

THIS WEEKEND		Second Sunday of Easter		Year C
Sat 23rd April	5.00pm	St O	Winefride Mary Gemson (A), Fredrick Ainsworth (A), Kevin Burke LD	
	6.30pm	St T	Margaret + Thomas (A) Conway Parishioners	
Sun 24th April	8.30am	St O	John Dewhurst	
	9.30am	St T	Private Intention (PR) Linda Grant (A)	
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon, Dorothy Frazer, Gerard 'Gerry Smith Win (A) + Arthur Varetto	
Divine Office Week 2				
Mon 25th April	9.30am	St O	Thanksgiving for successful operations	
Tues 26th April	9.15am	St T	Francis Michael Ferns (A)	
	9.30am	St O	Andrew Robinson LD	
	2.00pm	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Joseph Wilding</i>	
Wed 27th April	9.30am	St MM	Special Intention C, Mavis Murray (LD) Peter Rainford (A)	
Thu 28th April	9.30am	St O	Jim March LD	
	1.45pm	St MM	Funeral Mass: Theresa Benson	
	7.00pm	St T	June Gent (LD)	
Fri 29th April	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Paul & Patricia Lochery Golden Wedding Ann.	
NEXT WEEKEND		Third Sunday of Easter		Year C
Sat 30th April	5.00pm	St O	World Peace	
	6.30pm	St T	Susan Syrett	
Sun 1st May	8.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Lily Grant (A) John Grant (B'day Remembrance)	
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon, Theresa Benson James Michael Warner (A) James Robert Gregson	



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Second Sunday of Easter

24th April 2022

'Peace be with you!'



The outpouring of God's love and mercy flows throughout this Sunday's liturgy. The joy of resurrection that we celebrate in this Easter season rings out in the words of praise that we repeat with jubilation in today's **Psalm**: 'Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love has no end'. It reminds us that in the midst of dark and challenging times, the presence of the risen Christ is a comfort in our distress.

In the **First Reading**, we hear how the early Church, filled with the Holy Spirit, gather together to worship, bringing the risen Lord's healing to all who seek it. St John, writing from the place where he was imprisoned for his beliefs, describes a vision of God's endless living love (**Second Reading**). The risen Christ is the Alpha and the Omega: the Eternal One stands with us, encouraging us to not be afraid.

Shortly after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the disciples are hiding, fearful of what might happen to them (**Gospel**). Jesus appears among them in the midst of their fear, his presence bringing them peace. Thomas is not there, and cannot believe what he is told. Eight days later, Jesus stands among them again, and the reality of the resurrection is revealed to Thomas, too.

Today, Jesus stands alongside us, tenderly drawing us out from doubt and disbelief. He has breathed his Holy Spirit upon us. Just as he sent the disciples two thousand years ago, today he sends us out, to bring peace and healing to a fractured, hurting world. Let us pray for that peace that only Christ can bring, in our hearts, in our communities and in our world. At this time we especially remember the people of 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.

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.

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Gift Aid: Offertory envelopes for 2022 –2023 are now available for collection from outside the Romero Room. **Thank you for your continued support.**

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

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.

Ladies Association: Tuesday 10th May 10.00am (after mass) Guided Tour of St Teresa's Church, Part 2, following on from our historical talk in April and presented by Jennifer. All welcome, all parishioners and friends. Scones, tea and coffee will be served. Please meet in the Romero room.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The first meeting for the young people who are participating in the youth pilgrimage to Lourdes in July will take place on Sunday 24th April. The meeting will take place in St. Teresa's Parish Centre, College Road, Upholland, WN8 0PY from 1pm to 4pm. Please note that this meeting is just for the young people; a meeting for parents will be held nearer to departure.

There are still a few places left on the pilgrimage for young people in Year 10. The pilgrimage is now closed for young people aged 16 and over due to having to complete the DBS process. However, if anyone aged 15 is interested, please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader at lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk, or at All Hallows Catholic High School (Deputy Headteacher) on 01772 746121 after the Easter break.

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

Celebration of the Day of Divine Mercy – St. Mary's Leyland

Arrive from 2.30pm – commencing with prayer at 3pm, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Healing & Benediction. Concludes with Holy Mass at 5pm

Liverpool Diocese Ukraine appeal: Following the success of our volunteer drivers travelling to the Polish border to donate goods, we will be doing another trip, but this time we will be doubling the amount of transport we are taking and four vans will leave the archdiocese on Monday 25 April.

We are in regular contact with Bishop Gregory and the goods we will be delivering are those requested by local people- such as medical supplies- that they have an urgent need for.

We are still welcoming financial donations, more details can be found here: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support. We have raised over £88,000 in donations so far. Thank you for your generosity.

SVP Rosary- The next Rosary meets will be Thursday 5th and 19th May at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's. May is the traditional month to pray the Rosary. Everyone welcome.

Metanoia Project's Drop In for the homeless is looking for volunteers. The Drop In runs 6.30 - 8pm every Wednesday evening in St Wilfrid's Church. The volunteers assist in setting up and tidying away the space, providing refreshments, assigning the needed clothing or toiletries, as well as spending time listening and talking with the people, so they are reminded of and have an experience of God's love and mercy. If this sounds like a role you would like to give your time to or you would like any more information, please ring Jen 07957566741 or email jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE (Our Lady queen of Peace) A special offer has been sent to me from Northern Star Travel. A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 5days, October 25th, staying at a 4*hotel, half board. The cost is £450 sharing and £515 for a single. Flights from Manchester to either Dubrovnik or Split. This special price will be guaranteed until the end of May. If you are interested please ring Dorothy on 742927.

Thrilled To Be Scouting - Throughout Covid, Scouting has played a vital role in continuing to give young people an opportunity to continue to enjoy the Scouting experience. From running Zoom meetings at the height of Covid, to social distant indoor and outdoor activities whilst at all times following the relevant safety criteria, Scouting has worked hard to maintain some normality for our young people. Young people lives have been so sorely disrupted by the restrictions placed on them during the Covid pandemic. So as we return to more normal times and after a break of three years, West Lancs Scouts we're thrilled to be able to restart their annual Bowlander Competition which has been run for many years. A test of the core scouting skills of team work, hiking, navigation, camping and cooking. The Scouts, all aged between 10 and 14 years, in small groups of 4 and without any adult, had to walk and navigate 20km on Saturday 26th March, cook their evening meal, camp overnight, cook their breakfast and then walk and navigate a further 10km on Sunday 27th March. This year 25 teams took part, who were all a credit to Scouting. An invaluable experience in preparing young people with Skills for Life. Pride of place though went to 8th Penwortham St Teresa's Scouts who finished 1st, 2nd and 4th in the competition to win the coveted award. All the Scouts are pupils at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School or All Hallows Catholic High School.

Prayer for the Week

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

