

THIS 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
Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 28th March	9.30am	St O	Veronica Dewhurst Speedy Recovery
Tues 29th March	9.15am	St T	Peter Gavin (A)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Wed 30th March	9.30am	St MM	Mary Garner (A) Major Phillipe Kenyon (LD)
Thu 31st March	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention
Fri 1st April	9.15am	St T	Vincent Evans (A)
	9.30am	St O	John Neville, Operation Recovery
NEXT WEEKEND	Fifth Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 2nd April <i>St Francis of Paola</i>	5.00pm	St O	World Peace
	6.30pm	St T	Pauline Winders (A)
Sun 3rd April	8.30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Tom Rigby (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon Ann Patricia Reed (RIP) Charles + Helen Lanigan (RIP)

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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4th Sunday of Lent 27th March 2022

**'Rejoice! This child of mine was lost,
and is found!'**

On this *Laetare* ('Rejoice!') Sunday midway through Lent, we are encouraged to celebrate with hope and joy before we enter the darker times of Holy Week. Today we particularly rejoice in the reconciliation and forgiveness of sins bought for us by Jesus's suffering and death.

In the **First Reading**, the Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land. No longer reliant on the manna with which God had sustained them during their years in the desert, they rejoice that God has brought them to a place where the bounty of the earth feeds them.

The **Psalms** is one of praise, rejoicing in God's goodness. It glorifies the Lord, who hears and answers our prayers when we are afraid or in distress.

St Paul speaks of the 'new creation' made possible by Christ's suffering and death. Through this sacrifice, God has reconciled humanity to God's self, and our faults are forgiven. Because of this, we ourselves are then called to share the good news of forgiveness with others. (**Second Reading**)

The **Gospel** relates the first part of the story of the return of the prodigal son. We witness the total and utter forgiveness the father bestows on his selfish and wayward son, who now regrets his foolishness. Just as the father forgives his son, so we know that we too will be forgiven, as we express our sorrow for actions and inactions that take us away from God.

As we celebrate the joy of knowing that we are totally loved and forgiven, in these final weeks of Lent we ask for the grace to see ourselves as God sees us, and to see others just as God sees them too.

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.

Nugent Appeal: On Sunday 27th March we will be having a second collection to support Nugent, our official Archdiocesan caring services. Inspired by Fr. James Nugent, our founder, Nugent offers services for children, families, communities, those with disabilities and older people. It really is a lifelong caring service. For the past few years Nugent has been supporting the network of parishes across the Archdiocese who have been providing a welcome to Syrian families under our community sponsorship scheme. We are also now supporting local Muslim communities who asked to join the scheme with our support having seen the response of the parishes. Thank you for your support and generosity today.

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 meet will be Thursday 7th April 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.

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"**

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Giftaid: Offertory envelopes for 2022 —2023 are now available for collection. 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.**

Penwortham Farmers Market, which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 2nd April. 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.

Ladies Association: Tuesday 12th April 10.00am (after Mass) "Secrets + Stories of St Teresa's Church" part 1 presented by Jennifer. Everyone welcome - all parishioners + friends.



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.

APF - Missio: Following Fr Franks's appeal, the second collection last Sunday for the APF - Missio from St Teresa's and St Mary Magdalens generated a total of £328.00. Thank you for your generosity.

APF - Missio - Red Boxes ST MM + St T: Over the next two to three weeks, please would you bring your Red Box and leave it at the back of church. I will endeavour to count and return each box to the back of church within two weeks. If anyone has any questions then please contact Dennis Conlon on 07790520665.

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. "If you wish to join the walk along the way we will be at the following churches at the following times.

All Hallows 1pm (1:30pm departure), St Oswald's 2:30pm, St Mary Magdalen's 4:30pm."

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.

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 : The coach for the Caritas trip to the Liverpool Passion Play on Monday 11th. April (the Monday of Holy Week) will pick up at St. Teresa's at 4-30pm and go to Longton to pick up at St. Oswald's at approximately 4-45pm.

The cost is £10 per person. If you wish to go on the trip please add your name to the list at the back of your church together with the money in the envelope provided.

We have spoken with the producer and he has informed us that the drama group involved in the production are highly experienced. He told us that he considers the production we are going to is probably the best they have done. It starts at 6-30pm and finishes at 8-30pm. There are plenty of seats for everyone. He has asked for the catering outlets to be opened for the evening but has not received any confirmation yet. We suggest you take any food you may require and eat on the coach. Toilet facilities are available in the Cathedral.

Thank you to all our friends old and new who attended our lunch club at St Teresa's. It was a lovely experience and everyone enjoyed it. It was good to be back! Our next lunch club is Friday, April 22nd and we look forward to seeing everyone again.

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.

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.

Prayer for the Week

God of mercy, help us to listen to your voice, a voice that speaks of peace to all people.

Let the sound resonate within us, until a whisper becomes a shout which cannot be ignored.

Move us with your love, so that our actions echo your peace, and we may bring comfort to those touched by conflict.

Fill us with your hope, O Lord, and quiet the fear and hatred which divides us, as we seek to build a future together, of true and lasting peace. We ask this through

Christ our Lord, Prince of Peace, **Amen.**