

## 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 16th December

This Weekend:		Third Sunday of Advent		Year B (Parish Mass Book Page: 87)
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	5.00pm	St O	Una Kinsella (LD)	
	6.00pm	St T	Denis Slater (A), Bernard + Mary Elane	
	7.30am	St T	Carol service in St Catherine's Church, Farington	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Catherine Baines (RIP)	
	10.00am	OLHC	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith, Arthur + Margaret Warburton, Andy + Eillen Leahy	
	7.00pm	OLHC	Reconciliation Service	
				<b>Divine Office Week 3</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	6.30pm	St O	Reconciliation Service	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am	St O	John Fiddler B'day Remembrance	
	6.15pm	St T	Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with Evening Prayer	
	7.00pm	St T	Francis Michael Ferns	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary	
	10.00am	St MM	Joseph + Alice Jenkinson, Dennis Glynn (LD)	
	6.00pm	OLHC	Parishioners, <i>Confessions &amp; Exposition 6.25pm, Benediction at 6.55pm</i>	
	6.00pm	St T	School Carol Service in church	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	9.30am	St O	Una Kinsella (LD)	
	10.00am	St T	William holden (A)	
	6.00pm	St MM	School Carol Service in church	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	9.30am	St O	Cedric Simmons (LD)	
	10.00am	St T	Special Intention	
Next Weekend:		Fourth Sunday of Advent		Year B (Parish Mass Book Page: 91)
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	5.00pm	St O	James and Philomena Mellows, Robert Michael McClellan	
	5.00pm	St MM	Joseph Jenkinson, Christine Marsden	
	6.00pm	St T	Barbara and James Hope, Gallagher Family	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30am	St O	Parishioners Past and Present	
	10.00am	OLHC	Parishioners	
	5.00pm	St O	Vigil of the Nativity: Parishioners Past and Present	
	5.00pm	St MM	Christmas Mass – Peace on earth	
	7.00pm	St O	Vigil of the Nativity: Parishioners Past and Present	
	7.00pm	St T	Christmas Mass – Peace on earth	
	8.00pm	OLHC	Vigil of the Nativity: Parishioners Past and Present	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>DAY</b>	8.30am	ST O	Nativity of the Lord: Parishioners Past and Present	
	10.00am	St T	Christmas Mass: Parishioners Past and Present	
	10.00am	OLHC	Nativity of the Lord: Parishioners Past and Present	



**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:** 10/12/2023: £800.90

**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.

**Churches Together in Penwortham Foodbank:** The nights are drawing in, the weather has turned chilly, and Penwortham Foodbank is increasingly busy. 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.

**SVP Christmas Lunch:** A huge thank you to all who helped at the SVP Christmas lunch last Sunday. A very special thank you to all who helped behind the scenes, serving, waiting on people, collecting crockery, clearing and cleaning tables and also those who spent many hours washing and drying the crockery ready for its return. In addition, all those who stayed behind, after the event clearing and cleaning the hall. All your efforts contributed in a significant way to make the event the success that it was. Thank you.

**SVP Meeting:** There will not be an SVP meeting next week or over the Christmas period but anyone who may need help over this period should contact Tim on 01772 743403. The next meeting will be held on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**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:** Thank you for all your support again buying bulbs. We have sold out. All the money raised will be going to build water wells in Kenya and The Philippines and to feed the children in these countries too. Thank you for all your support over the years. God Bless, Joseph Tipping

**A play 'The Ghost Train'** (a classic thriller by Arnold Ridley) is being considered as a Parish outing. The proposed date is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Travel would be your own personal vehicle and parking is available. If you would like to partake in this outing, please contact Alban Dorning Tel: 07840 363323

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

**St Teresa Parish Centre:** Tel: 07377 341993

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

**Mary's Meals – Double the Love:** Up until 22 January, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work, such as Syria, Haiti and South Sudan. More information at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

**Bishop Habila:** It was good to gather in the parish centre on Thursday morning to watch the livestream of Bishop Habila's Ordination Mass. Because of technical difficulties, we were not able to see the whole celebration, but we did have a flavour of this joyful occasion. We then celebrated our own Mass in the centre praying for the new Bishop Habila and the Diocese of Zaria. Just to let you know that our collection for Bishop Habila raised £877.33. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. O Missio RED BOXES;** We will be collecting and emptying the red Mission boxes in December so can all holders please leave their boxes in the side room in the next week or two.

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

**Christmas and New Year Mass times for St Oswald's.**

The Advent Service of Reconciliation with individual confession - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Vigil – 5.00pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - 8:30am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Vigil Masses of the Nativity – 5pm and 7pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - The Nativity of the Lord - 8:30am

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec - Feast of St Stephen, 9.30am

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec - Feast of the Holy Innocents, 9.30am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec – Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury 9.30am

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec - Feast of the Holy Family Vigil 5pm

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec - Feast of the Holy Family - 8:30am

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan - Mary the Mother of God – 9.30am

### Prayer for the Week

Father, Lord of all creation, you have power and might over heaven and earth. You speak a word and mountains move. You whisper and the sea obeys. You turn darkness into light and transform broken things into beauty. Lord, help me to see the wonder in your creation.

Help me to celebrate with joy and gladness this Christmas, for in you all things are made new. In you I will be glad and rejoice forever, delighting in you with joy. All this I pray through Jesus Christ, your only son, your greatest gift to this world. **Amen.**

Rejoice!