

Penwortham & Longton Catholic Parishes

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

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Upcoming Mass & Service Details

This Weekend:		Fourth Sunday of Lent		Year A
18th March	5.00pm 6.30pm	St O St T	Glen Knights (A), Allan Whipp (B' Day Remembrance) Parishioners, Margaret Hehir, Alan Scahill (LD), stella Melling (A)	
19th March	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	St O St T St O St MM	Eileen O'Donnell (A) Dorothy Russell (80 th B'day), Dr Margaret Paye Sacramental Programme Mass Parishioners	
				Divine Office Week 4
20th March <i>St Joseph</i>	9.30am	St O	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady & St Joseph	
21st March	9.30am 1.00pm 6.15pm 7.00pm	St O St O St T St T	Priest's Intention Funeral Service: William Coulton Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with Evening Prayer Patrick O'Connor (LD)	
22nd March	9.40am 10.00am	St MM St MM	Recitation of the Rosary Kevin Kelly + Joe	
23rd March	9.30am 10.00am 6.30pm	St O St T St O	Priest's Intention Fr Michael O Dowd Reconciliation Service followed by Confession	
24th March	9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	St O St T St M	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude & St. Anthony- <i>Stations of the Cross follows Mass</i> Margaret + Thomas Conway (RIP) Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Leyland PR25 1PD	
Next Weekend:		Fifth Sunday of Lent		Year A
25th March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	5.00pm 6.30pm	St O St T	Bernadette Clark (LD) Jean Brown, Parishioners	
26th March	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	St O St T St O St MM	Parishioners John Grant (B'day Rem) Sacramental Programme Mass Martin Henry, Gerard 'Gerry' Smith	

Your prayers are asked for: The Sick – Fr Michael O'Dowd and Vi Rigby and those who have died recently: Margaret Finch, Joseph Jenkinson, Jean Andrews, Eileen Bunce, Ann Francis and those who are bereaved. *Please let us know of any sick parishioners who would like to be kept in prayer.*



Lenten Visits to the Housebound: Fr Ian is happy to visit housebound parishioners if they would like Confession or the Sacrament of the Sick. Please have a word with your eucharistic minister or call the presbytery on 370539.

On the Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm we have our **Book Club**. Please read the next chapter.

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:

24th Mar - St Mary's Leyland PR25 1PD

31st Mar - St Mary Magdalen's Penwortham PR1 9QD

Lourdes Pilgrimage Reminder: Your full balance of the remaining cost is due around Easter. You can either pay by Bank Transfer (details on your invoice) or you can send a cheque along with your invoice direct to Northern Star. Or if you wish, return your invoice and cheque to myself the week beginning 27th March. Thank you. Dorothy 742927

Gift Aid & Standing Orders: There will be a Gift Aid presentation at this weekend's Masses by Andy Wright (St T) and Cath Jones (St MM) to explain the options when supporting the life of the Parish. It has been a number of years since this has been done. Forms will be available at the back of church.

Eucharistic Ministers – Penwortham: If possible, please stay after the Mass you attend next weekend for 10 minutes to look at Holy Communion to the Housebound and the gradual re-introduction of the Chalice at Mass.

Penwortham Finances: The Archbishop has asked for the Lenten Alms Collection this year to go to Asylum Link to help continue their valuable work.

Offertory Collection: 05/03/2023: £1000.34

12/03/2023: £709.30

Weekly Standing Orders: £345.85

The SVP would like to thank the kind individuals who recently made donations amounting to £30. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

Ladies Association: A big thank you to the ladies who raised £470 for the parish at their Christmas Coffee Morning.

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.

March Foodbank Request: During March we would especially like donations of breakfast cereals, tinned soup and tinned tuna. Numbers requiring help remain high and your donations are appreciated. Could we also ask for used but still sound carrier bags. Thank you once again for your support.

Following last year's successful walk, we will once again join **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk on Saturday 25th March**. Starting at 1.00pm at St. Oswald's our parish schools will join thousands of others to help highlight extreme poverty in the world. The walk will start at St. Oswald's Church proceed to St. Teresa's Church and return in time for the family Mass at 5pm.

Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Services: Sunday 26th March St Gregory's, Weld Bank, PR7 3NW 3.00pm. Wednesday 29th March St Marys Leyland 7.00pm

St. O Congratulations to Fr. John who received some recent good news from Archbishop Malcolm. 'The Holy Father, recognising fifty years of priestly and episcopal service in the Church of England and all the good you have tried to do has in that time has bestowed an honour upon you. You have been created a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title Monsignor. My congratulations Monsignor Goddard. + Malcolm.'

Prayers and congratulations to you Monsignor John on behalf of the people of our parishes.

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

St. O Service of Reconciliation followed by confession: Thursday 23rd March at 6.30pm

St O Sacramental Programme: Following the children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent we are now focusing on their journey towards their First Holy Communion in May.

There are **Sacramental Programme Masses on Sunday 19th March and Sunday 26th March both at 10.30am** followed by **Session Three and Four on Monday 20th March and 27th March both starting at 6.30pm**. There is an expectation that there will be full attendance at both the Sacramental Programme Masses and teaching sessions. Please remember our families in your prayers.

The **Churches Together in Penwortham** meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday 27th March will take place at Kingsfold Methodist Church, Hawksbury Drive PR1 9EN

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.

Also, a limited Food Bank will operate from Monday 20th March. The SVP will be in attendance.

St Teresa's Parish Centre- is holding a safety presentation by Lancashire County Council Safe and Healthy travel team on TRAVEL FOR LIFE aimed at residents aged 50+ with advice on how to stay safe and independent whilst travelling, on foot, by car or public transport. The short interactive presentation is designed to be enjoyable and includes various topics such as; Keeping yourself safe, maintaining your fitness to drive and vehicle safety for you, your passengers and pets. Date Tuesday at 1.30pm at St Teresa's Parish Centre. Refreshments will be available. Everyone welcome.

Prayer for the Week: Mary, Queen of Peace,

O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. **Amen**