

THIS WEEKEND		3rd Sunday of Advent		Year B	
Sat 16th Dec	11.00am	St O	<i>Service of Reconciliation</i>		
	5.00pm	St O	Frances Duigan, Roy Tilling, Helen Whiteside + Liza Pope		
	6.30pm	St T	Peter Jones, Thomas Clarkson		
Sun 17th Dec	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Private Intention		
	9.30am	St T	Norma + Neville Barlow, Jim Breen + Deceased members of the Stuart Family, Margaret + Don Goodwin + Freda Foden		
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Cotter, Deceased relatives + friends of the Hardman family		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 18th Dec	9.15am	St T	Vera Conway		
	9.30am	St O	Patricia + Roger Holdcroft		
Tues 19th Dec	9.15am	St T	George Howarth		
	9.30am	St O	Francis Thomas Crook		
	7.00pm	St T	<i>Service of Reconciliation</i>		
Wed 20th Dec	9.30am	St MM	Martha Airey		
Thu 21st Dec	9.30am	St O	James + Philomina Mellows + John Fiddler		
	7.00pm	St T	Sharon Forde		
Fri 22nd Dec	9.15am	St T	Ellen Noblett		
	9.30am	St O	Alan Whipp		
NEXT WEEKEND		4th Sunday of Advent		Year B	
Sat 23rd Dec	10.00am	St T + St O	<i>Confessions</i>		
	5.00pm	St MM	Soul of John Conlon		
	5.00pm	St O	James + Philomina Mellows		
	6.30pm	St T	For all the living + deceased of the Parish		
Sun 24th Dec	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Eileen Sharples		
	9.30am	St T	William + Priscilla Hankinson Barbara Hankinson		

Confessions: Saturday 23rd Dec 10.00am and on request.


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3rd Sunday of ADVENT

17th December 2017

Rejoice in the Lord always!

This Sunday's readings are full of joy and hope – we have a glimpse of the joy of our approaching redemption.

We again meet John the Baptist in the **Gospel**. John the Evangelist insists on the Baptist's role as witness to the light. He is a witness, a voice, but not the Messiah. The Messiah is here, amongst us, but we do not know him.

Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father

For the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus , you Son.

Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
that you are calling us to be:

a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage

And that pits out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts

Be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mass times for Christmas:

Christmas Eve:

5.00pm St Teresa's,

5.00pm St Mary Magdalen's,

6.30pm St Oswald's

10.00pm St Teresa's.

Christmas Day: 8.30am St Oswald's,

10.00am St Teresa's.

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday 23rd Dec: 5.00pm at St O, 5.00pm at St MM. Sat 6.30pm at St T.

Sunday 24th December 8.30am at St O and 9.30am at St T. (No 11.00am Mass that day.)

Advent Services of Reconciliation:

Saturday 16th December at 11.00am at St Oswald's

Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm in St Teresa's.

Wednesday 20th December, a Pastoral Area Service with individual confessions at St Mary's Leyland at 7.00pm.

There will be confessions on Sat 23rd Dec at 10.00am in St T and St O.

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.

Penwortham Food Bank hot dogs, corned beef, ham, meatballs, Irish stew, tinned mince or stewing steak or curries, Fray Bentos pies, meat/fish paste, custard, rice pudding, tins of fruit, small packs of tea bags, tinned peas and carrots. Make a bag up and bring it to any of our 3 churches. Thank you to all those who have already given so much this Advent, it has really been needed.

St Oswald's Caritas: Thank you for your amazing generosity in last week's collection, £205-63p. Every penny will be spent on providing support for people of all ages in need in our Parish. We really appreciate everyone's support and if you think you might like to offer more practical support by joining us please speak to Steve on 816310 or whenever you see him. Don't forget that the Lunch Club is next Thursday 21st. Dec. Food served between 12 noon and 1.00pm. There is the added bonus of the school children singing carols. All welcome.

Flower Collection: 16th and 17th December - to help pay for the flowers and decorations in our 3 churches.

St T Bereavement Tea and Chat: The next afternoon will be Sunday 17th December 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.

Christmas Choir: Rehearsal for 10.00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be at St Teresa's on Tuesday 19th December at 8.00pm.

Help for the Homeless: Gloves + hats are needed, please take to St MM. Thank you to those who have already made knitted hats for the homeless.

Gift Aid: We have just received the tax refund for St O. £8392.37. Thank you to Sonia and to all who gift aid. This is money from the tax - if anyone else gives to the Church and they do not gift aid yet please see one of the priests or one of our gift aid co-ordinators. The Gift Aid money is a huge boost to parish finances. Thank you.

Lay Funeral Ministers: The next Diocesan Course is Feb 21st and 22nd at LACE. If anyone feels they could help minister in this important way please see Fr Philip or Fr Michael.

The Knights of Saint Columba would like to thank all those who in any way supported our Christmas Bingo. The evening was a success raising £373. We would like to thank everyone for their support in 2017 and we wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St Oswald's Bereavement Team: We hope to set up a bereavement team at St O's. There are 4 main things to do - provide a welcome at funerals, send anniversary cards, visit those bereaved within a month of the funeral and offer a monthly afternoon tea and chat (probably a Sunday afternoon.) If you want any further information or could help in any way please ask one of the priests. There will be a meeting for anyone interested on Jan 4th at 2.00pm.

Thank you for recent donations: £150 from the One Voce Choir for church heating and £50 from the KSC for the building fund.

St T School Carol Service in Church on Monday at 7.00pm - all welcome.

Living Faith: The 3 monthly daily reflection booklet is available in each Church. It makes a great present. Please pay £1.00 in the papers slot.