

THIS WEEKEND	First Sunday of Advent		Year C
Sat 27th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights, Pious List
	6.30pm	St T	Andrew Fairbrother, Pious List Fred Turner (A)
Sun 28th Nov	8:30am	St O	Jean Coupe, Pious List
	9.30am	St T	Gerard Singleton (A), Pious List
	10.30am	St O	Sacramental Programme Mass
	11.00am	St MM	Pious List, Jack Bereton (A), Yvonne + Philippa Roberts (A) Tim+ Lucy O'Brien Diamond Wedding (A), Joseph Airey Snr, Joseph Airey Jnr
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 29th Nov	9.30am	St O	James & Joan Smyth (A), Pious List
Tues 30th Nov <i>St Andrew</i>	9.15am	St T	Nora + Peter O'Malley (A), Pious List
	9.30am	St O	James & Catherine Duignan Pious List
Wed 1st December	9.30am	St MM	Margaret Ashcroft (LD)
Thu 2nd December	9.30am	St O	Mary and Lawrence Porter (A)
	7.00pm	St T	Charlotte Clare Burke (A)
Fri 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St O	Jean Coupe
	2.00pm	St MM	Funeral Service: Margaret Ashcroft
NEXT WEEKEND	Second Sunday of Advent		Year C
Sat 4th December	5.00pm	St O	Catherine Gillibrand (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 5th December	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard Smith, Kath Evans Paul Crumlesh



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First Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021

Stay awake, praying at all times'

Today marks the beginning of Advent, a time of watchfulness, waiting and renewed hope, as we get ready to welcome the Lord into our hearts and lives this Christmas.

The **First Reading** focuses our gaze on God's promise to David to raise up a 'virtuous branch'. God fulfils that promise by sending his only Son, Jesus, into the world: our Saviour and King in whom we can have total confidence, who rules with honesty and integrity.

The **Psalmist** recognizes the Lord as his Saviour, desiring to follow his ways of truth, love and faithfulness. We too join in the psalm refrain, 'lifting up our souls' in prayer as we wait for the Lord.

Jesus foretells the end times in the rather ominous-sounding **Gospel**, telling his disciples to 'stay awake' and not get distracted by the 'cares of life'. But he has a message of hope too: we don't need to be afraid, for we will see the Son of Man coming to save us. God keeps his promises, so we can hold our heads high and stand confident in his presence. Meanwhile we can pray and try to lead good lives.

St Paul tells us how we can do this in the **Second Reading**. We are to live as Jesus teaches, 'loving one another and the whole human race', and putting Jesus and his values at the centre of our daily lives.

This week as I wait for the Lord, I may like to spend some time each day prayerfully taking stock of how ready I am to receive Jesus, however, wherever and whenever he comes to me.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

*Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.) * Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.

*Weddings, funerals and baptisms guests will be limited by the capacity of each building.

Foodbank Request: During Christmas donations be made in the first 2 weeks of December to enable distribution by Friday 17th December. All donations will be welcome but some suggestions are tinned ham, tinned salmon, mince pies with good sell by dates and any other Christmas 'goodies' The families are very appreciative of any help given now and throughout the year.

The SVP Rosary Group will next meet at St Mary Magdalen's church on Thurs 16th December

St Mary Magdalen's Bingo Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Christmas Coffee Morning 28th November St Teresa— Any **donations** of Raffle prizes would be gratefully received, unwanted gifts, bottles etc. Can be left in the back of church or in the Piety shop. Sunday 28th November 10.30am—12.30pm after Mass. Pick a Bag, Win a Teddy game, Chocolate Tombola, Grand Raffle, Coffee + Mince pies, Visit Santa in his Grotto. EVERYONE WELCOME.

SVP Christmas Hot Pot lunch will take place on 9th December 12.30-14.30 at St Teresa's Parish Centre. We are limiting numbers to 60. If you would like to go please include your name on the list at the back of church and state if you require transport.

The SVP are also involved in the Christmas Day lunch in the Parish Centre, this is for anyone who will be alone on Christmas day. For more information contact Georgina -073377341993 or Catherine 740569.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 10th. December in the Church Hall, Chapel lane, from 10-00am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome together with your friends. In addition to the coffee, tea, cakes, and mince pies there will be a raffle and plant sale. It is also an opportunity for us to listen to your comments about restarting the monthly Lunch Club in the New Year and any suggestions you have about future activities.

The Caritas Group would like to thank everyone who came with us on the Christmas Shopping Trip. It proved to be a very enjoyable trip and could well become an annual event in response to the many requests. Thank you to everyone who attended, Steve.

St Oswald's Sacramental Programme: Mass for the children and their immediate family. Sunday 28th November at 10.30am. The children will be involved in a Reconciliation Day on Monday 29th November with catechists and school staff. Their parents are invited to join their children at their child's First Confession at 2.30pm.

St. Oswald's Remembrance Mass Thursday 2nd December 7.00pm Mass will be to remember those parishioners who have died since our last Remembrance Mass in November 2019.

***St. Teresa's & St. Mary Magdalen's Reconciliation Service with confession:** Friday 10th December at 6.30am

***St. Oswald's Reconciliation Service with confession:** Saturday 11th December at 10am.

8th Penwortham St Teresa's Scouts: Congratulation to St Teresa's Cubs who finished first in the West Lancs County Challenge Competition ahead of 15 other Packs. Well done Cubs.

Lourdes 2022 - Be part of the Liverpool Archdiocese Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes Thursday 21st July 2022- Saturday 30th July 2022 Ages 15 (or in year 10)- 22 years old Cost- £540 Deposit- £40. Online applications at: liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk

Pastoral Plan: On this 1st weekend of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year, we are delighted to be able to receive the pastoral plan. As the Archbishop has said: "This is to chart the way forward for the archdiocese in the years to come." The Plan will be available online at <https://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk/> or you can arrange to purchase it from Pauline Books and Media, 84 Church Street, Liverpool at a cost of £2 per copy.

A summary document and a postcard is available for you to take home containing some of the key words from the plan and details of how to access the pastoral plan online. To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

*Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary's Church, Leyland

*Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree

*Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJJQT09> . Meeting ID: 864 2151 2557 Passcode: 132667

Penwortham Farmers Market, which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 4th December. The market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, Fresh Fish, Jams, Plants, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Wine, Gin, Fudge and hot coffees. With a variety of craft stalls, the market makes for an interesting Saturday morning shopping experience and is a great asset to the daily life of Penwortham.

I am Joseph Tipping and I have been raising money for The Sons of Divine Providence missions in Kenya, India and the Philippines for the last 28 years. Last year, with your help, the money we raised managed to provide 3 water wells in the Philippines.

I am selling blubs again this year. The selection of bulbs this year are as follows:

Mini-daffodils £6, Hyacinths (Pink, Blue, White) £6, Mixed Narcissi £6, Cheerfulness £6, Mixed Crocuses £6, Mixed Iris £6, Mini Tulips £6, Large Tulips £8, Snowdrops £6, 2 bowls of bulbs £10 and Amaryllis (Red, Apple Blossom, White) £8.

Also, baskets £12 each of Mini-Daffodils, Crocus and White Daffodils. If you would like any bulbs could you please email me at: tipping.joseph@gmail.com or ring me on 01772 743637 to let me know what you would like to order. I can arrange for your order to be delivered to you or you can collect it from my home. I will also be at the Christmas Coffee morning on Sunday 28th November. Any donations will be gratefully accepted. Thank you again for all your help and support, Joseph Tipping.

Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath

The liturgical year begins with Advent, a word derived from Latin that means "coming." During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, and we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. Enjoy this prayer with children or your family:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all.

As we light the candles of this wreath during Advent may its growing brightness remind us of the approaching nearness of your Son so that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

