

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 9th – 10th September

This Weekend:	Twenty Third in Ordinary Time		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page:125)
9th Sept	5.00pm 6.00pm	St O St T	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life Parishioners
10th Sept	8.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	St O St T OLHC St MM	Parishioners Parishioners Parishioners Fr Cotter B'day Remembrance, Joseph Jenkinson, Jane Whitaker, Irene Brooks, Private Intention
			Divine Office Week 3
11th Sept	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
12th Sept	9.30am 6.15 7.00pm	St O St T ST T	Kathleen Killeen (LD) Exposition, Confessions & Evening Prayer Connie Harrison
13th Sept <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	6.00pm	OLHC	Austen Roscoe (RIP) Exposition 6.25, Sacrament of reconciliation 6.25-6.55, Benediction
14th Sept <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.30am 10.00am	St O St MM	Priest's Intention Successful Operation, Michael Airey
15th Sept <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Priest's Intention Joe Ayala (LD)
Next Weekend:	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A (Parish Mass Book Page:128)
16th Sept <i>SS Cornelius + Cyprian</i>	5.00pm 6.00pm	St O St T	Robert Michael McClellan, Roy Allen Wedding Ann Remembrance David Parker (LD)
17th Sept	8.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	St O St T OLHC St MM	Parishioners Parishioners Parishioners Michael + May O'Connor (B'day Remembrance), Joseph Jenkinson

Your prayers are asked for: The sick; and those who have recently died;, and those who are bereaved.

Members of the OLHC parish council will meet in the presbytery after mass on Wednesday 13th.

The All Hallows Community Choir will present a concert in the parish centre on 3rd October to help the SVP raise funds for an SVP sponsored turkey lunch for the elderly at Christmas. Tickets are available after Mass each weekend up to the concert.

The SVP would like to thank you for your generosity during the recent collection which amounted to £386.35. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

Foodbank request for September and October

During the months of September and October the foodbank would like donations of tinned fruit, tinned soups, cooked canned meat and pasta please. As always, your donations are valuable and necessary. Many thanks.

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

Secondary and Primary online admissions are now open. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The deadline for applying for a school place for Secondary admissions is 31/10/2023 and Primary admissions is 15/1/2024.

St MM + St T Collection: 03/09/2023 £802.11

Missionary Appeal: This 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.

To donate online visit:

www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations.

Food & Clothing Drop-Off: Please continue to drop-off food at St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's Churches as usual - your support is greatly appreciated. We would ask for clothing to be taken directly to Metanoia in Preston or to your chosen charity shop. Many thanks.

The Knights of St Columba Penwortham 468:

The Knights of St Columba will have their monthly meeting in the Romero Room on Thursday 14th September. The meeting will start at 7:30pm.

After School Snack + Drinks: SVP will sponsor this initiative which will welcome primary school children to St Teresa's Parish centre for a snack and a drink after school. The children may stay and eat but must be accompanied by an adult. Alternatively, they may ask for a takeaway box which will contain a snack and drink. The initiative will commence on Tuesday 12th September and every Tuesday thereafter.

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.

Bidding Prayer in Penwortham: At the moment, the Bidding Prayer at Sunday Mass is prepared by Fr Ian or Deacon John. It would be good to involve other members of our community. Would you like to help prepare this important part of the Mass? Guidelines will be given, and a rota will be established. See Fr Ian or Deacon John if interested.

Contemplative Prayer: This coming Monday, 11th September 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 our faith from within.

Next Weekend: There will be second collection for Home Mission Sunday at all churches.

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

St Oswald's: The parish has been asked to host the Ministries Mass this year. We have men within the archdiocese who have decided to take the important step towards the Permanent Diaconate. At each stage of the four-year course of study and discernment a ministry is conferred by the Bishop or Archbishop. This initially means Admission to Candidacy followed by the Lay Ministry of Lector (Reader) and the Lay Ministry of Acolyte (Server). Finally in the last year we have ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

As you will be aware Bill McMahon, a parishioner at St. Oswald's, has completed his third year of study and will be conferred with the Lay Ministry of Acolyte. He will be joined by others within the archdiocese at their stage of the diaconate journey.

The Ministries Mass will take place at St. Oswald's on Friday 22nd September at 7pm and presided over by Bishop Tom Naylor. You are more than welcome to attend the mass to support Bill and our other candidates. There will be refreshments in the school hall following the Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Education Sunday and Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever-deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools: support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors, and chaplains.

We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools.

May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils.

May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, **Amen.**

