

THIS WEEKEND	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 26th Feb	10.00am	St T	Yr 5 First Holy Communion Mass
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	5.00pm	St O	Successful Operation Thanksgiving, Elizabeth Burke (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Margaret + Frederick Brown, Carol Tidy
Sun 27th Feb	8:30am	St O	Mary Walsh (Recovery Operation), Parishioners
	10.30am	St O	Sacramental Programme Y4 Enrolment Mass
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	James Gregson (A), Eileen Leahy (B'day A) John Spilman (LD), Ann Astwick (dec) Thanksgiving: Sally Marie Newcombe
Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 28th Feb	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Tues 1st March <i>St David</i>	9.15am	St T	Winifred Price (LD)
	9.30am	St O	Katherine Tipping (A)
Wed 2nd March Ash Wednesday	9.30am	St MM	Ash Wednesday
	9.30am	St O	Ash Wednesday
	1.00pm	St T	Ash Wednesday
	7.00pm	St T	Ash Wednesday
Thu 3rd March	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention
Fri 4th March	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St O	Adam Mercer (ill)
NEXT WEEKEND	First Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 5th March	5.00pm	St O	Janet Rosser LD
	6.30pm	St T	Roy, Stella + Paul Brooks
Sun 6th March	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon, Dorothy Frazer Mabel Farrell (B'day Rem)



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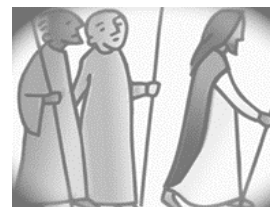
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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th February 2022

*'The disciple will imitate
their teacher'*

This Sunday's readings remind us that our words and actions reflect the reality of our inner selves. Even as we pray and long to live the values of Jesus, our speech may betray the ways in which we have yet to be fully converted, and show our need for God's mercy.

The **First Reading** encourages us to be discriminating in conversation with others, noticing the quality and content of another's speech before choosing to imitate them.

The **Gospel** invites us to have Jesus for our teacher and guide: *'the fully trained disciple will always be like their teacher'*. We are reminded to avoid the temptation to follow others blindly or to criticise them when our own faults are much more evident. Our lives will reflect our own purity of heart and likeness to Jesus. Whilst this may seem a hard teaching and difficult to put into practice, St Paul tells us that we should never give up, never admit defeat, because, while we are working at the Lord's work, we can never be labouring fruitlessly. God will always give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (**Second Reading**) And so we can recite the **Psalm** with joy, offering praise and thanks to the Lord, who sustains those who place their trust in God. Rooted in Jesus, we will flourish like a palm tree by an oasis or a sturdy Lebanon cedar. We will proclaim the goodness of God.

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– The next Rosary will be 10th March at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's. Everyone welcome.

Gospel Faith Sharing group meets weekly on **Wednesdays 7.30pm** in the Romero room at St Teresa's, taking the Gospel for the following Sunday as our focus. All welcome.

Churches Together in Penwortham – World Day of Prayer – Friday 4th March 2pm at St Mary Magdalen's. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross - During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at St Teresa's each Thursday starting at 6:30pm, before the 7:00pm mass. This will commence on Thursday 3rd March.

Y5 Sacramental Programme: The children in Yr 5 at St Teresa's have completed their preparation towards their First Holy Communion which will take place on **Saturday 26th February**. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

St. O Y4 Sacramental Programme. The children will begin their sacramental programme leading to the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist with an **Enrolment Mass on Sunday 27th February at 10.30am** for the children and immediate family. Please remember them in your prayers as they journey together in faith.

Y4 Sacramental Programme: Any Catholic children living in our parishes and not attending our schools (St Oswald's, St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's) who wish to make their First Holy Communion 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.**

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



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.

Ash Wednesday is one of the important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It marks the beginning of Lent as a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. It comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the minister applies the ashes to a person's forehead the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or alternatively, "Repent and believe in the Gospel," are spoken. Ash Wednesday Masses will take place at: St Teresa's at 1.00pm + 7.00pm St Mary Magdalen's 9.30am St. Oswald's at 9.30am
Ashes will be distributed under the Archdiocesan guidelines

A Lenten Journey— A recommendation of Synod 2020 was that the Church be courageous in guiding all Catholics to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Parishioners from St Mary Magdalen's, St Teresa's and St Oswald's are invited to join together in our journey from Lent to Easter...A Journey in Prayer. Each Monday of Lent, 7:30pm to 8:00pm, in the Romero room at St Teresa's starting Monday 7th March, there will be an introduction to contemplative prayer. *"The wonderful beauty of prayer is that the opening of our hearts is as natural as the opening of a flower. To let a flower open and bloom, it is only necessary to let it be, so if we simply are, if we become and remain still and silent, our heart cannot but be open; the spirit cannot but pour through into our whole being. It is this that we have been created for. In contemplative prayer we seek to become the person we are being called to be, not by thinking of God but by being with God. Simply to be with God is to be drawn into being the person God calls us to be."* (John Main)

I **would** like to thank you all for the support in purchasing flower bulbs over the last few weeks and your generous donations in supporting The Sons of Divine Providence. With all your help and prayers, it has been possible continue to support projects in Kenya, India and the Philippines. There are still some bulbs left for sale. Mixed crocuses £6, mixed iris £10, mini tulips £10, hyacinths £6 (2 bowls for £10). There are also large tulips £8. You can email me at: tipping.joseph@gmail.com or ring me on 01772 743637. Thank you again and God bless you all Joseph Tipping.

St Oswald Caritas Group would like to inform all parishioners that we will be starting the Lunch Club again on Friday 18th March. The St Oswald's Parish Hall is not available for some time so we have to change our venue. We are very grateful to Fr. Roy and all those involved with The Parish Centre on Queensway for allowing us to use their facilities for our lunches. Lunch will be served from 12-00pm onwards. We look forward to seeing all our friends again and if you have not attended before please come along and enjoy a lunch with friends old and new

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man And giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You By following His example And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. **Amen**

