

THIS WEEKEND	First Sunday of Advent		Year C
Sat 26th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Pious List
	6.30pm	St T	Sister Olivia Sandham (LD) Pious List Anne Sumner
Sun 27th Nov	8:30am	St O	Jean Coupe (A) Michael Gough, Pious List
	9.30am	St T	Gerard + William Singleton (A) Ken Rufus (LD), Pious List
	10.30am	St O	Sacramental Programme Mass
	11.00am	ST MM	Dorothy + David Dunlop Fraser Yvonne Roberts RIP (A) Pious List
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 28th Nov	9.30am	St O	Pious List
Tues 29th Nov <i>St Catherine Labouré</i>	9.30am	St O	Pious List
	6.15pm	St T	Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with evening prayer
	7.00pm	St T	Clare Ward (LD) Pious List
Wed 30th Nov <i>St Andrew</i>	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary
	10.00am	St MM	Jack Grime RIP (LD), Pious List
Thu 1st December	9.30am	St O	Pious List
	10.00am	St T	Parishioners
Fri 2nd December	9.30am	St O	Mary Porter (A) Barbara Taylor (A), Pious List
	10.00am	St T	Charlotte Clare Burke (A)
NEXT WEEKEND	Second Sunday of Advent		Year A
Sat 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	5.00pm	St O	Pious List
	6.30pm	St T	Christina Smith George Winrow (B'day Remembrance)
Sun 4th December	8:30am	St O	Bob Kirby (A)
	9.30am	St T	The repose of the Soul of Margaret Matthews
	11.00am	ST MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith RIP

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Offertory Collection 12th + 13th Nov: £799.30

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First Sunday of Advent 27th November 2022

'Let us walk in the light of the Lord'

This Sunday we enter into the beautiful season of Advent. Our attitude at this time is one of watching and waiting, and the graces to pray for are joy and hope. Our weary world is in so much need of this spirit, and of the light and peace of the coming Christ.

The **First Reading** from Isaiah looks forward to the time when the whole world will be gathered together in the peace of God's kingdom.

The **Psalm** – one for pilgrims going joyfully up to Jerusalem – picks up this theme. They pray for peace: peace in the city, in their homes, and among all whom they know.

The **Second Reading** from the letter to the Romans is a reminder to 'wake up', for salvation is near. It is also an encouragement to live in the light.

Jesus tells us in the **Gospel** to stay awake – we must not become so engrossed in our daily lives that we are unprepared when the Lord comes.

Let us renew our spirit of joyful hope this week.

We also place the needs of our world before Jesus as we prepare for his coming.

**New St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Parish Phone Number:
From Thursday 1st December the new telephone number will be:
01772 370539**



Online Giving / Text giving: If you wish to make a donation, please follow this link <https://www.catholic-penwortham-longton.co.uk/finance/> or the QR code on the right:

Mass Notices: Please can any items for the newsletter for dates between 18th Dec—8th January 2023 be submitted by Monday 12th December 2022.

Mass Intentions: Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Masses will be offered for Parish-ioners. If any Mass intentions are for dates between 18th Dec—8th January 2023 please can they be submitted by Monday 12th December 2022.

Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve: St Teresa 6:30pm, St Mary Magdalen : 8.30pm

Christmas Day: St Teresa: 9:30am, St Mary Magdalen: 11.00am

SVP: the cancelled SVP collection will now take place weekend 3rd/4th December, thank you for your continuing support.

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion: Parents of children who do not attend our two schools but would like to enrol in our programme should make an appointment to discuss this with Fr Ian. Enrolment Mass will take place 26th and 27th November

The SVP would like to thank the kind individual who recently gave £30 to the SVP. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

SVP Christmas Hotpot- Thursday 8th December 12.30-2.30pm, St Teresa's Parish Centre, please add your name to the list at the back of church.

St Mary Magdalen: Bingo every Tuesday. Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tea/coffee with biscuits half time 20p. Who knows you might even win!

Can you Knit a Teddy (pattern available from the Piety Shop) or make a draw string teddy bag 10" X 13" with a draw string top? Please leave at the back of church (by end of December)

Foodbank: November foodbank. This month we are requesting plain biscuits (digestives and rich tea), microwave rice and instant noodles. All donations greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Christmas Coffee Morning: Sunday 27th Nov 10.00am—12.00 (after Mass) Coffee + mince pies, Chocolate tombola, win a Teddy, potted bulbs, visit Father Christmas in his Grotto. Cake contributions can be brought in on the day. Raffle prize donations appreciated. Please support.

Church Piety Shop: Christmas cards now on sale and don't forget your advent calendars and candles.

Penwortham Farmers Market: Saturday 3rd December at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 ODS. 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. On nice days it's held outside, if the weather is not so great then some of the stalls are inside. Hot beverages are served inside with breakfast barmes and cakes available from the stalls. All monies raised goes towards buying new equipment for St Teresa's Scout Group who do such a great job running the Market.

St. Oswald's: Help required to join our valiant team of church cleaners! Fr. M

St Oswald's Lunch Club: The December lunch will be on Friday December 9th at St Teresa's beginning at 12pm and the children from St Oswald's Primary School will be attending and singing some carols. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Teresa Parish Centre

'Warm and Cosy' : During the winter months the parish centre will be open every Monday between 1.00pm-3.30pm . The centre will be welcoming people to enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits and have free use of TVs and wi-fi in a safe space.

Parish Centre and SVP have joined together -Please consider a Mini Vinnie project- "Reverse Advent calendar" instead of receiving a gift, donate a food item or toiletries each day of Advent, you should have a collection of 24 items in a box/bag at the end of Advent these can be dropped off at the Parish centre for collection by the food bank. Any Christmas items, need to be donated by 16th December for distribution before Christmas

Please leave donations for the foodbank, on the table near the entrance..

St O Service of Reconciliation: There will be a Service of Reconciliation leading to confession on **Saturday 10th December at 10.30am.**

St. O Missio Coordinator: We are looking for somebody based in the parish to coordinate the 'Red Box' Collections. A big thank you to Tony Chappell who has managed this over many years!

St Oswald's: Sacramental Programme: Sunday Mass on 27th November at 10.30am. The children will be spending the day on Monday 21st November learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a service of Reconciliation starting at 2.15pm in church where the children will make their First Confession. Parents are welcome to join us for this important sacrament. Please remember them in your prayers.

Date for the social diary: **Hotpot Supper and Penwortham Catholics Have Talent Evening** in the parish centre on Friday 20th January at 7:30pm. This evening is a thank you to all parish helpers for what they do throughout the year for our parish community. Those who do not have a parish job are simply asked to contribute £5 towards the evening. All budding singers, musicians, dancers, poets, storytellers are invited to use their talents on the evening. A sign-up list will be available in both churches before Christmas.

Did you know? ... St Mary Magdalen's is included as one of the best architectural church buildings in "100 Churches 100 Years" published by the 20th Century Society.

Primary school online admissions are now open. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The deadline for Primary admissions is 15/01/2023. Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application

Ecumenical Advent Service at St Mary's this Sunday at 4pm. All welcome.

Today as Advent begins, we start to prepare for the birth of the Christ child at Christmas time. But we also remember that we are constantly waiting in hope and expectation for Christ who is to come again in glory.

Prayer for the Week

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time. Amen

