

THIS WEEKEND		13th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	12, 2 & 4pm	St T	First Holy Communions	
	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners	
	6.30pm	St T	Hession Family	
Sun 4th July	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Malachy Conlon (LD)	
Divine Office Week 2				
Mon 5th July	9.30am	St O	Lawrence & Mary Porter (A)	
Tues 6th July	9.15am	St T	Ian Wright—seriously ill	
	9.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Peter Wareing	
Wed 7th July	9.30am	St MM	Jim Aherne (LD)	
	2.00pm	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Margaret Fincham</i>	
Thu 8th July	9.30am	St O	Mary Jane Ainsworth (A)	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intentions	
Fri 9th July	9.15am	St T	Vera Conway R.I.P	
	9.30am	St O	Peggy Davies LD	
NEXT WEEKEND		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 10th July	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners	
	6.30pm	St T	Eileen Hayden (A), Parishioners	
Sun 11th July	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Special Intention	
	11.00am	St MM	Leo Donoghue (LD)	



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th July 2021

‘Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy’

Today’s readings provide us with valuable lessons in discipleship and humble faith. The calling of Ezekiel and Paul brings them into challenging situations. But they draw strength and endurance from their relationship with God, as does Jesus himself from the Father.

Ezekiel lived through turbulent times. Despite the opposition he experienced as God’s messenger, he was not deterred from sharing God’s message with the rebellious Israelites. **(First Reading)**

As well as facing opposition and challenges from community members, Paul is also experiencing unwelcome personal suffering. However, through his ‘thorn in the flesh’, the Lord has helped him grow in understanding. He is not to depend on himself, but rather on Christ’s power. Divine grace works best through vulnerability and humility. **(Second Reading)**

Jesus, too, has to cope with opposition and rejection. The people of Nazareth struggle to believe in him because they earlier knew him as one of their local community. They are convinced that he could not be anyone special. This amazes and hurts Jesus. **(Gospel)**

Today’s **Psalm** is a prayer to God for mercy in times of trouble. This hymn of lamentation is made in a spirit of trust in God’s compassion.

This week, I may want to pray for divine comfort and solace, as we as a society face life’s desolations and trials. I also pray for my sisters and brothers across the world who are living through times of great loss and fear.

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.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the children in our parishes of St Mary Magdalen & St. Teresa, Penwortham and St. Oswald's, Longton who finally made their First Holy Communion over the last two weeks. They have all been very patient over the last year. Well done to all the children!

We are now looking to the preparation of the children who are currently in Y4 and going into Y5 in September. Letters have been sent to the parents of the children in our three schools to invite them to apply to be placed on the programme which will run from September 2021 to February 2022.

The children currently in Y3 moving into Y4 in September will start their programme in February 2022 making their First Holy Communion in June.

We all hope and pray that we will be moving to a time when we will have some normality in our lives and that Mass and the Eucharist becomes central to our spiritual journey and our lives.

Please remember all our children and their families in your prayers.

St. Oswald's Church Cleaning; We are looking to put together a team of volunteers to keep our church clean and tidy. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 6th July at 6.30pm** for those who are willing to help so that we can organise ourselves. As they say many hands make light work.

SVP -Your SVP continues to work in the parish helping those in need. The assistance we provide comes in many forms, the foodbank, financial assistance, re-allocating furniture and making many contacts, befriending parishioners living on their own or housebound, please let us know if you know of anyone requiring our services. Tel: Catherine 740569 or Paul 07801358197

If you have any used postage stamps we are collecting these, we will forward them on to St Patricks missions. Please leave any stamps at the back of the churches or contact us.

The Society of Saint Gregory's Summer School of liturgy and music will take place this year from 4-6 August, via Zoom. This year's theme is **'The God Who Speaks: Celebrating, living and sharing God's Word'** and we have invited speakers and leaders - Sr Margaret Atkins, Fleur Dorrell, Bob Hurd, Nicholas King SJ, David McLoughlin, Dan Schutte and Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ - who will explore all the different ways that God speaks to us. Bishop Peter Brignall, the initiator of 'The God Who Speaks', will introduce our two days of prayer, contemplation, discussion and debate – and there will be liturgies with music. Further details, and online booking, are available at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2021/> or by emailing bookings@ssg.org.uk

Loreto Centre, Llandudno Living Theology 2021: Living Theology Summer School online.

Saturday 3rd July: Living at Peace in our Common Home Lecturer: Michael Smith

SJ Saturday 10th July: Desire and the Meaning of Life Lecturer: Fiona

EllisSaturday

Saturday 17th July : Prayer, Thanksgiving & Worship in the Letters of St Paul

Lecturer: Sean Ryan

Saturday 24th July: 'Who do you say I am?' Lecturer: Michael Barnes SJ

For further details please see our Centre Website: www.loretocentre.org.uk/living-theology

Prayer for the Week: Lord, love is patient; help me to be patient with others.

Lord, love is kind; help me to always wish for the good of the other person before my own, even if it costs something. Lord, love is not jealous; teach me to rejoice in the success of others. Lord, love is not vain; give me the humility to recognize your gifts. Lord, love is not boastful; help me to put others at the centre of my concern. Lord, love is not rude; help me to see Your face in others. Lord, love does not seek its own interests; allow me to savour the joy of giving freely. **Amen**