

THIS 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 Repose of the soul of Anthony Walker
	11.00am	St MM	Souls of Malcolm + Lisette Donald McManamon Patrick + Agnes O'Sullivan (A)
Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 21st March			No Mass
Tues 22nd March	9.15am	St T	Maureen Stuart
	1.45pm	St T	Requiem Mass: Terence Connell
Wed 23rd March	9.30am	St MM	Veronica Shultz (Dec) Gerard 'Gerry' Smith
	2.00pm	St T	Requiem Mass: Edna Valentine
Thu 24th March	7.00pm	St T	Priests Intention
Fri 25th March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.15am	St T	SVP Festival Mass
NEXT WEEKEND	Fourth Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 26th March	5.00pm	St O	Allan Whip B'day Remembrance
	6.30pm	St T	Robert + Ellen Carroll (A)
Sun 27th March	8:30am	St O	Harry Singleton (A) Violet Singleton B'Day Remembrance
	9.30am	St T	People of Ukraine
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon Dorothy Frazer, Parishioners

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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3rd Sunday of Lent 20th March 2022

God of Compassion and Love

In the scriptures this week, we read of God's self-revelation and of his relationship with his people. This relationship is one of great love, but also contains an awareness of our fragility. Hence we heard of God's warnings, his continuous forgiveness and patience, and his offers to us to start again.

The **First Reading** from Exodus recounts the call of Moses and the revelation of God's sacred name.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reminds us that, although we are baptized, we too can fall, as the chosen people did, despite being guided by Moses.

Jesus, in the **Gospel**, calls us to repentance, but reminds us, in the parable of the fig tree, that God is slow to anger and rich in mercy.

We can therefore join with the **Psalmist** in praise and thanksgiving to the God of compassion and love.

Perhaps this week, we can allow our readings to remind us not to be complacent, but to listen to God's word and never forget his blessings.

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.

Mill Hill Red Boxes—(St MM + St T) There will be a second collection this weekend.

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 prayer session 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.

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.**

Lenten Almsgiving: The Rwanda Group Trust is launching a Lenten appeal in which every penny raised will enable families to purchase essential items. 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: Each Monday until Easter Sunday at 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm in St Teresa's Romero room, there is an introduction to Contemplative Prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover the prayer of the heart. Contemplative prayer is essentially the prayer of faith. In silence we accept that God knows our needs and that his knowledge is the love which creates and will eventually complete us. **It's a journey to the most sacred place in the world, "The Human Heart"**

Family Fast Day Thank you for giving to Cafod's Lent Appeal. Your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts, like Sister Anthonia in Sierra Leone, can support families with training in growing and making healthy food so that children can grow up big and strong.

The Good Friday Walk of Witness will begin at St Leonard's Church, Marshall's Brow at 10 am on Friday 15th April. At 11 am there will be a worship service at St Leonard's.

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Giftaid: Offertory envelopes for 2022 —2023 will be available for collection from next weekend. Please could all envelopes for 2021-2022 be received by 3rd April 2022. Any old envelopes received after this date will be counted in the new financial year. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Tuesday Night Bingo at St Teresa's: Unfortunately Tuesday Bingo has not taken place since the start of the pandemic. It is with regret that the Knights of St Columba will not be able to restart or run the evening bingo. This is due to health for those who ran the evening. I am sorry that this the outcome and would like to thank those who attended over many years. There was some



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outstanding money about £70 remaining in the account. It has been suggested that this be donated to St Catherine's Hospice. I do hope that this meets with agreement of those who attended. The Brothers wish all a healthy 2022 and we will remember you all in our prayers God Bless.

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 or part of the walk and there are some none walking ways to be involved too. For more information 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. *There will be a second collection for CAFOD at St Teresa's vigil Mass on Saturday 26th March .*

Nugent: On Sunday 27th March we will be having a second collection to support Nugent, our official Archdiocesan caring service. This year marks the 200th anniversary of our founder, Fr. James Nugent. Inspired by his work to educate children in Liverpool, support women prisoners in Walton prison and care for the poor, his legacy continues with Nugent today. Our Marydale secure children's centre in St. Helens is rated by OFSTED as an outstanding service and a recent visit by Will Quince MP, the government Minister for Children and Families, is featured in this month's Catholic Pic. The centre provides a place of safety to some of the most vulnerable children at risk of exploitation and abuse. Inspired by Fr. Nugent, all our work is done directly in your name and makes the care and charity of the church really present. 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's Caritas Group are running a coach to the Liverpool Passion Play performance on the evening of **Monday 11th. April** (Holy Week). Please 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 for the Week: Mary, Queen of Peace,

O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. **Amen**