

THIS WEEKEND	Second Sunday of Advent		Year A
Sat 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners
	6.30pm	St T	Christina Smith George Winrow (B'day Remembrance)
Sun 4th December	8:30am	St O	Bob Kirby (A), Anthony O'Donnell (A)
	9.30am	St T	The repose of the Soul of Margaret Matthews
	11.00am	ST MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith RIP
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 5th Dec <i>St John Almond</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Tues 6th Dec	9.30am	St O	Philomena & James Mellows
	2.15pm	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Michael Gavaghan</i>
	6.15pm	St T	Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with evening prayer
	7.00pm	St T	John Aspinwall (LD)
Wed 7th Dec <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary
	10.00am	St MM	Anne Hardacre Joseph Airey (Jnr) Joseph Airey (Snr)
Thu 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	St O	Parishioners
	10.00am	St T	SVP Festival Mass
Fri 9th December	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	10.00am	St T	Private Intention
NEXT WEEKEND	Third Sunday of Advent		Year A
Sat 10th December	5.00pm	St O	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	St T	Marion Salisbury (LD)
Sun 11th December	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention
	11.00am	St MM	Dave Baldwin: Full recovery after surgery, Geoffrey Lock (LD)

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Offertory Collection 19th/20th November £881.82

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Second Sunday of Advent 4th December 2022

A voice cries in the wilderness, 'Prepare a Way for the Lord'

As we take another step into Advent, the **First Reading** introduces one of the main themes of this period of the year: Peace. Isaiah paints a picture of the whole world, of people and animals living together in harmony, led by a King who has all the qualities to rule justly.

The **Psalms**, too, speaks of this hope for peace and justice for all.

St Paul, when he writes to the Romans, also mentions the hope that can be found in Scripture. All the more reason, then, for us to be tolerant of one another, so we can all give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (**Second Reading**) In this week's **Gospel**, John the Baptist appears by the River Jordan to entreat people to repent and prepare a way for the one who is to come. He tells them that being a son or daughter of Abraham will not be enough to be sure of being saved. There is no room for complacency. People are to repent; to change their way of life.

Mindful of this week's readings, we can perhaps look around us and, by word or deed, encourage people to set out on their journey to meet Jesus at Christmas. We continue to pray for all those who live in countries where there is no peace.

New St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa New Parish Phone Number:

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 Oswald 5.00pm, St Teresa 6:30pm, St Oswald: 7.00pm
St Mary Magdalen : 8.30pm

Christmas Day: St Oswald 8.30am, St Teresa: 9:30am St Mary Magdalen: 11.00am

This weekend : There will be a second collection for the SVP. Thank you for your continuing support.

The SVP would like to thank the kind individuals who recently gave £135 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!

December Foodbank: Donations for the month of December will be added to the 'Mini Vinnie' project 'Reverse Advent calendar'. Any donations of food or toiletries will go towards making up boxes which will be distributed to needy families. Christmas items need to be donated before December 16th. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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

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

St. O Missio RED BOXES; We will be collecting and emptying the red Mission boxes in December so can all holders please leave their boxes in the side room in the next week or two.

With cash now used less by many people, please consider donating directly to MISSIO. You can find details in the Magazine."

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

St. O Help required to hand deliver Christmas cards to houses in Longton from our church, St. Andrew's, All Saints' and Hope Methodist Church is needed. See Fr. M

Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea at All Hallows' High School on Wednesday 14th December Those who have signed up for this should be at the school by 1:30pm.

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

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Year 4 children from our two schools will have a day of recollection on the theme of reconciliation at church this week. The day begins with Mass followed by teaching sessions and a time of prayer before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at a special Service at 2:15pm: St Mary Magdalen's on Wednesday and St Teresa's on Friday.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Courtesy of Northern Star Travel. A special offer for 5days, staying at the Solitude 4*Hotel, Full board. June 12th for 5days.

Also an optional excursion to visit Gavarnie/ or the National Park in the Pyrenees.(breath-taking scenery) The price per person (sharing) £595. Extra for single Rooms. This price will be guaranteed until 12 January. After this date the price will be £630 and £750 for single. For information and Booking forms. Please ring Dorothy 742927

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

Prayer for the Week - The Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed; The Almighty works marvels for me, Holy is His Name! His mercy is from age to age, on all who fear Him.

He puts forth His arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, His servant, remembering His mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons forever. **Amen**

