


THIS WEEKEND		Christ the King		Year A	
Sat 25th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Pious Lists + Larry O'Brien		
	6.30pm	St T	Pious Lists + Catherine Best Marian Eastham		
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)		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 27th Nov	9.15am	St T	Pious Lists		
	9.30pm	St O	Pious Lists + Robert Williamson		
Tues 28th Nov	9.15am	St T	Pious Lists		
	9.30am	St O	Pious Lists + For a Successful operation (CKT)		
Wed 29th Nov	9.30am	St MM	Pious Lists+ Joseph Airey (Snr) Joseph Airey (Jnr)		
Thu 30th Nov St Andrew	9.30am	St O	Pious Lists + Jean Pattern		
	7.00pm	St T	Pious Lists		
Fri 1st December	9.30am	St O	Norman Yates		
	7.00pm	St T	Liz Blackburn		
NEXT WEEKEND		1st Sunday of Advent		Year B	
Sat 2nd December	10.00am	St T	Confessions		
	5.00pm	St O	Kathleen Bilsborough Bob Kirby		
	6.30pm	St T	Michael Russell		
Sun 3rd December	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass		
	8:30am	St O	For all homeless people		
	9.30am	St T	Nora + Peter O'Malley		
	11.00am	St MM	Louise Whalley + Parishioners Int		

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

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Christ the King

26th November 2017

‘But Lord, when did we see you in need?’

This Sunday brings the Church's liturgical year to a wonderful conclusion. Christ Jesus, King of the Universe, has conquered death and reigns in eternal glory as our Judge. Those now called to share in his Kingdom are the ones who have tried to reach out in love and care to others – for whatever we do for any one in need, we do as for Christ himself.

In the **First Reading**, the people of Israel have been failed by their own self-serving leaders. But the Lord himself now promises to come as the Shepherd-leader who truly cares for his flock, seeking out the lost, the injured and the weak. He will also sit in judgement when needed.

The familiar **Psalm** is full of strength and consolation. Our Shepherd-Lord walks with us continually, supporting us no matter where life takes us.

The **Second Reading** tells us that the resurrection of Christ is the starting point for all to share in eternal life. At the end of time, all things will be subjected to Christ, and he will surrender the kingdom to the Father. This power of the risen Christ is the power to give life to every one of us.

At the Last Judgement, Christ the King will divide his flock like a shepherd (**Gospel**), separating us in accordance with how we have treated others, especially those in need. All who have tried to act with the very same care that God shows us, will take their place in his kingdom.

This week, I might ask the Lord to show me his own face more clearly in each person that I see, and to help me remember that whatever I do for another, I do it for my Lord too.

Advent Retreat Days:

Thu 30th Nov 1.00pm - 3.45pm in St O Parish Hall.

Sat 2nd Dec 10.00am - 1.00pm in St T Church Meeting Room.

Each day will be the same - 2 reflections on Advent, time to share with each other, some silence and an opportunity for Confessions. Tea and coffee provided.

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.

Advent is only 3 weeks this year - so we need to make the most of it!

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, 4th Sunday of Advent, Masses will be:

Saturday 5.00pm at St O, 5.00pm at St MM. Sat 6.30pm at St T.

Sunday 8.30am at St O and 9.30am at St T. (No 11.00am Mass that day.)

Mission Appeal: The collection last week for the sisters was £1499.54

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.

St Teresa's Christmas Fayre is on Sun 26th Nov. It will begin at 12.30pm. Come and enjoy 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 Sun 26th Nov. 12-2. Visit Santa's grotto with steam train, Christmas stalls, games and prizes to be won. **Magical Christmas Evening at St Mary Magdalen's School** For a fun and magical evening please come at 6pm on Thurs 7th Dec. Father Christmas will be there along with a toy stall, chocobola, raffle, bottlebola and refreshments. All welcome.

Baptisms: At St Teresa's we celebrate the baptism of Matilda Scholey and Niamh Coleman

New Web site: www.catholic-penwortham-longton.btck.co.uk

Mass of Enrolment: This 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. This weekend is **Youth Sunday:** there will be a retiring collection for Animate.

1st Confession: On Tuesday (St T) and Wednesday (St O) this week the children from Year 4 will be having a retreat day leading to making their 1st Confessions at 2.15pm in Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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.

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.

When shopping for Christmas 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 Oswald's Caritas: The last lunch club was a lovely occasion, the children again adding so much. The next one is **Thu** 21st December. (note change of day, just for this one.) Children from St O school will sing carols.

Penwortham Farmers Market: Is now being held at Penwortham St Teresa's Scout Hut on the 1st Saturday of the month. Next market is Sat 2nd Dec from 9am till 1pm. The 1st market in 2018 will be on Sat 3rd Feb.

All Hallows Pensioners Party is on Fri 15th Dec at 1.30pm. If you wish to go please sign the list in each church. When the list is full please do not add extra names.