

| This weekend:   |                                      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent      |   | Year A |
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| 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | 5.00pm<br>6.30pm                     | St O<br>St T                          | Francis Duignan + Roy Tilling<br>Peter Westmancoat (A)  |        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December   | 8.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am          | St O<br>St T<br>St MM                 | Parishioners<br>Francis Michael Ferns, Rev Fr Malcolm Rodrigues SJ (LD)<br>Daniel + Margaret Huggins (RIP), Eileen Leahy (A), Pauline Hatfield                  |        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.30am                               | St O                                  | Maureen Colmar LD   |        |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.30am<br>6.15pm<br>7.00pm           | St O<br>St T<br>St T                  | John Fiddler B'day Remembrance<br>Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with evening prayer<br>John Gallagher + Danny Whittle, Paula Burscough (LD) |        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December   | 9.40am<br>10.00am                    | St MM<br>St MM                        | Recitation of the Rosary<br>Martha Airey  |        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> December   | 9.30am<br>10.00am                    | St O<br>St T                          | James & Philomena Mellows, Robert Michael McClellan<br>John Masterson, Andrew Pye (LD)  |        |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> December   | 9.30am<br>10.00am                    | St O<br>St T                          | Priest's Intention<br>Brian Ollerton, Deceased members of the Manton + Conway families  |        |
| Next Weekend:   |                                      | Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord |   | Year A |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> December<br><b>Christmas Eve</b>                                   | 5.00pm<br>6.30pm<br>7.00pm<br>8.30pm | St O<br>St T<br>St O<br>St MM         | Parishioners, past + present<br>Refugees and Asylum Seekers ( <i>Carols from 6.00pm</i> )<br>Parishioners, past + present<br>Peace on Earth                     |        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> December<br><b>Christmas Day</b>                                   | 8.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am          | St O<br>St T<br>St MM                 | Parishioners, past + present<br>Parishioners – <i>With blessing of toys</i><br>Deceased Parishioners – <i>With blessing of toys</i>                             |        |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.30am<br>10.00am                    | St O<br>St T                          | Damian Bunce B'Day Remembrance<br>Lily Grant (A), Sheila Helm (A)   |        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.30am                               | St O                                  | Roy Tilling B'Day Remembrance   |        |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.40am<br>10.00am                    | St MM<br>St MM                        | Recitation of the Rosary<br>Fr Trevor Cotter, Deceased members of the Hardman Family  |        |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.30am                               | St O                                  | People of Ukraine   |        |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.30am                               | St O                                  | Private Intention   |        |
| Next Weekend:   |                                      | Solemnity of Mary Mother of God       |   | Year A |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> December   | 5.00pm<br>6.30pm                     | St O<br>St T                          | Parishioners<br>Shelia Williams, Arthur Holmes (A)  |        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> January   | 8.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am          | St O<br>St T<br>St MM                 | Robert Kelly (LD)<br>Sid Simpson<br>Gerard 'Gerry' Smith (RIP)  |        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> January   | 9.30am                               | St O                                  | Peace in our World  |        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> January   | 9.30am<br>6.15pm<br>7.00pm           | St O<br>St T<br>St T                  | Successful Operation<br>Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with evening prayer<br>Mary + John Gallagher  |        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January   | 9.40am<br>10.00am                    | St MM<br>St MM                        | Recitation of the Rosary<br>Parishioners  |        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January   | 9.30am<br>10.00am                    | St O<br>St T                          | Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life<br>Brain + Bridget Masterson   |        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> January<br><b>The Epiphany</b><br><i>Holy day of<br/>Obligation</i> | 9.30am<br>10.00am<br>11.00am         | St O<br>St T<br>St MM                 | Priest's Intention<br>Tilda McGuinness<br>Parishioners  |        |
| Next Weekend:   |                                      | The Baptism of the Lord               |   | Year A |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January   | 5.00pm<br>6.30pm                     | St O<br>St T                          | Paula Burscough (LD)<br>Patrick + Patricia Gallagher, Carol Tidy  |        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> January   | 8.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am          | St O<br>St T<br>St MM                 | Parishioners<br>Margaret + Frederick Brown<br>Private Intention   |        |



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**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.

***'We would like to say a big thank you to all who have supported us throughout the past year. We have thoroughly enjoyed serving you and help host many successful events. We hope for the Parish Centre success to continue and look forward to welcoming you next year'***

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

**Blessing of Toys** – There will be a blessing of toys on Christmas Day at the 9.30am + 11.00am Masses. Each child is invited to bring a toy (not a toy weapon) and bring it forward at the end of Mass for it to be blessed. May we always be grateful for what we receive through the kindness of others.

**Please** note the parish Office is closed till Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**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.

**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.

**Joseph's bulbs** will be on sale after mass on Sunday. Amaryllis are £9, other pots are £8 each or 2 for £12 and medium/large baskets are £12/£15 each. All money raised goes to The Sons of Divine Providence who build water well in the Philippines and Kenya and provide meals for children. Bulbs are also available by ringing Anna-Marie on 07970098323. She can arrange collection or delivery. Thank you for your support.

**Donations for local rough sleepers and people in need:** St Wilfred's Metanoia project for local people in need is extremely low in stock at the moment and would be very grateful for donations of the following:

For Men: new boxer shorts (small, medium), new socks, T-shirts (small, medium), hoodies and coats (small, medium, large), tracksuit bottoms (small, medium), trainers or walking shoes (size 8 and 9).

For Ladies: new knickers (small), new socks

Also: Sleeping bags and rucksacks. Deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, and conditioner (new and unopened please).

Please leave donations in the boxes at the back of St Teresa's and St Mary Magdalen's church.

**Primary school** online admissions are now open. [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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.

**Christmas Prayer:** Dear Infant Jesus in a short time You will come to visit us, and Your Holy, Divine coming is full of peace, joy and love for me and everyone. Our hearts are full of Your love in our daily life. Dear Jesus please help all people around the world. Thank you, my dear Lord. **Amen**



***Fathers Ian, Michael, John, and Deacon John, wish you and your families the peace and joy of the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in any way throughout the year and to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. It is certainly encouraging to see so many who give of their time and their gifts. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.***