthday Remembrance Eleanor Taylor (LD)	
	11.00am	St MM	Deceased members of the Wareing family Gerry Smith (sick)	
Divine Office Week 3				
Mon 14th June	9.30am	St O	Malachy Conlon LD	
Tues 15th June	9.30am	St O	Robert Michael McClellan	
Wed 16th June	10.30am	St T	Funeral Service: Kenneth Moran	
Thu 17th June	9.30am	St O	Rita Powers LD	
Fri 18th June <i>St John Rigby</i>	9.15am	St T	Bill Drake (LD)	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	12 Noon	ST O	Wedding of Catherine Wilson and James Burnett	
NEXT WEEKEND		12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 19th June	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
Sun 20th June	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Rachael Kearney—recovery from cancer	
	11.00am	St MM	James Warner (LD) Betty Roche (LD) Jim Aherne (LD)	

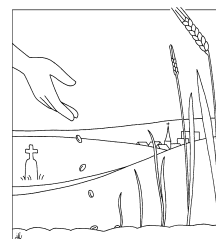
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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th June 2021

'This is what the Kingdom of God is like ...'

This Sunday, the Old Testament reading, Psalm and Gospel alike all use simple and beautiful images from nature to teach us eternal truths. It is as if we are being encouraged to both see and draw from the wisdom of God as expressed throughout the natural world.

The Prophet Ezekiel (**First Reading**) uses a shoot from a mighty cedar tree to describe how the Kingdom of God will grow, and to describe how intimately God is at work throughout creation.

The **psalmist** sings of both the cedar of Lebanon and the palm-tree. Those whose life is rooted in the Lord will always bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom Parables in the **Gospel** draw on similar images of God's seeds of love and truth slowly growing and bearing fruit in ways that we often cannot see, and fail to understand fully. The Kingdom of God is within us and around us. It is not a realm of power and dominance; rather it is a spirit of growth and nourishment rooted in compassion and love, providing shelter and sustenance for all.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul encourages us to be confident of our faith and to place our trust in Christ.

Perhaps in our prayer for this coming week, we can make a special effort to look more deeply at nature on our doorstep and connect more meaningfully with it. May we have eyes to see God's Kingdom at work throughout nature and in our fellow human beings. May we grow ever closer to God in all that we do, so that we may be living expressions of God's Kingdom on Earth.

Please adhere to social distancing guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and livestreaming Masses will continue.

Online Giving / Text giving: If you wish to make a donation



<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-teresa-st-mary-magdalen-penwortham>



<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-oswald-longton>

New Website: Please note we have a new website representing St Mary Magdalen, St Teresa and St Oswald churches. The new address is:

<https://www.catholic-penwortham-longton.co.uk>



Mass at St Teresa's can be viewed live through the webcam:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

Or by scanning the QR code left. If the picture 'freezes' then please refresh the screen.

Update from CAFOD - Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on **20 June** in England and Wales.

Recessional Collection: Weekend of 19th & 20th June Day for Life

Synod 2020: As we come towards the culmination of our Synod 2020 process, we turn once again to prayer, the source of all of our discernment and the core of our work through our Synod process, and so on Sunday, 13th June we start our Week of Prayer for our Synod.

The prayers (please see additional insert) we will be praying each day from 13th until 20th June will also be shared on our Synod Youtube and Facebook pages at 12 noon, where the prayers will be hosted each day from different places around the Archdiocese.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/synod2020>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGzgLKLE1sbDSbU1ucqNP-2g>

*Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy we place our Synod into
your hands.*

Be with each member of our Synod

and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.

Give us all the wisdom and the courage

to respond in new ways to the challenges we face

and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,

so that we may become ever more closely

the Church you are calling us to be.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Confirmations for Year 8 and Year 9 Pupils

Confirmations will be held for our deanery this year at St Mary's Catholic Church, Leyland on **Wednesday 20th October 2021** and **Thursday 28th October 2021** presided over by Bishop Tom Williams.

Information has already been sent to our Catholic High Schools to invite pupils to register on-line. There may be other pupils who may not attend our local high school who may wish to be confirmed.

If you know of anyone in Year 8 or 9 who would like to be confirmed, please ask them to register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and their local co-ordinator will contact them soon with more details of the plans for their area.

Please note that registrations for this year will close on 26 June 2021.

*Please pray for our young people as they take this next step in
their faith journey.*