

THIS WEEKEND		33rd Sunday of the Year		Year A
Sat 18th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Pious Lists	
	6.30pm	St T	Pious Lists + Brian De Rome	
Sun 19th November	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Pious Lists	
	9.30am	St T	Pious Lists + Sharon Forde	
	11.00am	St MM	Pious Lists + Ann Hardacre Mary McGee	
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 1		
Mon 20th Nov	9.15am	St T	Pious Lists	
	9.30pm	St O	Pious Lists	
Tues 21st Nov Presentation of Mary	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Pious Lists + Vera Conway Pious Lists	
Wed 22nd Nov	St Cecilia			
Thu 23rd Nov	9.30am	St O	Pious Lists	
	7.00pm	St T	Pious Lists	
Fri 24th Nov	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Pious Lists + Porseo Bellini <i>Funeral Mass: Mary Whitney</i>	
NEXT WEEKEND		Christ the King		Year A
Sat 25th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Pious Lists + Larry O'Brien	
	6.30pm	St T	Pious Lists	
Sun 26th November	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Pious Lists + Jean Coupe	
	9.30am	St T	Pious Lists + Gerard Singleton + relations	
	11.00am	St MM	Pious Lists + Rachel Costello (speedy recovery)	

Confessions: 1st Sat of December at 10.00am at St T and on request.


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33rd Sunday of the Year 19th November 2017

The Lord gives us talents and asks us to use them in his service

Today's readings are for *us* – we who live in the 'in-between times' between the Lord's Resurrection and his Second Coming.

Convinced that the Last Day would occur within their own lifetime, the first Christians are counselled by St Paul (**Second Reading**) always to be prepared, since they cannot know the hour.

Similarly, St Matthew (**Gospel**) encourages those same early Christians, who wondered

how best to live in the days before Jesus's return in glory. Both writers urge them simply to wait, confidently, in the light, while being faithful to their daily responsibilities.

Today's **Psalm** reminds us of the joys that come from such faithful service, while the author of the **First Reading**, using the analogy of a good wife, shows that the book of Proverbs is the best place to look for advice on using one's talents in a fruitful, practical way.

Let us pray, this week, for greater devotion to the Lord, and the awareness that, already, we have a share in the Master's happiness.

Annual Mission Appeal will be taking place on the 18th and 19th Nov. Sr Rose Mary Harbinson RNDM will be speaking at all the Masses and there will be a collection after each Mass.

St Oswald's Grave blessings: on Sunday 19th at 3.00pm we will gather in St Oswald's Cemetery for a short service and blessing of graves. You will be given a candle, which will be lit and placed on your family grave, the priests will then come around and bless each grave, or cremated remains plot and pray a simple prayer with you for your loved ones who have died. (In the Spring we will have a love our cemetery day, when we will spend a few hours tidying etc, with free tea and coffee, bacon butties for all workers!)

Advent Retreat Days: Thu 30th Nov 1.00pm - 4.00pm at St O and then repeated on Sat 2nd Dec 10.00am - 1.00pm at St T. These are for anyone who wants to find some time and space in the midst of the preparations for Christmas. Fr P will lead the days, Fr M will be available for confession.

Knit-a-Bit: St T Church meeting Room Monday from 10.00am until 12 noon. The SVP will provide a lift if needed. Phone Catherine on 740569.

New Music Group: The next rehearsal is Thursday 23rd Nov at 3.30pm at St Teresa's Church. We hope for musicians young and old. Just an hour to prepare the music for Mass on Sunday 26th at 9.30am. Bring your instrument—anything, or just bring your voice!

Mass times for Christmas: Christmas Eve: 5.00pm St T, 5.00pm St MM, 6.30pm St O, 10.00pm St T. Christmas Day: 8.30am St O, 10.00am St T. On Sat Dec 23rd + Sun Dec 24th, the 4th Sunday of Advent, Masses will be celebrated as follows: Saturday 5.00pm at St O and St MM. Sat 6.30pm at St T. Sun 8.30am at St O and 9.30am at St T. (No 11.00am Mass that day.)

The Knights of St Columba are holding their annual Christmas Bingo on Friday 24th November at 8:00pm at St Teresa's Hall. Excellent Prizes and proceeds will help to support Charities. Please support this event.

St T Christmas Raffle: Please return counterfoils and money to Church.

St Oswald's Christmas Prize Bingo: Friday 1 Dec at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets £1 on sale after Mass. Donations of bottles or chocolates will be much appreciated. There's a box at the back of church.

Piety Shops: have a great variety of Christmas cards for sale. Please support your parish when buying your cards. Thank you.

Baptisms: At St O this weekend we celebrate the baptism of Courtney Dickinson, Ryan Dickinson and Harley Evans. **At St T** we celebrate the baptism of Louie Lemon, Jake Lemon, Ava Hooton and Evelyn Durkin.

St Teresa's Christmas Fayre is on Sun 26th Nov. It will begin at 12.30pm. Come and enjoy a bottle tombola, crafts, games and hog roast sandwiches. Visit Santa in his grotto and enjoy a drink in the pop-up cafe. **St Mary Magdalen's Christmas Coffee Morning** is on Sun 3rd Dec, immediately after the 11.00am Mass. If you have any goods, especially bottles and unwanted new gifts, please bring them to church. Thank you. **St Oswald's School** are hosting their Christmas Fayre on Sunday 26th November. 12-2. Visit Santa's grotto with steam train, Christmas stalls, games and prizes to be won. Enjoy mulled wine and mince pie.

Mass of Enrolment: Next weekend we will begin our annual preparations for Confession and Communion, at Mass at 5.00pm, 9.30am and 11.00am our Year 4 children and their families will be making promises to God about their wishes for the coming year. Please keep them and our catechists in your prayers. Next weekend is also **Youth Sunday:** there will be a retiring collection for Animate.

Readers at St MM and St T: New readers wanted. If we need to make any changes to the rotas please let us know.

Bereavement Tea and Chat at St T: The next afternoon will be Sun 26th Nov 3.00 –4.00pm in St Teresa's Church. Please invite those who would find this helpful, not just the recently bereaved, all are welcome.

New Web site: From next weekend there will be a new parishes web site. The address will be: www.catholic-penwortham-longton.btck.co.uk This is hosted free, this saves over £500 a year. Thanks to Gerry for his hard work.

St O Coffee Morning: On Sunday 10th Dec at 10.30am we will be having a mince pie and tea/coffee morning in the church hall.

Longton - Hutton Age Concern invite you to a Celebration of Carols at St Oswald's Church on Wed 6th Dec at 1.30pm with participation from the children at St. Oswald's School. Refreshments follow in the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Food Bank: When you are shopping for Christmas food please remember the Penwortham Food bank. They need: Tinned meat and fish, corned beef, tuna, hot dogs, ham, coffee, cereals, tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, soup. There is a box in each church. Thank you.

St O Little Church Catechists meeting with Fr M - Tues 21st Nov at 7.30 in St O.