

THIS WEEKEND	Seventh Sunday of Easter			Year C
Sat 28th May	12Noon	St MM	Marriage: Michael Durkin + Sarah Fradley	
	5.00pm	St O	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
	6.30pm	St T	Theresa Benson (B'day) Parishioners	
Sun 29th May	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Ken Blanchard (B'day memory) May Tipping (A)	
	11.00am	St MM	David Laing B'day Remembrance Andrew Leahy (RIP) Gerard 'Gerry' Smith	
Divine Office Week 2				
Mon 30th May	No Mass	St O	No Mass	
Tues 31st May <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	St O	Robert Michael McClellan	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Wed 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	10.00am	St MM	Andrew Leahy	
Thu 2nd June	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	Holy Souls	
Fri 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga</i>	9.30am	St O	Successful Operation Thanksgiving	
	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND	Pentecost Sunday			Year C
Sat 4th June	5.00pm	St O	World Peace	
	6.30pm	St T	Tom Wareing (LD)	
Sun 5th June	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Connie Matthews, Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Anne Booth (LD) Jackie Leonard (LD)	



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Seventh Sunday of Easter 29th May 2022

'May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us.'

As the Easter Season draws to an end, today's readings encourage us to deepen our longing for and commitment to unity, so that together we may cry out, '*Come Lord Jesus, Maranatha!*'

In the First Reading, we meet the first Christian martyr, Stephen. Like Jesus himself, he dies with words of forgiveness for his enemies on his lips. Just before he enters into his Passion (Gospel), Jesus prays for all of his followers, and for all who will come to believe in him (including ourselves). He wants all believers to remain united as a sign of unity and love in a divided world. This oneness is modelled on Christ's own unity with his Father. In the Psalm, we rejoice that God is proclaimed king by all and worshipped by the whole of creation.

In the Second Reading from the final chapter of Revelation, Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, promises us that he will come again soon, so that all may drink of the water of life.

This week we pray with Jesus for Christian harmony and unity throughout the world; a unity that values all our diversity and difference. We pray for all places where there is conflict and turbulence, especially Ukraine, and for the courage and strength to live out our lives with wisdom and integrity.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

Face coverings are now optional for all those coming to a church service. Hand sanitising will remain in place as people arrive.

This weekend there will be a second collection for World communications.

'**LISTEN**' is the theme that the Holy Father Francis has chosen for the 56th World Communications Day. After the Message of 2021, which focused on *going* and *seeing*, in his new Message for World Communications Day 2022 Pope Francis asks the world of communication to learn to *listen* again.

The pandemic has affected and wounded everyone, and everyone needs to be heard and comforted. Listening is also fundamental for good information. The search for truth begins with listening. And so does witnessing through the means of social communication. Every dialogue, every relationship begins with listening. For this reason, in order to grow, even professionally, as communicators, we need to relearn to listen a lot.

Jesus himself asks us to pay attention to how we listen (cf. *Lk* 8:18). To be able to truly listen requires courage, and a free and open heart, without prejudice.

At this time when the whole Church is invited to listen in order to learn to be a synodal Church, we are all invited to rediscover listening as essential for good communication.

Weekday Mass time changes at St. Mary Magdalen + St. Teresa:

New weekday Mass times at St. Mary Magdalen's and St. Teresa's churches:

· Monday:	No Mass	
· Tuesday:	St Teresa's	7.00pm
· Wednesday:	St Mary Magdalen's	10.00am
· Thursday:	St Teresa's	10.00am
· Friday:	St Teresa's	10.00am

Food Bank—May: Donations of soup will be appreciated. Also tinned tomatoes, cartons of passata and tinned potatoes. It would also be good to build up a small stock of generally useful ingredients to offer those who like to cook from scratch, including (but not limited to) tinned fried onions, coconut milk, black pepper, garlic purée or garlic salt, tubes of chilli purée, and jars of spice paste of one sort or another. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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.

SVP Rosary -The next rosary will be 9th June and 23rd June at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's everyone welcome.

The SVP are collecting stamps for St Patrick's Missionary society. Any old, foreign and recent stamps will be accepted, Please leave in either church for collection.

SVP Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea- The SVP are arranging an afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June at 1pm -3pm in St Teresa's Parish Centre. Please include your name, contact details and if transport is required on the list at the back of church, contact an SVP member or Catherine 740569. Numbers are limited to 60.

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.

Ladies Association: Summer meal at San Marco on Tuesday 7th June 12.30pm. If you wish to go, please contact Terry 01772 745569 or Sue 01772 741633. Everyone Welcome.

Silent Prayer: A warm invitation to the parishioners of our three churches to consider the wonder and beauty of silent prayer. Praying through the heart to be one with God, is a deeply moving spiritual experience, which carries over into daily lives, giving a calm serenity and peace of mind.

Starting at 7:30 pm to 8:00pm on Monday 13 June and thereafter on the second Monday of each month, we will be meeting in St Teresa's Romero Room to discover the rewards of Contemplative Prayer. In contemplative prayer we seek to become the person we are called to be, not by thinking of God but by being with God. Simply to be with God is to be drawn into being the person God calls us to be.

Although we start our meetings at St Teresa's, further meetings can take place at St Mary Magdalene and St Oswald's so that we pray as one Christian Community.

Penwortham Farmers Market, which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 4th June. 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.

Prayer for the Week

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the
world...*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

St Teresa of Avila

