

Penwortham & Longton Catholic Parishes

incorporating the Churches of St Mary Magdalen, St Oswald & St Teresa

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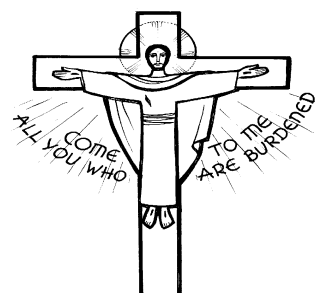
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Upcoming Mass & Service Details

This Weekend:		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
18 th February	5.00pm 6.30pm	St O St T	Roy Allen (A) Betty Gayenagh	
19 th February	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am	St O St T St MM	Thanksgiving: Ray Mercer Geoff Locke, Parishioners Michael Gale, Patrick Killeen (B'day A)	
				Divine Office Week3
20 th February	9.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Ann Francis	
21 st February	10.00am 6.15pm 7.00pm	St O St T St T	Maureen Ennis LD Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with Evening Prayer Neil Worden (LD)	
22 nd February Ash Wednesday	9.30am 9.40am 10.00am 2.15pm 7.00pm	St O St MM St MM St O St T	Ash Wednesday Mass Recitation of the Rosary Jack Grant (A) Ash Wednesday Service led by KS2 Children from St Oswald's Primary School Patricia Duncan (LD)	
23 rd February	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Priest's Intention Michael gale	
24 th February	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	A sick person John Thompson (A)	
Next Weekend:		First Sunday of Lent		Year A
25 th February	12 Noon	St O St O St T	Nuptial Mass: Ruth Mary Ashworth & Alex Jordan Goldsmith Bernard Dobson (LD) Repose of the Soul of Jean Andrews, Parishioners	
26 th February	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am	St O St T St MM	Martin O' Malley (LD) David Rigby (A), Tom Rigby (A) May O'Connor, Agnes O'Sullivan (A)	

Your prayers are asked for: The Sick – those who have died recently: Neil Worden, Fr Dave Melly, Brian Aspin, Jean Andrews, Eileen Bunce, Kevin Kelly, Ann Francis, Joseph Scahill, and those who are bereaved. *Please let us know of any sick parishioners who would like to be kept in prayer.*



Season of Lent

The great Season of Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday**, a day of fasting and abstaining from meat. See Schedule for Mass times in the churches – ashes will be blessed and distributed at each. Children in our schools will have the opportunity to receive ashes at short services during the day.

Ash Wednesday is one of the important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It marks the beginning of Lent as a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. It comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the minister applies the ashes to a person's forehead the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or alternatively, "Repent and believe in the Gospel," are spoken.

As we begin the season, it is good to think of what we can do to make it a worthy time of preparation for the great events commemorated in Holy Week. What extra will you do? What might you give up? How will you help the poor?



On the Tuesdays of Lent (beginning on 28th February at 7pm) we will have our **Book Club** looking at "Finding the language of grace" by Christopher Jamison OSB. Please read the first chapter before the meeting.

On the Fridays of Lent at 7pm, we will have the opportunity to visit different Catholic Churches in the area to celebrate the **Stations of the Cross** together:

- 3rd Mar - St Teresa's Penwortham PR1 ODS
- 10th Mar - St Catherine's Farington PR25 4QG
- 17th Mar - St Oswald's Longton PR4 5EB
- 24th Mar - St Mary's Leyland PR25 1PD
- 31st Mar - St Mary Magdalen's Penwortham PR1 9QD

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD, our aid agency, is a member of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) and encourages us to make a donation to help those struggling due to this disaster. Here is the link to the DEC webpage: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal

First Communion Families

The families will be joining us for Mass next weekend at St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's Churches as part of their preparation. Some children did not stay for the session after last month's Masses, so they need to stay after Mass this time to complete their work.

Penwortham Finances:

Offertory Collection 12/002/2023: £885.81

Weekly Standing Orders 2022: £345.85

St. Teresa's Ladies Association: Please come and join us for coffee, chat, and catch up on Tuesday 14th March at 10.00 am in the Parish Centre. Everyone will be most welcome.

January and February Foodbank Request: During January and February, we would like donations of tinned fish and tinned meat e.g.: tins of stewing meat, tinned curry, anything which can be heated up on a stove. Numbers are increasing at the foodbank, and we are always overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you once again for your continued support.

St. Oswald Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions
There is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation **on Saturday 18 February, 3.30-4.30pm**

St. Oswald Stations of the Cross will be said after the 9.30am Mass each Friday during Lent.

Confirmation: Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on the 17th March. Any young person in year 8 can register at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk. If attending a Non-Catholic / Non-Diocesan School, then you can still register, and an online session will be provided so all information is received.

St Teresa Parish Centre Tel: 07377 341993

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

'Warm and Cosy': During winter the parish centre will be open every Monday between 1.00pm-3.30pm. Free tea, coffee, TV and Wifi are available.

Step into the gap – a gap year with CAFOD

A Gap Year opportunity: Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend, and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen