

THIS WEEKEND		Solemnity of the Epiphany		Year B
Sat 6th January	10.00am	St T	Confessions + Exposition ending 1030	
	5.00pm	St O	Mrs N Lancaster	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners intentions	
Sun 7th January Solemnity of the Epiphany	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Patricia + Roger Holdcroft	
	9.30am	St T	Margaret Stringfellow	
	11.00am	St MM	James Hardacre	
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 1		
Mon 8th Jan	9.00am	St T	Frederick + Margaret Brown	
	9.30am	St O	Sharon Forde William Percy	
Tues 9th Jan	9.30am	St O	Brian Critchley	
Wed 10th Jan				
Thu 11th Jan	9.30am 11.45am 7.00pm	St O St O St T	Bert Sheepwash Funeral Service: Kenneth Eccles John Arrowsmith	
Fri 12th Jan	9.45am	St T	Funeral Mass: George Gore	
NEXT WEEKEND		2nd Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 13th Jan	10.00am	St O	Confessions + Exposition	
	5.00pm	St O	Bernard Hamilton	
	6.30pm	St T	Dorothy Clarkson, Vera Conway	
Sun 14th Jan	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Leo Hunt	
	9.30am	St T	Marie Wilson	
	11.00am	St MM	Mabel Farrell	

Confessions: 1st and 2nd Sunday of the Month

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PLEASE NOTE: TIME OF MASS ON MONDAY

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The Epiphany 7th January 2018

Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'

And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters
A hard time we had of it.

At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches, with the voices singing in our
ears, saying that this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation,
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky.

And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.
All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down, this, set down this:
were we led all that way for Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death. *T.S. Eliot, Ariel Poems (abridged)*

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.

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.

St Oswald's Bereavement Team: Thank you to the ten people who came to the meeting. We need a few more—please see John Singleton.

Penwortham Farmers Market: Is now being held at Penwortham St Teresa's Scout Hut on the 1st Saturday of the month. The 1st market in 2018 will be on Sat 3rd Feb.

Parish Workers Social Night: On Friday 2nd Feb 2018 there will be a barn dance and food for all parish workers. This is an opportunity for us all to get together and for the priests of the parishes to say thank you to all those who in any way help with the running of the parishes. This is for all 3 parishes. Tickets available from the sacristy this week.

Primary Admissions for September 2018 (Reception Intake): Parents have until 15th Jan 2018 to express up to 3 primary school preferences. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools Closing date 15.01.18.

Lourdes 2018: Dorothy Power is organising a trip for 5 days, 17th - 21st Sept. Travelling with Northern Star, flying Manchester to Toulouse. Full board in Lourdes. £575 each, single supplement £120. For details and a booking form phone Dorothy on 742927.

DBS: If your DBS has not been renewed in the last 5 years you are no longer cleared and we cannot allow you to minister in Church. (The recent audit found a number of people in this position). If you wish to continue please let us know. Thank you for what you have done. It is necessary for us to keep all these things up to date to ensure that we are truly safeguarding the most vulnerable. Please see Mary Heaton (St MM + St T), Helen Cross (St O) or one of the priests to make sure.

Pope Francis Tweeted: Contemplating the Baby Jesus, with his humble and infinite love, let us say to him, very simply: "Thank you for doing all this for me!"

Act in support of Catholic Education Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and has promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap>. Search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools. I thank you in anticipation of your help. **Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool**

Training for Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word: See noticeboard for training for new and existing leaders 10am - 12.30pm 17th Feb at LACE.

Peace Sunday – 14TH January 2018 'Migrants and Refugees – seekers of peace' The 51st World Peace Day will be celebrated in support of the tens of thousands who have been displaced and forced to leave their homes because of violence or climate-related disasters, Pax Christi encourages us to celebrate and share the World Peace Message to reflect on our role to be peacemakers and peace seekers.

Open Church: Please remember that St Teresa's church is open each weekday for quiet prayer and meditation. (Usually from 9.00am until sunset.) The porch only will be open at weekends. Why not think about spending some time praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Christmas Day Collection: A number of people have asked about this - it goes to the parish, the priests do not take it for themselves. Thank you for this collection it was just over £4,000.

Warms Hats: Thank you to everyone who has donated these for the homeless in Preston. We have enough at the present time.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group - the next Lunch Club is on Friday 19th. January at 12 noon. We look forward welcoming friends new and old.