

THIS WEEKEND	Fifth Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 2nd April	5.00pm	St O	World Peace
<i>St Francis of Paola</i>	6.30pm	St T	Pauline Winders (A)
Sun 3rd April	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Tom Rigby (A) Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon Ann Patricia Reed (RIP) Charles + Helen Lanigan (RIP)
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 4th April	9.30am	St O	John Tiernan LD
Tues 5th April	9.30am	St O	Lucy Jane Smyth, Operation
Wed 6th April			
Thu 7th April	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention
Fri 8th April	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St O	Frances Duignan B'Day Remembrance
NEXT WEEKEND	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		Year C
Sat 10th April	5.00pm	St O	Sheila Barragan LD
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 11th April	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon Dorothy Frazer Theresa Benson (hospital)

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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5th Sunday of Lent 3rd April 2022

*'All I want is to know Christ, and
the power of his resurrection!'*

We are invited today to recognise the utter completeness of God's forgiveness, and his desire to restore us to new life.

The prophet Isaiah tells how the people learned anew that their God was to be known not only through remembering the past, but also in the experience of their lives in the here and now. (**First Reading**)

The **Psalm** recalls and celebrates the joy experienced by the exiles as they return home. God's mercies in the past give grounds for hope in any present distress.

Paul loves Christ very deeply, and vividly longs to 'have Christ, and be given a place in him'. He yearns to be in an intimate relationship with him. Yet he also knows that he cannot be complacent and that he is still 'straining ahead' for what is to come. (**Second Reading**).

The **Gospel** tells the story of those who look for the public humiliation and condemnation of the woman taken in adultery, and also of Jesus himself. The accusers have a narrow view of the mercy of God, and wish to use the woman as an opportunity for scoring points against Jesus. However, Jesus understands wisely and demonstrates bravely the overwhelming mercy of God.

Let us pray to experience the complete acceptance and forgiveness of Jesus in our lives this day. As followers of Christ, may we be heralds of his life-giving love, mercy and freedom to the world. We also continue to pray for peace across the world, especially in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

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: Thank you for your support and generosity.

Foodbank request: During April the Food Bank would greatly appreciate tinned soup, tinned fruit, and packs of microwaveable rice. 44 households were assisted last week and this number is likely to increase. Many thanks for your generous, regular donations.

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 Gift Aid: Offertory envelopes for 2022 —2023 are now available for collection. **Thank you for your continued support.**

St Oswald's Gift Aid Envelopes: Available in the porch before / after Mass

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.

APF - Missio - Red Boxes ST MM + St T: Over the next two 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.

Churches Together: The next meeting of the Churches Together Forum will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 4th April at the United Reformed Church, Liverpool Road. The main item on the Agenda will be The Penwortham Gala and our part in it.

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 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.

Reconciliation Service with Confession.

St Oswald's: Saturday 9th April at 10am.

St Teresa's: Tuesday 12 April at 6.30pm

Holy Week 2022: St Oswald's

Holy Thursday 14th April: Mass of the Last Supper at 6.30pm.

Good Friday 15th April: Passion Service at 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday 16th April: Easter Vigil, 7.30pm. (No 5.00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday 17th April: Mass at 8.30am

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Good Friday 15th April: Passion Service at 3.00pm (St MM) & 3.00pm (St T)

Holy Saturday 16th April: Easter Vigil at 8.30pm (St T)

Easter Sunday 17th April: Mass at 9.30am (St T) 11.00AM (St MM)

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. Oswald's Caritas Group : The numbers going on the coach to Liverpool for the Passion Play have to be finalised by Wednesday 6th April. If you have not yet added your details to the lists in each Church please do so by this date. If you have any difficulties doing so and still wish to come on the trip please contact Steve or Anne on 01772 816310.

We have been assured that there is plenty of seating available in all areas for the performance. The coach departs from St. Teresa's at 4-30pm on Monday 11th. April and from St. Oswald's at 4-45pm.. The performance finishes at 8-30 pm. and we will return to the coach straight after that. It promises to be quite a memorable evening.

Liverpool Diocese Ukraine Appeal Update: On the 29th March, after travelling for three days, for 1,400 miles and through six countries; our drivers arrived at the Polish border and successfully delivered the donated goods for the people of Ukraine.

Our four drivers - Mike Sharkey, Andy Coley, Dave Lyon and Chris Joynt - met Bishop Gregory Komar, and students for the priesthood from the Holy Spirit Seminary in the Ukrainian diocese of Sambir-Drohobych, who will take the goods for distribution in the Lviv region of western Ukraine. Please continue to pray for our drivers as they start their journey home.

In terms of financial donations, we have now raised over £60,500 for the #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal.

Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal.

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

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honour you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you towards this Holy Week and beyond.

Amen.

