

THIS WEEKEND	2nd Sunday after Christmas		Year C
Sat 1st January Mary Mother of God	5.00pm	St O	Roy Allen
	6.30pm	St T	Harry Eyles (A), Private Intention (PT)
Sun 2nd January	8:30am	St O	William & Mary Jump, William Jnr
	9.30am	St T	Paul Lloyd (RIP), Lily Grant (RIP)
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 3rd January	9.30am	St O	Bert & Barbara Sheepwash
Tues 4th January	9.15am	St T	Frank Pilkington
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Wed 5th January	9.30am	St MM	James Hardacre (A)
	11.30am	St T	Requiem Mass: Eileen Walker
Thu 6th January Epiphany of the Lord	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	7.00pm	ST T	Priest's Intention
Fri 7th January	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
NEXT WEEKEND	Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord		Year C
Sat 8th January	5.00pm	St O	Patrick Burke LD
	6.30pm	St T	Frederick & Margaret Brown
Sun 9th January	8:30am	St O	Violet & Harry Singleton & Family
	9.30am	St T	Mr & Mrs E.A. Stuart (RIP)
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners



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Second Sunday after Christmas 2nd January 2022

On Thursday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord (6th January)

Just the worst time of the year

For a journey, and such a long journey:

The ways deep and the weather sharp,

The very dead of winter.'

And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory

Then the camel men cursing and grumbling

And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters

A hard time we had of it.

At the end we preferred to travel all night,

Sleeping in snatches, with the voices singing in our ears,

saying that this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,

Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation,

With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,

And three trees on the low sky.

And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon

Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,

And I would do it again, but set down, this, set down this:

were we led all that way for Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,

We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,

But had thought they were different; this Birth was

Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,

But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,

With an alien people clutching their gods.

I should be glad of another death. T.S. Eliot, Ariel Poems (abridged)



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 in place as people arrive.

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

6th January 2022 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:

Mass Times: St Oswald' : 9.30am

St Teresa's : 7.00pm

Primary School Admissions 2021/22: The closing date for September 2022 admission applications is 15th January 2022. Apply online at...

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Synod Support Group: Leading on from a suggestion put forward to the group we now provide clipboards, colouring sheets (linked to the Sunday Gospel) and crayons for any children attending mass. There are also junior mass sheets for older children and a box of books and quiet toys. More chairs have been placed on Lady Altar side of church as this is favoured by many young families as there is more room for children and buggies. This has proved a popular move. However we still desperately need volunteer catechists at St Teresa's so we can restart Children's Liturgy. Please contact the parish office on 01772 743337 or see Fr Roy.

Change of name for the Liverpool Archdiocesan Office:

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Office (formally known as LACE) has been renamed to...

The St. Margaret Clitherow Centre.

Before becoming our offices, the building was a secondary school named after St Margaret Clitherow so the name change honours the heritage we have been gifted with.



St Teresa's 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 to resume watching.

Prayer App of the Week

The God Minute: The God Minute is a small group of priests, nuns and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute guided reflection. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time.

www.thegodminute.org



St O RED BOXES: Many thanks to those who handed in their Misio boxes. They have now been emptied and await collection in the side room. Collections are much reduced at the moment and so The Missionary Society was especially grateful for the £496 you generously donated. Many thanks

Prayer for the Week:

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,

help us enter the New Year reverently,

aware that you have endowed

every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,

help us enter the New Year joyfully,

willing to laugh and dance and dream,

remembering our many gifts with thanks

and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

