

THIS WEEKEND		3rd Sunday of Lent		Year B	
Sat 3rd March	10.00am	St T	<i>Confessions + Exposition until 10.30am</i>		
	5.00pm	St O	Joseph George Mainey		
	6.30pm	St T	Denis Slater		
Sun 4th March	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Janet Coxhead, Frank Ward		
	9.30am	St T	Derek Smith		
	11.00am	St MM	Marguerita Bamber		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 5th March	9.15am	St T	John Connolly		
	9.30am	St O	Marie Potts		
Tues 6th March	9.15am	St T	Kathleen Ball		
	9.30am	St O	Private Intention		
	2.15pm	St O	<i>Eucharistic Congress Holy Hour</i>		
Wed 7th March	9.30am	St MM	All the Holy Souls		
Thu 8th Match	9.30am	St O	Patricia + Roger Holdcroft		
	7.00pm	St T	Teresa Nicklin		
Fri 9th March	9.15am	St T	For Louise		
	9.30am	St O	For the Parish		
NEXT WEEKEND		4th Sunday of Lent		Year B	
Sat 10th March	10.00am	St O	<i>Confessions + Exposition until 10.30am</i>		
	5.00pm	St O	Patricia Down, Joan Rainford		
	6.30pm	St T	Gillian Glenholme		
Sun 11th March	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Barry Ring		
	9.30am	St T	Stella Melling, Eileen Moran		
	11.00am	St MM	For Helen		

Confessions: 1st (St T) and 2nd (St O) Sat at 10.00am.

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4th March 2018

**Christ, the power and the
wisdom of God**

We continue our Lenten journey and join Jesus this week as he goes up to Jerusalem. Our readings offer us the wisdom of God's law in the commandments, and Jesus's forceful action regarding the true meaning of God's Temple.

The ten commandments in the **1st Reading** from Exodus present the Law as a freedom charter – we have been freed from slavery to serve God.

Psalm 18 is a joyful poem of praise for God's precepts. It links the teaching of the commandments to their personification in Jesus – wisdom, truth and light. St Paul in the **2nd Reading** preaches a crucified Christ, an obstacle to some, but for Christ's followers, through his death and resurrection, he is the power and the wisdom of God.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus ejects the buyers and sellers from the Temple and in doing so reveals himself as the true Temple. Like the Temple, he too, will be destroyed in his body, but will rise again.

Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6.30pm at St O + 8.00pm St T

Good Friday: Passion Service 12 noon St O, 3.00pm St MM, 3.00pm St T

Easter Vigil Mass: 7.30pm at St T. (No other Masses that day.)

Easter Sunday: Usual Sunday Masses plus 11.00am at St O.

With You Always: Session 2 takes place on Monday, Tuesday and twice next Sunday. Please keep our communion children and families in your prayers.

RCIA: We continue our preparation on Tuesday 20th March at 7.00pm in St Teresa's Sacristy. Please keep our 5 candidates; Serena Cooper, Rebecca Lea Moffat, Clare Morris, Mandi Richardson and Tony Aspinall in your prayer.

Needles and Pens The ladies from Needles and Pens, (Knit-a-bit), have been knitting a lot!! We have a selection of Easter chicks, bunnies and baskets complete with a cream egg. We will be selling these outside St Teresa's church after 9.30 Mass and at St Mary Magdalen's after 11.00 Mass on Sunday March 18th at £1 each. Proceeds go to the new meeting room. If we have any left, we will also sell them the following Sunday March 25th.

St T and St MM: Gift Aid: On the weekend of March 10th we will have a drive to encourage new gift aiders. More information to follow.

SOC Family Bingo - Friday 23rd. March. There will be a box in the entrance to Church for donations for raffle prizes.

St Oswald's Ladies next meeting will be on Monday 5 March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Steve Halliwell will present an illustrated talk about 'Gresgarth Hall Gardens Thro' the Year'. Everyone's welcome. **St Oswald's Parish Dinner**, will take place on Tues 10 April at Runshaw College. There is a list and menu in the porch, names need to be in by 17 March.

There are tickets available now in each Sacristy, for a special '**60th Birthday Afternoon Tea' on March 25th**. This will be held at St Teresa's Hall (due to space) from 2 - 4 pm. Please take a ticket if you wish to attend the celebration.

"The Friends" of St T + St MM: keep 14th March at 7.00pm free! Please talk to Fr Philip for more information.

Marriage Preparation: Our annual course for couples getting married takes place on Saturday 10th March in St Oswald's Hall. Just 4 weddings this year!

Novena to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots: People have asked are we doing this again. The Novena will be May 23rd - May 31st. It will be held at St Mary Magdalen's Church each evening (not Sat) at 7.00pm.

Lourdes Youth Group - fundraising meeting on Sun 4th March in St T's Scout hut at 4pm. If you wish to be involved with fundraising please attend with a parent.

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesday after 9.30am Mass at St MM. (Led by KSC).

Friday at St O after morning Mass.

Sunday at St T at 4.00pm with benediction.

There is a list to sign up to lead the stations.

Thursday evening: exploring different spirituality that has influenced the Church: 7.30pm - 8.30pm. In St T Church.

8th March: Carmel for lay people led by Gillian Coxhead

15th March: The Camino led by Patricia Wilson

Holy Hours: At St O: Tue 6th + Mon 19th March at 2.15pm. Fr Michael will lead these as our preparation for the Eucharistic Congress.

Food Bank: They need pasta sauce, tinned fish and meat and coffee.

Services of Reconciliation: St O: Saturday 17th March at 11.00am.
St T: Monday 26th March at 7.00pm

Thank you for **the SVP** collection last week: in St. T's £194.00, St. M M's £162.00 .

Nugent Care: There is a great legacy of the saintly ministry of Fr James Nugent, whose mission to those in need lives on in the schools, care homes and community services run by Nugent. At the foot of his statue in St John's Gardens in Liverpool is written: "Apostle of Temperance, Protector of the Orphan Child, Consoler of the Prisoner, Reformer of the Criminal, Saviour of Fallen Womanhood, Friend of all in Poverty and Affliction, An Eye to the Blind, a Foot to the Lame, the Father of the Poor". A little over one hundred after his death we still need to care for and serve those on the margins and edges of society. The retiring collection next weekend will help the work of Nugent especially to support children and young people who are in care.

Thanks and congratulations to **St. Oswald's Red Mission Box** holders. Last year we gave £2131. This is a magnificent achievement for which we have a big 'thank you' from The Society. We need more box holders to replace missing ones, so if you would like to have one please contact Anthony or Marion on 612579. They are emptied twice a year in June and December.

L'arche Preston: are looking for volunteer drivers - see porch notices for details.

Eucharistic Congress: We need to send names in this week. Please take a form and fill it in if you wish to go. We have had 11 returned, so 2 places left. The