

THIS WEEKEND		2nd Sunday of the Year		Year B	
Sat 13th Jan	10.00am	St O	<i>Confessions + Exposition</i>		
	5.00pm	St O	Bernard Hamilton		
	6.30pm	St T	Dorothy Clarkson		
Sun 14th Jan	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Leo Hunt		
	9.30am	St T	Marie Wilson		
	11.00am	St MM	Mabel Farrell		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 15th Jan	9.15am	St T	Deceased of the Lancaster + Nicholson families		
	10.30am	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Rosemary Darragh</i>		
Tues 16th Jan	9.30am	St O	Michael Townend		
Wed 17th Jan					
Thu 18th Jan	9.30am	St O	Kathleen Chappell		
	7.00pm	St T	Repose of Barrie Cox		
Fri 19th Jan	9.15am	St T	Hugh Bell		
	11.00am	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Mary Irene Bradley</i>		
NEXT WEEKEND		3rd Sunday of the Year		Year B	
Sat 20th Jan	5.00pm	St O	Roy Tilling		
	6.30pm	St T	Ellen Dooney		
Sun 21st Jan	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Bernard Hamilton		
	9.30am	St T	Carol, Claire + Philip Hartley		
	11.00am	St MM	Thanksgiving for 25 yrs ministry taken the sick and housebound		

Confessions: 1st and 2nd Sunday of the Month

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2nd Sunday of the Year 14th January 2018

‘Here I am Lord!’

Christ calls us to follow him. The readings for this weekend invite us to listen for Christ calling us.

Samuel, in the **First Reading**, responds willingly to the call of God, at first thinking it is his master Eli. Eli leads him to the truth, and teaches him to listen with an open heart. Samuel grows strong in the

love of God and his holy word. This is what God asks of us: an open heart to wait for the Lord; an open ear to listen; an open spirit to respond to the Lord’s will. (**Psalms**).

St Paul, writing to the Corinthians (**Second Reading**), reminds us that we are one in mind, body, and spirit with Christ. The Holy Spirit dwells within the heart of the believer. This knowledge will guide our actions and prompt us to desire that which will deepen our love of God.

In the **Gospel**, John the Baptist recognises who Jesus truly is. John’s witness to his disciples leads them to follow Jesus. Jesus asks them what they desire. Their answer may seem unusual to us, but Jesus invites them to ‘come and see’, and experience for themselves his love in action. These first followers cannot keep the Good News to themselves, but invite others to come and see. Let us ask for the grace to hear God calling us, and to be ready to respond to that call with an open and willing heart.

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.

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.

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.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group - the next Lunch Club is on Friday 19th. January at 12 noon. (Food is served until 1.00pm). We look forward welcoming friends new and old.

Week of Guided Prayer: With the newsletter today is a leaflet about a week of guided prayer. Consider this great opportunity for Lent 2018.

Parking at St Mary Magdalen's: Last Sunday cars were so tightly parked in front of the Church that a red car had its wing mirror smashed (and no one owned up!) Please do not park on the yellow lines that is on the road side of the car park. Only park in the bays allocated. There is parking on the school play ground and behind the church. (It would be good if the person who did the damage paid for the repair!)

St Teresa's Meeting Room extension: Planning permission was granted this week for the extension. We are now awaiting tender prices from 5 contractors. We are going to set up a small working party to help oversee the project and make decisions about colours, finishes etc. If you are willing to serve on this please talk to Fr Philip

Peace Sunday – 14th January 2018

Extracts from World Peace Day Message 2018 by Pope Francis

Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace

... it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited.

... government leaders should take practical measures to welcome, promote, protect, integrate and, "within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good, to permit [them] to become part of a new society.

...the increased numbers of displaced persons is one of the consequences of the "endless and horrifying sequence of wars, conflicts, genocides and ethnic cleansings" that had characterized the twentieth century.

...Many destination countries have seen the spread of rhetoric decrying the risks posed to national security or the high cost of welcoming new arrivals, and thus demeaning the human dignity due to all as sons and daughters of God. Those who, for what may be political reasons, foment fear of migrants instead of building peace are sowing violence, racial discrimination and xenophobia...

A contemplative gaze

The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us "belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth...

When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce.

Milestones for action

Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.