

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 13th-14th May

| This Weekend: | | Sixth Sunday of Easter | | Year A (Parish Mass Book Page: 268) |
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| 13th 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 | |
| 14th May | 8.30am | St O | John Laws(A) | |
| | 9.30am | St T | Speedy recovery for R | |
| | 11.00am | St MM | Kevin Slater (B'dy + A), Special Intention, Bill Power (A), John Connolly (A) | |
| | | | | Divine Office Week 2 |
| 15th May | 9.30am | St O | First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass, Malcolm Hawe(A) | |
| 16th May | 9.30am | St O | Fr John Walsh | |
| | 6.15pm | St T | Exposition, Confessions + Evening Prayer | |
| | 7.00pm | St T | Bernard Henderson | |
| 17th May | 6.30pm | St MM | Margaret Brennan, Dave Baldwin (Get well after surgery) John Flanagan (LD) | |
| 18th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> | 9.30am | St O | Anna O' Hanlon LD | |
| | 10.00am | St T | Parishioners | |
| | 2.15pm | St O | KS2 Children, Parents and Parishioners | |
| 19th May | 9.30am | St O | Priest's Intention | |
| | 10.00am | St T | Priest's Intention | |
| Next Weekend: | | Seventh Sunday of Easter | | Year A (Parish Mass Book Page:275) |
| 20th May | 10.00am | St T | First Holy Communion Mass | |
| | 11.30am | St T | First Holy Communion Mass | |
| | 5.00pm | St O | Special Intention BP | |
| | 6.30pm | St T | Parishioners | |
| 21st May | 8.30am | St O | Colin Raby (LD) | |
| | 9.30am | St T | Charlotte Conlon | |
| | 11.00am | St MM | Mr + Mrs Joseph + Alice Jenkinson, Sarah O'Donnell (LD) | |

Your prayers are asked for: The sick; Jane Smyth and John Baldwin; those who have died recently: Millie Walker 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'.

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 - 13th in St MM Church & 20th 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.

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.

St MM + St T Collection: 07/05/2023 £1118.40

Weekly Standing Orders: £345.85

Priests Training Fund: £328.00

SVP: the next SVP meeting is Monday 15th May 6.30pm in the Romero Room.

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

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 8th and 16th June at 7pm. There will be a retiring collection to help the young people with the cost of the Pilgrimage.

Contemplative Prayer: This coming Monday 15th May 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm in St Teresa's Romero Room, a warm invitation is offered to the parishioners of our three churches to experience the wonder and beauty of contemplative prayer. In Contemplative Prayer we seek to become the person we are called to be, not by thinking of God but by being with God. An opportunity to strengthen and refresh out faith from within.

Novena to the Holy Spirit: From Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday, we observe the most ancient time of prayer when the Apostles and Our Lady waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can imagine ourselves with them in the Upper Room awaiting transformation to go out and proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the World. We ask that we may be transformed by the action of God's Holy Spirit and that our world will be renewed so that all peoples may live in peace, justice and harmony.

Novena Prayer

**Renew your wonders in this our day,
as by a new Pentecost.
Father, pour out your Spirit
upon your people, and grant us
a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word, and
a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your kingdom come:
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
God the Holy Spirit,
Comforter and Sanctifier.
Melt our hearts
that we may accept your love.
Renew our minds
that we may know your truth.
Strengthen our wills
that we may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Holy Communion: Please remember in your prayers all the children from our three schools of St Teresa's St Mary Magdalen's and St Oswald's who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks. May they continue their spiritual journey with the support of our parishes, schools and importantly their parents who are their first teachers in the faith.

St Oswald's Sacramental Programme: There will be 38 children from the parish making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May. There will be two First Holy Communion Masses starting at 10.30am and 12.30pm. The children will also attend the 9.30am Parish Mass on Monday 15th May in thanksgiving for the blessings they and their families have received during this year of preparation. My sincere thanks to our parish catechists who have supported the children through the programme which started with the enrolment Mass in November 2022.

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.

Caritas Trip: The next Caritas Trip will be held on Thursday; 8th June and it will be a visit to RHS Bridgewater Gardens. There should be plenty of beautiful flowers etc. for us to walk around and explore. The cost per person is £23.00 which covers the coach and entrance. All the details are available at the back of each church with payment to be made in the usual way, i.e. envelope with name, contact details and the correct money. Thank you.

St Teresa Parish Centre: Tel: 07377 341993

Please Note: The car park is not to be used overnight on Saturday 13th May and all-day 14th 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 of the week - A prayer for family Life

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**