

THIS WEEKEND		4th Sunday of Advent		Year B	
Sat 23rd December	10.00am	<i>St T + St O</i>	<i>Confessions</i>		
	5.00pm	St MM	Soul of John Conlon		
	5.00pm	St O	James + Philomena Mellows		
	6.30pm	St T	For all the living + deceased of the Parish, Mary Eland		
Sun 24th December	8:30am	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Eileen Sharples		
	9.30am	St T	William + Priscilla Hankinson Barbara Hankinson		
	CHRISTMAS EVE				
	5.00pm	St T	In Loving memory of Ben + Andrew		
	5.00pm	St MM	Parishioners intentions, Fr Cotter + Deceased Hardman family		
	6.30pm	St O	Robert Michael McClettan Ernie + Freda Moore + Family James + Philomena Mellows Maureen + Eric Sarginson + family		
	10.00pm	St T	Frank + Stella Melling		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day	8.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Maureen + Eric Sarginson + Family Joseph Tipping Snr, Malcolm Beale, Pendlebury Family		
Tues 26th Dec	10.00am	St T	Albert Newns		
Wed 27th Dec	10.00am	St O	Nancy Pope		
Thu 28th Dec	10.00am	St MM	Ian Taylor, Liam Turner, Anthony Sait		
Fri 29th Dec	10.00am	St T	Tom Chambers + Lily Grant		
NEXT WEEKEND		Feast of the Holy Family		Year B	
Sat 30th Dec	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners + Priests of St Oswald		
	6.30pm	St T	Allan Stapley + Family		
Sun 31st Dec	8:30am	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	John Nickson		
	9.30am	St T	Shelia Williams, Arthur Holmes		
	11.00am	St MM	Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving (Parkins) James Patrick Delaney (Jnr) James Delaney (Snr)		

Confessions: 1st and 2nd Sat of Jan at 10.00am and on request.


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4th Sunday of ADVENT

24th December 2017

The Lord is always faithful to his promises

This year, these readings come to us on the very Eve of Christmas. The **Gospel** retells that wonderful account of the angel coming to Mary with good news. It would be through her that the 'impossible' plan of God would unfold. The virgin would conceive and give birth to the Son of God and successor to King David.



**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 puts 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,

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6.30pm St Oswald's

10.00pm St Teresa's.

Christmas Day: 8.30am St Oswald's,

10.00am St Teresa's.

Christmas Day Mass at St T: We are inviting any children who come to the 10.00am Mass on Christmas Day to bring with them a toy they may have received from Santa! They won't be asked to leave it with Jesus! But they will be asked to show it to Him.

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: It is the hope to set up a bereavement team at St Oswald's. There are 4 main things we hope 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.

School Nativity Plays and Advent Services: Thank you to all our schools for all the Nativity Plays and Advent services that have taken place over the last weeks. They have been beautifully performed and have reminded everyone what is at the heart of Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to plan them and the parents and families who have come together to support their children.

SVP: Thank you to parishioners for their donation to the SVP Collection which amounted to £282.92

Mass Times and places: Christmas Week:

Tuesday 26th 10.00am St Teresa's

Wednesday 27th 10.00am St Oswald's

Thursday 28th 10.00am St Mary Magdalen's

Friday 29th 10.00am St Teresa's.

Saturday 30th: 5.00pm St Oswald's, 6.30pm St Teresa's.

Sunday 31st Dec: 8.30am St Oswald's, 9.30am St Teresa, 11.00am St MM.

**Fr Philip + Fr Michael wish you and
all your loved ones
a very happy Christmas.**

Parish Club opening times: (Your friendly Parish Centre) Christmas Day: 12 noon - 2.00pm. Boxing Day: 3.00pm - 11.00pm. New Years Eve 4.00pm - 1.00am. Our new manager Kelly wishes you all a very happy Christmas and looks forward to welcoming you to St Teresa's Parish Centre.

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.

Knit a Bit: resumes on Jan 8th.

A Grace to say before Christmas Dinner:

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today.

In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth and pray for those who are without enough to eat.

We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for refugees and all those who have no place to live.

We remember the angels call to peace and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. Amen.