

THIS WEEKEND	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 29th January	5.00pm	St O	Frank Jones B'Day Remembrance
	6.30pm	St T	Brian Pennington (RIP) John + Delia Cunningham (A)
Sun 30th January	8:30am	St O	Mary O'Neil LD
	9.30am	St T	Jean Kirby, Barbara Hankinson (A) John Thompson (B'day Rem)
	11.00am	St MM	Bernard Clarke (Dec), Paddy Killeen, Reid Family (RIP) Delaney Family (RIP)
Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30am	St O	Rose Dawson (A), John Crosbie Williams (A)
Tues 1st February	9.15am	St T	Carol Tidy(LD), Safe trip Alice + Gabby
	9.30am	St O	Anne Moon LD, John Harrison Jnr (A)
	1.00pm	St T	Funeral Service: (John) Peter Lord
Wed 2nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30am	St MM	Parishioners
Thu 3rd February	9.30am	St O	Monica Owen LD
	7.00pm	St T	Shelia Helm, Carol Tidy (RIP)
Fri 4th February	9.15am	St T	Parishioners
	9.30am	St O	Kathleen Hough (A)
NEXT WEEKEND	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	10.00am	ST MM	Yr 5 First Holy Communion Mass
	10.30am	St O	Yr 5 First Holy Communion Mass
	12.00pm	St MM	Yr 5 First Holy Communion Mass
	12.30pm	St O	Yr 5 First Holy Communion Mass
	5.00pm	St O	Mary Terry, Bernadette & Maurice Wilson B'Day Remembrances
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 6th February	8:30am	St O	Violet & Harry Singleton & Family
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManaman (LD)



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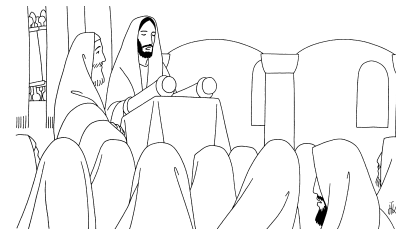
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th January 2022

'Christ the prophet'

Following Jesus's own use of words from the prophet of Isaiah in last week's Gospel, the readings for this Sunday bring us to consider the rejection faced by God's prophets. But we also receive words we can rely on, words of love and trust.

God's words to Jeremiah, in the **First Reading**, confirm him in his calling, and reassure him that despite trials he will never be abandoned.

The **Psalist** sings of God's help, justice, strength and dependency. From his youth God has never failed him.

The **Second Reading** is Paul's beautiful hymn to love in the letter to the Corinthians. Love is the only true way of life which sustains us whatever happens.

In the **Gospel**, the people of Nazareth react to Jesus's challenging words with anger and some even try to kill him.

Early on in Luke's Gospel we see Jesus reaching out to outsiders, and in his rejection the cross is already present. Perhaps this week we may pray for the gift of trust in God's love that conquers all things.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

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

Foodbank request: During the months of January and February, the foodbank would welcome donations of Weetabix, or shops' own brand of same. (No other cereals are needed at the moment) along with tinned meats e.g. curries, stews and Fray Bentos pies. Many thanks as always for your generosity.

The SVP Rosary Group- next dates to say the Rosary are Thursday 10th Feb and Thursday 24th Feb at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's Church, all parishioners are welcome.

The SVP would like to thank the kind donors who recently gave a total of £210 to the SVP. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

Penwortham Farmers Market, which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 5th February. 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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 4th April 2022. This Pilgrimage is looking promising. Please would the Parishioners who have already booked for Lourdes, return their invoice and total balance by February 7th. You can either post direct to Northern Star or give your envelope to Dorothy. There are still a few places left if anyone wishes to join our trip... 5 days full board staying at the Eliseo Hotel. Cost £625 sharing. (gone up slightly!) but doesn't affect those already booked) enquires Dorothy 742927.

Y5 Sacramental Programme: The children in Y5 at St Oswald's and St Mary Magdalen's have completed their preparation towards their First Holy Communion which will take place on **Saturday 5th February**. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Y4 Sacramental Programme: Preparation for the children who are currently in Y4 at St Oswald's, St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's will be starting their preparation after half term leading to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent and their First Holy Communion on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Parents of Catholic Y4 children attending our Catholic schools will be contacted directly through school. Any other Catholic children living in our parishes and not attending our schools should make direct contact with Fr. Roy or Fr. Michael for further information.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Any young person currently in year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To register they should visit liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website. **Registration will close on 21st March.**



St Teresa's Webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

Prayer App of the Week

Lectio 365 is a daily devotional resource that helps you pray the Bible every day. Written by leaders from the 24-7 Prayer movement.

Morning Prayers – Pray every day – Pause to be still. Rejoice with a Psalm & reflect on scripture

Night Prayers - Reflect, rejoice, repent & rest each evening to process the day & prepare to sleep

Text & Audio - Read or listen to every devotional
<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/>



St Teresa Ladies Association: Coffee meeting after Mass (10.00am) on Tuesday 8th Feb. All welcome for a chat.

Re-cycling and Coffee Morning: Sat Feb 5th 10am - 12 noon, St Andrew's Church Hall, Longton. For further information please see notice at the back of church.

Universal Synod 2023: Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. To download discussion questions and submit your responses online at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023. **The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022.** For queries: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk

Donation box for local rough sleepers and people in need

Responding to suggestions made by parishioners during the Synod, the Synod Support Group will put boxes at the back of the churches to collect items requested by St Wilfrid's Metanoia Project and Tuesday Drop-in for local rough sleepers and people in need. The items of greatest need are: *Men and ladies' shower gel *Deodorants *Shampoo *Ladies' briefs (brand new) *Men's boxer shorts (brand new) preferably large *Men's medium and large tracksuit bottoms *Ladies' leggings small and medium

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers parishioner Alice Pennington, who as part of her medical studies, will be working at rural maternity hospitals in Malawi for several months. Alice will spend time at the charity AMECA and St Joseph's Catholic Mission Hospital, speaking to women to understand their experiences during pregnancy and how their access to maternity care can be improved. Women in labour can often walk 4-5 hours over steep hills and uneven rocky paths to reach care. These journeys present even greater challenges at night and during the rainy season. often resulting in tragic consequences for mother and child.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women be witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen — *St. John XXIII*

