

THIS 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
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 14th March	9.30am	St O	Harry Singleton (A) Allan Whip B'day Remembrance
Tues 15th March	9.15am	St T	Mr K Day (Connected to us) (LD) Successful Operation
	9.30am	St O	Veronica Dewhurst Speedy Recovery
Wed 16th March	9.30am	St MM	May O'Connor + Michael O'Conner (A)
Thu 17th March <i>St Patrick</i>	9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	St O St MM St T	Gwynn Wilson LD Requiem Mass: Irene Bilsborrow Priest's Intention
Fri 18th March	9.15am	St T	Thanksgiving to St Anthony
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
NEXT WEEKEND	Third Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 19th March <i>St Joseph</i>	12 Noon	St MM	Wedding: Joe Gigli + Flora Watson
	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 20th March	8:30am	St O	Laura Jane Rintoul (A), Eileen O'Donnell(A)
	9.30am	St T	People of Ukraine
	11.00am	St MM	Souls of Malcolm + Lisette Donald McManamon Patrick + Agnes O'Sullivan (A)

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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2nd Sunday of Lent 13th March 2022

*'This is my Son the Chosen One.
Listen to him!'*

'Listen to him ...!' Lent is a season of seeking out and listening to the Lord. Every year on this Second Sunday, we read an account of the Transfiguration: a transforming spiritual encounter linking Jesus to the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. Here we see a foretaste of the glory of the Risen Christ: a vision of how our lives are transformed by the presence of Christ within us.

The **First Reading** tells of a meeting between God and Abram. Through Abram's faith, God makes an eternal covenant with the people of Israel.

The **Psalms** is a song of longing and hope in the faith of the Lord: a call to prayer that encourages us to seek God's light, guidance and strength.

In the letter to the Philippians (**Second Reading**), we are entreated to be united in our faith. Christ will transfigure us.

In Luke's **Gospel** account of the Transfiguration, Jesus takes his close companions with him to pray. Here Jesus is placed firmly in the context of the fulfilment of God's Covenant to the people of Israel. There are echoes of the past, and glimpses of Jesus's coming death in the weariness of the disciples praying with him. This short passage has a very clear message for us today: 'Listen!'

As we enter into prayer this week, let us remember we are never alone as we pray. As companions in Christ, we are part of an eternal community united by the light of Christ within us. Christ is our help and our stronghold: together let us answer the call and *listen to him*.

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 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.

SVP Rosary- The next Rosary will be Thursday 24th March at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's. During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross, not the Rosary. 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.

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. Oswald's Y4 Sacramental Programme. We look forward to seeing the Y4 children and their families at the Sacramental Programme Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 13th March.

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 – There will be a second collection after Mass this weekend or you can give online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent

Mill Hill Red Boxes—(St MM + St T)there will be a second collection next weekend 19/20th March.

The SVP would like to thank the kind individuals who donated £70. The money will be used in order to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.'

'**The SVP** have made a donation of £500 to the Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund.'

Lenten Almsgiving: The Rwanda Group Trust, a registered Catholic charity based in Preston is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. The situation in Rwanda is very serious. We are therefore launching a Lenten appeal in which every penny raised will enable families to purchase essential items. Our funds also help with medical costs, housing, and school fees. We have no paid employees or overheads. For info or to make a donation please contact: Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941 or email rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com

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.



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.

All Hallows and Parish CAFOD Walk Against Hunger: On Saturday 26th March 2022 All Hallows Catholic High School and the local parishes of St Mary Magdalen' + St Teresa's and St Oswald's will be Walking Against Hunger for CAFOD. This is the first, of hopefully many, joint school and parish events, and we really hope you are able to be involved. This parish and school sponsored walk is our way of participating in CAFOD's Lent appeal and is open to anyone who wishes and is able to join us. We will set off from All Hallows and visit each of the parishes as part of the 11km walk. The afternoon will come to an end at the vigil Mass at St Teresa's where the young people from All Hallows will participate in the Mass and lead the music. Everyone is welcome to join us for either all of part of the walk and there are some none walking ways to be involved too.

More information will be provided next week. But if you would like any more information now or to be involved in any way please email Kate Wilkinson (All Hallows School Chaplain): kwi@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk.

You can sponsor the walkers here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/all-hallows-catholic-high-school> Thank you in advance for your support.

Buy a bowl or two for Ukraine: Bulbs left for sale with profits going to aid those in Ukraine: 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). 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 coach to Liverpool for the Passion Play will leave St. Teresa's at 4-30pm to go to pick up at St. Oswald's at 4-45pm. People who signed the list at St Mary Magdalens or St Teresa's catch the coach at St Teresa's and those who signed at St. Oswald's catch the coach there. The production begins at 6.30pm and ends at 8.30 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

All Hallows Community Choir: We are resuming our sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 - 9.00pm during term time in the Parish Centre on Queensway. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to be able to read music and no auditions. If you enjoy singing come and join us.

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

