

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 2023

This Weekend:		Fourth Sunday of Advent		Year B (Parish Mass Book Page: 90)
23rd December	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	
24th December	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	Refugees and Asylum Seekers	
	8.00pm	OLHC	Parishioners, Raymond & Margaret Golifer RIP	
				Divine Office Week 4
25th December CHRISTMAS DAY	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	
26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30am	St O	James + Catherine Duignan	
	10.00am	St MM	Shelia Helm (A), Josph Jenson	
27th December <i>St John</i>	6.00pm	OLHC	Parishioners, <i>Confessions & Exposition 6.25pm, Benediction at 6.55pm</i>	
28th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am	St O	Roy Tilling B'Day Remembrance	
29th December <i>St Thomas Beckett</i>	9.30am	St O	Frances Duignan + Roy Tilling	
	10.00am	St T	Kevin Slater	
Next Weekend:		Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Josph		Year B (Parish Mass Book Page: 105)
30th December	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners	
	6.00pm	St T	Parishioners	
31st December <i>Holy Family</i>	8.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	10.00am	St T	Bernard Henderson	
	10.00am	St OLHC	Parishioners	
	11.00pm	St MM	Shelia Williams + Arthur Holmes	
				Divine Office Week 1
1st January <i>Mary Mother of God</i>	9.30am	St O	Peace in Our World	
	10.00am	St MM	Marjorie + Mildred Hardiman	
2nd January <i>SS Basil + Gregory</i>	9.30am	St O	Suzane O' Callaghan (LD)	
	6.15pm	St T	Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with evening prayer	
	7.00pm	St T	Michael McGowan (LD)	
3rd January <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary	
	10.00am	St MM	DJ McManamon (A)	
	6.00pm	OLHC	Parishioners, <i>Confessions & Exposition 6.25pm, Benediction at 6.55pm</i>	
4th January	9.30am	St O	Vocation to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention	
		ST T	Taizé Prayer in the Romero Room	
5th January	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	Sick of the parish	

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

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

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 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 8th, 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!

A play 'The Ghost Train' (a classic thriller by Arnold Ridley) is being considered as a Parish outing. The proposed date is Thursday 11th 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

Fathers Ian, Michael, John, and Deacon John, wish you and your families the peace and joy of the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in any way throughout the year and to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. It is certainly encouraging to see so many who give of their time and their gifts. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.



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/>

St O Red Boxes Many thanks to those who handed in their Missio boxes. They will be emptied and then placed in the side room at church. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory: The 2024 edition is now available for £5.

The Vatican II Constitutions lecture & seminars is a series of events with Liverpool Hope University in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool. These events are in advance of the Year of Prayer 2024, in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. These events are free and are available to everyone, but places are limited so it is essential to book tickets in advance.

The remaining dates and speakers are as follows:
*Wednesday 17 January: Peter McGrail (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

*Wednesday 28 February: Pat Jones (Gaudium et Spes)

You can find more information on each lecture/seminar on the archdiocese website: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/vatican-ii>

Prayer for the Week

God of all time, help us enter the Christmas and the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to our families, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,
help us enter the Christmas and the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,
help us enter Christmas and the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days to come. **Amen**