

# 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 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

This Weekend:		Fifth Sunday of Easter		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page: 265)
6 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00am	St O	Raymond Singleton (LD) Gillian Miller(ill)	
	6.30pm	St T	Bernard Henderson, Margaret Lancaster, Parishioners	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	St O	Anne Goode (B'Day Remem)	
	9.30am	St T	Connie Matthews (A), speedy recovery for R	
	10.30am	St O	Sacramental Programme Mass	
	11.00am	St MM	Win (A) + Arthur Varetto, DJ McManamon, Rev Fr Xavier, Cyril Farrell	
				<b>Divine Office Week 1</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St O	Fr John Walsh	
9 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St O	Hilda Gibbons	
	6.15pm	St T	Exposition, Confessions + Evening Prayer	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	St T	Funeral Mass: Frank Dobson	
11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	Bernard Henderson	
12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	St O	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Next Weekend:		Sixth Sunday of Easter		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page: 268)
13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	St MM	First Holy Communion Mass	
	10.30am	St O	First Holy Communion Mass	
	11.30am	St MM	First Holy Communion Mass	
	12.30am	ST O	First Holy Communion Mass	
	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights B'Day Remem	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
14 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	St O	John Laws(A)	
	9.30am	St T	Speedy recovery for R	
	11.00am	St MM	Kevin Slater ( B'day + A), Special Intention, Bill Power (A)	

**Your prayers are asked for:** The sick Jane Smyth and John Baldwin; 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.*

**May Foodbank Request:** During May we would especially like donations of tinned meat, spaghetti tinned and packets, tea bags and coffee. Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

**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!

**The coronation of King Charles III** will take place in Westminster Abbey. This will be the first coronation for 70 years in our countries; indeed, the first since our late Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, entered the ancient church as a young woman to take on the awesome responsibilities of monarchy. In his first address to our countries after the death of the Queen, His Majesty stated, in the context of the late Queen's unwavering service, "that promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today."

**Gift Aid & Standing Orders ST MM + St T: Gift Aid.** Many thanks to all have who responded to the Gift Aid appeal. Please call the Parish Office any Weds or Fri between 9 - 12 on 01772 370539 for further information.

**SVP**– there will be an SVP retiring collection at all St MM and St T masses this weekend.

**First Holy Communion Masses in May:** Our 70 children from Year 4 and above will be joined by their families at special First Communion Masses on the next two Saturdays - 13<sup>th</sup> in St MM Church & 20<sup>th</sup> in St T Church – at 10am & 11:30am. Rehearsals for the children and their parents are the day before in church straight after school. Please keep the children in your prayers at this special time in their lives.

**St MM + St T Offertory Collection:** 23/04/23 £345.98  
**Weekly Standing Orders:** £345.85

**Eucharistic Ministers:** As we re-introduce the chalice at Mass gradually (at weekday Masses at the moment) we do need more parishioners to take on this important ministry. Training will be given. Please consider becoming a special minister of Communion to enable all of us to have the privilege to respond to the Lord's invitation: "Take and eat, take and drink."

**Penwortham Parish Finance Group:** In Canon Law, each parish is to have a finance group to advise the parish priest on matters financial. We are in the process of putting this together. Thanks to those who have agreed to join the group: Andy Wright, Anita Cobb, Cath Jones, Dennis Conlon, Clare Remnant (parish administrator) Fr Ian and Deacon John. This group will meet 3 times a year and will report to the Parish.

**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 2 Confirmation Services in St Mary's Church, Leyland, on Thursday 8th and Friday 16th June at 7pm. At these Masses, our young people who are going on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July will give a presentation about the Pilgrimage. There will be a retiring collection to help the young people with the cost of the Pilgrimage.

**Knights of Saint Columba:** The Knights of Saint Columba will hold their next meeting in the Romero Room on 11th May at 7:30pm."

**Contemplative Prayer:** Due to successive Bank Holidays our next meeting is Monday 15th May.

**Piety shop in St MM + St T:** Half-price sale at the moment. Come and pick up a bargain or two!

**St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group** are performing 'The Pirates of Penzance' at St Leonard's Church in Penwortham from Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (accompanied children under 12 years free) and can either be purchased on the door or in advance by contacting John Stopford on 01772 612030.

**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](mailto:conlon_dennis@yahoo.co.uk)

**The Caritas Lunch** will be held at St Teresa's Social Centre commencing at 12pm on Friday, 19th May. We look forward to seeing all our friends where you can enjoy good food and company.

**St Oswald's Sacramental Programme:** The final Sacramental Programme Mass is planned **Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am** followed by Session 6 on **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May starting at 6.30pm**. This is in preparation for the children's First Holy Communion on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. There will be two First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May starting at 10.30am and 12.30pm. The children will attend the 9.30am Parish Mass on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May in thanksgiving for the blessings they and their families have received during this year of preparation. *Please remember our children and their families in your prayers.*

**Thank you message from Monsignor John:** Thank you all so much for your prayers and support last Saturday. It was tremendous! Fr. Michael pulled out all the stops. Thanks to the flower arrangers, choir, servers, greeters and all who played a part in the liturgy of the Mass. Thanks to Mrs. Wood and the school for the hosting of the amazing buffet. The whole event was so moving for me. Thank you to you all. Fr. John

**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.

**St Teresa Parish Centre:** Tel: 07377 341993

**Please Note: The car park is not to be used overnight on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and all day 14<sup>th</sup> May**

*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. *Also, a very limited amount of tinned food will sometimes be available. The SVP will be in attendance.*

#### **Prayer for the Week**

O God, to whom every human power is subject,  
grant to your servant our sovereign Charles  
success in the exercise of his high office,  
so that, always revering you and striving to please  
you, he may constantly secure and preserve  
for the people entrusted to his care  
the freedom that comes from civil peace.  
Th rough our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen