

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 week beginning on 29-30th April 2023

This Weekend:		Fourth Sunday of Easter		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page: 262)
29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	5.00pm 6.30pm	St O St T	Rev Mgr. John Goddard + Family Parishioners, Special Intention	
30th April	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am	St O St T St MM	Parishioners Linda grant (A) Jim Warner (A), Margaret + Jimmy O'Reilly, Gerard 'Gerry' Smith	
Divine Office Week 4				
1st May	9.30am	St O	Anne Goode, Rita Jacob	
2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30am 6.15pm 7.00pm	St O St T St T	Mary Braithwaite (LD) Exposition, Confessions + Evening Prayer Guy Horton	
3rd May <i>St Philip St James</i>	9.40am 10.00am	St MM St MM	Recitation of the Rosary David Laing (A), Joseph Jenkinson, Cyril Farrell (LD), Patrick Lavelle (A)	
4th May <i>English Martyrs</i>	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Jim Murray LD Geraldine Metcalf (LD)	
5th May	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Kathleen Ward, Terry Martin Christine Barker	
Next Weekend:		Fifth Sunday of Easter		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page: 265)
6th May	5.00am 6.30pm	St O St T	Raymond Singleton (LD) Gillian Miller(ill) Bernard Henderson, Parishioners	
7th May	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	St O St T St O St MM	Anne Goode (B'Day Remem) Connie Matthews (A), speedy recovery for R Sacramental Programme Mass Win (A) + Arthur Varetto, DJ McManamon, Rev Fr Xavier	

Your prayers are asked for: The sick Jane Smyth and Alison Cooper; those who have died recently: Frank Dobson, John Burrow and those who are bereaved. *Please let us know of any sick parishioners who would like to be kept in prayer.*



Vocations Sunday: Today, we remember the vocation of all Christians including King Charles who will be crowned next weekend. The Archbishop has written a pastoral letter to be shared in all the parishes throughout the diocese. As revealed in the name, the day is an opportunity for Catholics around the world to pray more intentionally for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and the diaconate. At present, we have 7 students for the priesthood, 3 of whom will be ordained deacon this summer.

This weekend we will also have a retiring collection for the priests' training fund.

SVP— there will be an SVP retiring collection at all St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's masses on weekend 6th/7th May. The SVP would like to thank the kind individuals who recently made donations amounting to £130. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

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 Please call the Parish Office any Weds or Fr between 9 - 12 on 01772 370539 for further information.

**St MM + St T Offertory Collection:
Weekly Standing Orders: £345.85**

Facebook: We now have a Facebook page called Penwortham Catholic Community. We will use this to supplement the work of the newsletter. Sometimes we hear of events after the newsletter has been published so now, we can send information to those who click 'follow' on our page. Take a look and follow!

Confirmations 2023: We have 65 young people from our parish in Year 9 at All Hallows who have signed up to be confirmed this year. They will be invited to Mass on the weekend of 20-21 May to be presented to the Parish. There will be two Confirmation Services for our parish and surrounding parishes in St Mary's Church, Leyland, on Thursday 8th and Friday 16th June at 7pm. If anyone above Year 9 or any adults wishing to be confirmed, please let us know.

Parish Visitation: Every 5 years, the Archbishop or his auxiliary bishop makes a formal visit to each parish in the diocese. Our deanery is being visited by Bishop Tom Neylon and he will be with us in Penwortham at Mass on the weekend of 3rd-4th June.

First Holy Communion Gifts.: In our piety shops, we have a small range of items suitable for parents or grandparents to buy as a memento for First Holy Communion, ranging in price from 20p to £3.00. Why not call in after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning and have a browse? Thank You

Welcomers – St Teresa's: Would you like to join the Welcoming Team at St Teresa's? Your commitment would be one Saturday or one Sunday each month. For more details contact Dennis Conlon on 07790520665 or by email, conlon_dennis@yahoo.co.uk

Penwortham Farmers Market, at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 6th May. The Market sells a variety of local produce. Tea and coffee are served inside with breakfast barmes and cakes available from the stalls. The Market is run by 8th Penwortham St Teresa's Scouts and monies raised goes towards the running cost of the Group.

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 the 5pm vigil Mass** and presided by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. It will be an opportunity for Fr. John to celebrate alongside his family as well as our family of parishes. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the school hall.

St Oswald's Sacramental Programme: The final Sacramental Programme Mass is planned **Sunday 7th May at 10.30am** followed by Session 6 on **Tuesday 9th May starting at 6.30pm**. This is in preparation for the children's First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May. Please remember our children and their families in your prayers.

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.

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.*

Prayer of the Week

God our Loving Father,
you called me by name through the sacrament of Baptism to holiness.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made me the temple of the Holy Spirit.
Lord, are you calling me to be a priest, religious, consecrated, married or single?
Grant me the grace to respond to the calling 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all the nations.'
Guide me in every step I take in life and lead me in every decision I make in responding to your call.
Make me and mould me into the living image of Christ your Son, who was ever close to those in need.
I make this prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**