

# 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 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May

This Weekend:		Seventh Sunday of Easter		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page: 275)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	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	Knights of St Columba, Philip Rice (LD)	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	8.30am	St O	Colin Raby (LD)	
	9.30am	St T	Charlotte Conlon, Margaret Roscoe	
	11.00am	St MM	Mr + Mrs Joseph + Alice Jenkinson, Sarah O'Donnell (LD)	
				<b>Divine Office Week 3</b>
<b>22nd May</b>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
<b>23rd May</b>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	6.15pm	St T	Exposition, Confessions + Evening Prayer	
	7.00pm	St T	Bernard Henderson	
<b>24th May</b>	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary	
	10.00am	St MM	Arthur + Margaret Warburton	
<b>25th May</b> <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	9.30am	St O	Jean Mary Pope (A)	
	10.00am	St MM	Funeral Mass: Millie Walker	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am	St O	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
	10.00am	St T	Margaret + Thomas Conway	
Next Weekend:		Pentecost Sunday		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page:278)
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	5.00pm	St O	Violet Singleton (A) Mary Muddiman(A)	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Margaret Rawcliffe (RIP)	
	11.00am	St MM	Cyril Farrell, Joseph Jenkinson	
	12.30pm	St T	Baptisms	

**Your prayers are asked for:** The sick; Morag Roberts and John Baldwin; those who have died recently: Millie Walker, John Belle, 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/penworthamcatholic>

**St MM + St T Second collection this weekend to help the young people with the cost of Lourdes**

**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 in St MM Church & 20<sup>th</sup> May 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: 14/05/2023** £800.40

**Standing Orders March:** £1791

**SVP:** £192.11 – Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish visitation in Penwortham:** Bishop Tom Neylan will be with us at all masses on the weekend 3-4<sup>th</sup> June.

**On Pentecost Sunday,** Peter Yeowart will be received into the church, confirmed, and receive the Eucharist for the first time at mass in St Mary Magdalen Church. Congratulations Peter!

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** The coach to the Airport will arrive at St. Teresa's church at 6.30am, leaving by 6.45 at the latest. The traffic will be busy, with check in around 8.30am. The only available coach was 'Holmeswood' coaches, Moss side. I paid £820, cost per person return is £33 each. 25 passengers = £825 (the extra £5 will go towards tip) Thank you, please pay me anytime but not on the coach. Any questions ring Dorothy 742927

**Piety shop in St MM + St T:** Half price sale at the moment.

**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 have been invited to Mass this weekend of 20-21 May to be presented to the Parish. Some of the young people will speak about their experiences of the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**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.**

#### **St. O Sacramental Programme 2022 – 2023**

Congratulations to the 38 children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. It was an important moment for them in their spiritual journey supported by their families. A big THANK YOU to our team of parish catechists and helpers who have worked alongside parents and grandparents to support and deliver the programme. They have done a fantastic job! Thank you to our parish family for your continued prayers in support of our children.

#### **World Communications Day:**

##### **St Oswald's: There will be a second collection this weekend for world Communication Sunday**

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

**Caritas Trip:** The next Caritas Trip will be Thursday; 8th June 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 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,  
whose word is truth and, in whose light, we see light,  
guide those who tell the story of our times through  
word and image.**

**Make them seekers after truth and advocates of  
human dignity.**

**Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,  
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this  
world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your  
presence and of longing for your peace.**

**We ask this through 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**