

# 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 fortnight beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

This Weekend:		First Sunday of Advent		Year B (Parish Mass Book Page: 82)
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	5.00pm	St O	Patrick Fallon LD	Maureen Skeldon (LD) Charlotte Clare Burke (A), Parishioners
	6.00pm	St T		
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8.30am	St O	Jim & Joan Smyth (A)	Catherine Baines (RIP) Parishioners Sacramental Programme Yvonne Roberts, Joseph Jenkinson, Paul Pope (LD)
	9.30am	St T		
	10.00am	OLHC		
	10.30am	St O		
	11.00am	St MM		
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	St O	Mary & Laurence Porter (A), Barbara & Gordon Taylor (A)	Sacramental Programme Mass
	2.15pm	St O		
5 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St John Almond</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with Evening Prayer Vincent Foster
	6.15pm	St T		
	7.00pm	St T		
6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary	In thanksgiving Parishioners, <i>Confessions &amp; Exposition 6.25pm, Benediction at 6.55pm</i>
	10.00am	St MM		
	6.00pm	OLHC		
7 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.30am	St O	Philomena & James Mellows	Parishioners
	10.00am	St T		
8 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9.30am	St O	Cedric Simmons LD	Parishioners
	10.00am	St T		
Next Weekend:		Second Sunday of Advent		Year B (Parish Mass Book Page: 85)
9 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm	St T	Children's Church Nativity	Parishioners Parishioners
	5.00pm	St O		
	6.00pm	St T		
10 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30am	St O	Anthony O'Donnell (A)	Peter Westmancoat (A), Karen Cassidy Parishioners Hession Family, Antonio Assalone Baptisms Taizé Prayer
	9.30am	St T		
	10.00am	OLHC		
	11.00am	St MM		
	12.30pm	St T		
	4.00pm	St MM		
<b>Divine Office Week 3</b>				
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	ST O	Lisa Pope	St Oswald's Primary R & KS1 Nativity Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with Evening Prayer Margaret Anthony St Oswald's Primary R & KS1 Nativity
	2.00pm	St O		
	6.15pm	St T		
	7.00pm	St T		
	6.30pm	St O		
13 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St Lucy</i>	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary	Jospeh Jenkinson Parishioners; <i>Confessions &amp; Exposition 6.25pm, Benediction at 6.55pm</i>
	10.00am	St MM		
	6.00pm	OLHC		
14 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	Bishop Habila
	10.00am	St T		
15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	St O	Parishioners	Peace in the Holy Land
	10.00am	St T		

**Facebook:** Please follow our page: **Penwortham Catholic Community** for up-to-date information about our parish.

**Your prayers are asked for:** The Sick; Brian Pooley and those who have died recently; and the bereaved.

**St MM + St T Collection** 19/11/2023: £935.35

**St MM + St T Standing Order** October: £2611.00

**Bambinelli Sunday:** Each year for several decades on Gaudete Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent (16th-17th), children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their cribs at home to St Peter's Square where the Pope blesses them and their figurines. Please bring your Jesus figure to church on that day to be blessed at the end of Mass.

**Taizé Prayer at St Mary Magdalen's Church:** Ecumenical friends from Penwortham will join us next Sunday 10th at 4pm for a time of prayer with Taizé chants, Scripture, silence, and intercessions for the world. Tea and coffee served afterwards. All welcome!

**Knit a Bit's** Jigsaw coffee morning, thank you to everyone who attended we raised £51.30 for "Beautiful Hands" this will go towards buying Dolls to help with Midwifery training in Laos. Knit a Bit is on every Monday 10am - 12noon. All are welcome.

**SVP Christmas Lunch:** Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm. 2 places remain. If you would like to attend, please give your name to one of the SVP members this weekend and your address if you need a lift.

**Churches Together in Penwortham Foodbank:** The nights are drawing in, the weather has turned chilly, and Penwortham Foodbank is increasingly busy. We assisted 73 local households on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. It was just 49 households on the last Friday in November 2022 so that is very nearly a 50% increase. Donations of non-perishable food to meet the increased need would be greatly appreciated, particularly cereals, tinned meat products, coffee, teabags, and pasta sauce. With Christmas on the horizon, we would also welcome boxes of mince pies, children's selection boxes, savoury snacks, and seasonal confectionary. Thank you for your continued support.

**All Hallows Senior Citizens Christmas Party:** Wednesday 13th December 2023 1.30pm. At the back of our three churches there is a list for names of people wishing to attend the annual All Hallows Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Unfortunately, the numbers are limited to 20 from each parish so please put your name down as soon as possible for what is always a very special event.

**Membership of our Parish Synodal Council (Penwortham)**

**Elected:** Amanda Conlon, Noah Chappell-Elgie & John Topping; **Appointed:** Francine Beckett, Catherine Jones, Jen Green, Clare Ireland & Anna-Marie Pennington and **Ex-officio:** Kate Wilkinson *All Hallows Chaplain*, Mary Heaton *Safeguarding*, Ian McParland & John Sargent. Thanks to all concerned. The Council will meet for the first time in January.

**Meeting of First Holy Communion Catechists:** Fr Ian will meet with catechists on Friday 8th December at 2pm in the presbytery.

**Parish Social with Hotpot Supper and Penwortham's Got Talent Evening** on Friday 19th January from 7:30pm - put the date in your diaries!

**The Sons of Divine Providence bulbs:** This year I am selling Amaryllis (Red, Apple Blossom, Striped) £9 a pot and Hyacinths (Pink, Blue, White) all £6 a pot. If you would like any bulbs, could you please email me at: [tipping.joseph@gmail.com](mailto:tipping.joseph@gmail.com) or ring me on 01772 743637 or Anna-Marie on 07970098323. I can arrange delivery, or you can collect from my home. Thank you for all your help and support, Joseph Tipping

**Advent Reconciliation Service** on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady's Tarleton at 7pm.

**The next Caritas Lunch** will be held on Friday, December 15th at St Teresa's Social Centre. The lunch begins at 12pm. We look forward to seeing all our friends again to enjoy a good meal and happy time together.

**St. O Sacramental Programme 2023-2024:** Following the enrolment of the families on to the programme there will be a Mass on Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am in preparation for the children's Day of Reconciliation. The children will spend the day with teaching staff and catechists on Monday 4th December learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 2.15pm there will be a service leading to individual confession for the children and parents.

**St O Primary School:** Tuesday 12th December Infant Nativity 'It's a Baby!' starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church. Performances at 2pm and 6.30pm.

**St O Service of Reconciliation:** There will be a Service of Reconciliation leading to confession on Monday 18th December at 6.30pm.

Today as Advent begins, we start to prepare for the birth of the Christ child at Christmas time. But we also remember that we are constantly waiting in hope and expectation for Christ who is to come again in glory.

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

God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre,  
the focus of our lives always, and particularly this  
Advent time. Amen

#### **St Teresa Parish Centre:**

Contact Georgina on: Tel: 07377 341993

**Please leave donations for the foodbank, on the table near the entrance**

