

THIS 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, Gloria Harris (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon, Dorothy Frazer Mabel Farrell (B'day Rem)
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 7th March	9.30am	St O	Krys Clarke Op. Recovery
Tues 8th March	9.15am	St T	Carol Tidy (RIP)
	9.30am	St O	Frank Ward B'Day Remembrance
	12 Noon	St O	Requiem Mass: Gwynn Wilson
Wed 9th March	9.30am	St MM	Soul of the Dorothy Fraser
Thu 10th March	9.30am	St O	Claire Elliott (A)
	7.00pm	St T	Mr Robert Gore (speedy recovery)
Fri 11th March	9.15am	St T	Private Intention
	9.30am	St O	Adam Mercer (ill), Joan Rainford
	11.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Josephine Taylor
NEXT WEEKEND	Second Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 12th March	5.00pm	St O	Gwynn Wilson
	6.30pm	St T	Hession Family
Sun 13th March	8:30am	St O	Michael & Mary Devane (A)
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	10.30am	St O	Y4 Sacramental Programme Mass
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon, Marion Boylan, James Michael Warner

St Mary Magdalen's, St Teresa's and St Oswald's Mass Intentions: Easter Vigil and Easter Day Masses will be offered for Parishioners Past and Present



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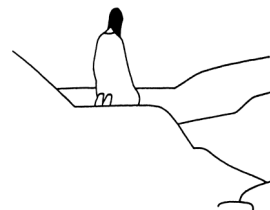
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1st Sunday of Lent 6th March 2022

'If you are the Son of God ...'

As we begin this journey through Lent, we trust in the call of the Spirit who beckons us out into

the wilderness, to see more clearly, to love more dearly, and to follow, more nearly, the Lord of Life.

The **First Reading** shows that faith in the Lord leads to deliverance into life and fullness. It anticipates something of the saving power of Christ which brings fullness of life.

St Paul, in his letter to the Romans (**Second Reading**), reminds us that this salvation is very near, because the Word is alive and active in our hearts and on our lips.

The **Psalm** speaks of the Lord who is with us in all our distress, and in whom we can trust – while the **Gospel** sees Jesus himself putting his trust in the Father. Overcoming his testing, he continues to walk in the way of love.

Let's pray, this week, that we stay close to Jesus as we journey with him toward his Passion in Holy Week. *Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from every kind of evil. Amen.*

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.

This weekend there will be a second collection for those in Ukraine. Please find details enclosed of how you can help #HELPUKRAINE Emergency Appeal. Additional leaflets can be found at the back of church.

Foodbank request: During the month of March, the food bank would welcome donations of jars of pasta sauce and curry sauce. They are also in need of tinned spaghetti and tinned fruit. Your donations from January and February have replenished the stocks of Weetabix which they are very grateful for. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

Ladies Association: Coffee, Tuesday 8th March (after Mass). Everyone welcome to come along and chat to friends.

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.

St Teresa's 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.

St Oswald's: Stations of the Cross will be held following the 9.30am Mass every Monday.

St. O Y4 Sacramental Programme. We look forward to seeing the Y4 children and their family at the **Sacramental Programme Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 13th March.**

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.**

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal This Family Fast Day we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children who are experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh in Sierra Leone or, as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in Church using a Cafod envelope, available at the back of Church. You could take one this week and return it next week or you can give online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent



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.

From this weekend at **St Teresa's** the role of steward, which has been so crucial during lockdown, will cease and the role going forward will now be known as '**Welcomer**'. Sincere thanks to everyone who has helped steward over the past 20 months and given their time so generously so that others have been able to attend services. The role change will have little impact for parishioners, other than there will no longer be a steward directing at Holy Communion. If anybody is interested in becoming a 'Welcomer' and join the team, then please speak to Dennis Conlon before or after Mass or contact him via his mobile number 07790520665

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.

"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. 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. email me at: tipping.joseph@gmail.com or ring 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 at The Parish Centre on Queensway, Penwortham. 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.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group are running a coach to the Liverpool Passion Play performance on the evening of Monday 11th. April (Holy Week). The performance is being held in the Anglican Cathedral and tells the story of Jesus' life. The performance moves around the Cathedral beginning at 6-30pm and finishing at 8-30pm. We will use our usual system of anyone wishing to attend needs to complete the clip-board entry at the back of each Church and to put their £10 per person fee into the envelope with the details asked for. The clipboards and envelopes will be in all three Churches from the week-end of 12/13th. March. Details regarding coach times and the answers to any questions you might have will be in the newsletter in a couple of week's time. Everyone is very welcome and early completion of the lists is very much appreciated. Thank you, Steve.

Prayer of the Week. A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. **Amen**

