

Penwortham & Longton Catholic Parishes

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

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Upcoming Mass & Service Details for the fortnight beginning on 15th April

This Weekend:		Second Sunday of Easter		Year A (PMB P:255)
15th April	5.00pm 6.30pm	St O St T	Catherine Hamilton (LD) Bernard Henderson	
16th April	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am	St O St T St MM	Parishioners Peter Stringfellow (90 th B'day), Parishioners Margaret + Don Goodwin (A), Peter Warner (LD), Peter Flanagan (LD)	
Divine Office Week 2				
17th April	9.30am	St O	Anna O'Hanlon (LD)	
18th April	9.30am	St O	Margaret Murphy	
19th April	9.40am 10.00am	St MM St MM	Recitation of the Rosary Joseph Jenkinson, Annie Walsh	
20th April	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Tom + Della Brighthouse Francis Michael Ferns (A), Speedy Recovery for R	
21st April	9.30am 12 Noon	St O St Mary	Priest's Intention Funeral Mass: Fr Michael O'Dowd – St Mary's, Leyland	
Next Weekend:		Third Sunday of Easter		Year A (PMB: 258)
22nd April	10.00am 5.00am 6.30pm	St T St O St T	Funeral Mass: Margaret Westcott Winifred Jones B'Day Remembrance Ursula Frances Nora Bryan, her deceased husband + living family members	
23rd April	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	St O St T St O St MM	Kenneth Berry (LD) Speedy Recovery for R, Sacramental Programme Mass Mary (VI) Rigby (LD), Anne + Bob Walsh, Martin Henry (LD)	
Divine Office Week 3				
24th April <i>St George</i>	9.30am	St O	Catherine Hamilton (LD)	
25th April <i>St Mark</i>	9.30am 6.15pm 7.00pm	St O St T St T	Priest's Intention Exposition, Confessions + Evening Prayer Bernard Henderson	
26th April	9.40am 10.00am	St MM St MM	Recitation of the Rosary Ben + Eamon Macken,	
27th April	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Priest's Intention Peter Rainford (A)	
28th April	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Vocations to the Priesthood + Religious Life Parishioners	
Fourth Sunday of Easter				
29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	5.00pm 6.30pm	St O St T	Rev Mgr. John Goddard + Family Parishioners	
30th April	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	St O St T St MM ST T	Parishioners Linda grant (A) Jim Warner (A), Margaret + Jimmy O'Reilly Baptisms	

Your prayers are asked for: The sick Jane Smyth; those who have died recently: Fr Michael O'Dowd, Fr Vin McShane, Margret Westcott and Sarah Pill and those who are bereaved. *Please let us know of any sick parishioners who would like to be kept in prayer.*

The Funeral mass for Fr Michael O'Dowd will take place on Friday 21st April at St Mary's Leyland, 12 Noon.

Priests Training Fund – there will be a second collection on for the Priests Training Fund on 30th April.

First Communion Families: The families will be joining us for Mass on 30th April at St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's Churches as part of their preparation.

St MM + St T Gift Aid Envelopes: Gift aid envelopes for 2023 – 2024 are now available at the back of church. Please contact the office if you require a box of envelopes.

Gift Aid & Standing Orders ST MM + St T: Gift Aid. Many thanks to all who responded to the Gift Aid presentation by picking up an application form. Please return it (and your Standing Order mandate, if you'll be paying automatically), either to a Welcomer at Mass or direct to the Presbytery. If you want further information, click Finance on the Parish website menu to see the Gift Aid page, or call the Parish Office any Weds or Fr between 9 - 12 on 01772 370539. Sign-up forms are still available at all Masses.

St MM + St T Offertory Collection:09/04/2023 £1467.69
Weekly Standing Orders: £345.85

Penwortham: Parish Open Meeting – we will meet on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm in the parish Centre. Please send any items for the agenda to the parish email address before Friday 21st April.

St Teresa's Ladies Association: Please come and join us for coffee, chat, and chocolate biscuits on Tuesday 25th April at 10.00 am in the ROMERO ROOM. Everyone will be most welcome.

SVP: The parish SVP meetings recommence on Monday 17th April in the Romero Room at 6.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a member, please feel free to come along.

Childrens Liturgy: Stations of the Cross – On Good Friday, led by the St Teresa's children's liturgy group, over 30 children, plus their parents, met in the scout hut to walk with Jesus on his final journey to the cross. On completion of the stations, they walked to the church and joined the parishioners for the adoration of the cross. Children's Liturgy takes place at St Teresa's (.30 am Mass on Sunday, offering children the opportunity to listen and respond to the Gospel at an age-appropriate level. Childrens liturgy is for all children of primary school age.

St Teresa's Grounds: Coming to Mass this weekend you will notice that the grounds have been tidied after the winter months. The Community Payback Team (under the care of the Probation and Justice Service in Preston) was very busy on Thursday. The team will be here regularly to help us with grounds maintenance.

Caritas Lunch Club: The Caritas Lunch will be held at St Teresa's Social Centre on Friday, 28th April commencing at 12pm. All are welcome to join us for a good meal and meeting with friends.

St Oswald's: There will be a Thanksgiving mass for Fr John and his family following the bestowal of the title Monsignor by Pope Francis in recognition of his fifty years of priestly and episcopal service in the Church of England. This will take place on Saturday 29th April at 5pm vigil Mass and presided by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. It will be an opportunity for Fr Joh to celebrate alongside his family as well as our family of parishes. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the school hall.

St O Sacramental Programme: There are Sacramental Programme Masses on **Sunday 23rd April and Sunday 7th May at 10.30am** followed by **Session 5 and 6 on Monday 24th April and Tuesday 9th May both starting at 6.30pm.** This is in preparation for the children's First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May. There is an expectation that there will be full attendance at both the Sacramental Programme Masses and teaching sessions.

St O Gift Aid Envelopes: Gift aid envelopes for 2023 – 2024 are now available in the church porch. If anybody wishes to join the gift aid scheme, please see Mike Boardman.

April Foodbank Request: During April we would especially like donations of tinned fruit and rice pudding, tins of kidney beans, tinned black beans, tinned pulses, hot dogs and ravioli. Used but sound plastic carrier bags are always useful. Thank you for your generous donations.

Funeral Margaret Westcott: The Westcott family would love anyone wishing to celebrate Margaret's life to join her funeral mass at 10am on 22nd April, and at St Teresa's Social Club afterwards. Margaret loved the St Teresa's community and led children's liturgy for over a decade. If you are coming, please could you let annawestcott@hotmail.co.uk know so we can cater correctly. Many thanks

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 very limited amount of tinned food will sometimes be available. The SVP will be in attendance.

St Teresa's Golf Society (STAGS): New members are welcome to join STAGS. They play 6 monthly matches a year April to Sept. Please contact Steve Swarbrick on 07729 316695 or Bernard Farrell on 07401 201197 for details.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord, the path to the Resurrection was one of exceptional pain and suffering. It required of You the total sacrifice of Your life. You held nothing back but poured out Your life to the last drop of blood.

Risen Lord, the joyful message is that suffering, and death were not the end. You rose triumphantly in a new and glorified body, opening the door for all who believe in You to do the same. Draw me in, dear Lord, to Your suffering and death so that I may also be drawn into the glory of Your Resurrection.

Give me the courage You had as You endured so much. Help me to face the crosses in my life with Your strength. As I do, fill me with hope as I anticipate the new life You will bring from all sufferings united to You. Amen