

# Penwortham, Longton & Tarleton 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

This Weekend:		Twenty Second in Ordinary Time		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page:122)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	5.00pm	St O	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
	6.00pm	St T	Parishioners	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	8.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Michael Chambers	
	10.00am	OLHC	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Successful Operation: Pauline Yeowart, Joseph Jenkinson	
				<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> <i>St Cuthbert</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St MM	Layton Harrison	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	6.15pm	St T	Exposition, Confessions & Evening Prayer	
	7.00pm	St T	Don Goodwin	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	6.00pm	OLHC	Mass, exp, confessions and benediction	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Next Weekend:		Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page:125)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	5.00pm	St O	Tom Sutton (A)	
	6.00pm	St T	Special Intention	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	8.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
	10.00am	OLHC	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Cotter B'day Remembrance, Joseph Jenkinson, Jane Whitaker, Irene Brooks	

**Your prayers are asked for:** The sick; George Maduabuchi, and those who have recently died: Leonard Goodburn, Michael Chambers and those who are bereaved.

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** This Sunday is when Fr John starts at priest at OLHC (Our Lady's ) Tarleton, at the new parish Mass time 10.00a.m. Please pray for him and parishioners, thank you.

**SVP:** This will be a second collection for the SVP at St MM and St T on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**The All Hallows Community Choir** will present a concert in the parish centre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October to raise funds for a turkey lunch at Christmas. Tickets are available after mass from this weekend and following weeks up until the concert.

**St Oswald's:** Meeting of Eucharist Ministers in church at 6pm on Monday 18 September.

**Caritas Lunch:** The Caritas Lunches will begin again on Friday 15th September at 12pm. We look forward to seeing all our friends again.

**Family of Parishes:** As from 1st September, the Lancashire Deanery will consist of 4 families of parishes: 3 in Chorley and 1 in South Ribble. Our 'family' is the Parishes of St Catherine Labouré in Farington, St Mary in Leyland, St Oswald in Longton, St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa in Penwortham and Our Lady, Help of Christians in Tarleton. We hope to work together to support each of our parish communities. The Deanery is under the patronage of the Lancashire Martyrs. May they pray for us.

**St MM + St T Collection:** £778.40 27/08/2023:

**Missionary Appeal:** Next weekend, Fr Serge Traore will be in Penwortham to preside at Mass and make an appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa" a.k.a. (The White Fathers), an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain, and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education, and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa . . . and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches. To donate online visit: [www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations](http://www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations). Thanks to John and Clare Sargent who will host Fr Serge during his visit.

**New Academic Year:** Our children and young people return to school on Tuesday after their summer break. On Monday, Fr Ian will celebrate Mass with the Staff and Governors of St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's Schools at 9:30am in St Mary Magdalen's Church and with Staff and Governors of All Hallows at 1:45pm. We pray this will be a very fruitful year for our school communities.

### **Education Sunday – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

*Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.* Matt18:20

This year, the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept marks the 175th celebration of Education Sunday for the Church in England and Wales. Education Sunday, at the start of the new academic year, offers us an opportunity to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead. The mission of our Catholic schools, colleges and universities is to provide a holistic education which enables the lives of children and young people to flourish and for them to be formed into the men and women that God the Father has created them to be.

**Memorial Service:** On Thursday afternoon, the Staff of St Mary Magdalen's School held a Service on the playing field for young Layton Harrison who died recently. Parents and children came along to remember Layton. Prayers were said, we listened to a couple of Scripture readings, poems, songs, and a wonderful tribute to Layton given by Mrs McKinnon, the headteacher. Everyone was invited to blow bubbles into the air in memory of Layton.

**St Teresa's Eucharistic Ministers:** An up-to-date rota for Ministers is available for collection from the Sacristy. This is due to changes of numbers and weeks for some ministers and all those affected have been in contacted.

**Season of Creation:** 1 September – 4 October 2023  
Every year, the Season of Creation (SOC) is a major ecumenical moment to pray, reflect and act for the protection of our Common Home. The SOC begins on September 1, a day of prayer for the safeguarding of creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. The theme of this year's SOC is "Let justice and peace flow". It is inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (5:24). The symbol used is "a mighty river". The theme is a prophetic voice, calling us to discern and make the choice to collaborate in God's redemptive mission. The words of the prophet Amos reveal to us God's desire in our time in relation to his creation. It is a call to contemplate God's creation, to recognise and appreciate our intertwined relationship with all that he has created. In his address to us all, Pope Francis reminds us of three aspects necessary in our efforts to safeguard our mother earth.

1. Personal ecological conversion: this is the transformation of our hearts in relationship with God, built on the conviction that all that exists is God's artwork that we are to value and relate to with reverence.
2. Transformation of our lifestyle: this concerns the daily choices we make and their impact on others and on creation. It is a call from self-centeredness to be all to all for life. It is to see with new eyes of love and compassion.
3. Transformation of public and societal policies that deny creation its right to exist. As we participate in this particular and important period with serious intentional acts, let us look at our lifestyle, at times marked by waste and unnecessary consumption of material things and other toxic unfriendly items in daily life. May we be mindful of our habits and choices to make a better place for us and for future generations.

### **Prayer of the Week**

O Lord, you who promise to guide us through the wilderness and to protect us through the storm. We ask that you make us wise when we cannot clearly see the way forward.  
Make us brave when we feel afraid.  
Make us strong in the face of our weakness and make possible what to us seems impossible,  
That we might joyfully entrust ourselves and our children into your tender care in these trying and troubling times. We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**