

THIS 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, Sheila Curran		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 12th March	9.15am	St T	Vera Conway		
	9.30am	St O	Michael White		
	12.30pm	St O	Funeral Service: Betty Harrison		
Tues 13th March	9.15am	St T	Betty Parkinson (so missed)		
	9.30am	St O	David Heyes Allan Whipp		
Wed 14th March	9.30am	St MM	Joyce Martin		
Thu 15th Match	12.15pm	St O	Funeral Mass: John Worswick		
	7.00pm	St T	Honour of Blessed Sacrament		
Fri 16th March	9.15am	St T	Brenda McIvers		
	9.30am	St O	Martin + Mary Devane		
NEXT WEEKEND		5h Sunday of Lent		Year B	
Sat 17th March St Patrick	11.00am	St O	<i>Service of Reconciliation</i>		
	5.00pm	St O	People of the Parish		
	6.30pm	St T	Gould + Phipps Families		
Sun 18th March	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Catenians Intentions, Eileen O'Donnell, James Henry Singleton		
	9.30am	St T	Catenians Intentions, Maureen Stuart		
	11.00am	St MM	Catenians Intentions, Paul Tassiker		

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

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Mothers Day

11th March 2018

We are God's work of art



The readings for this 'Laetare' ('Rejoice') Sunday' reveal the Lord's desire to save his people.

In the **First Reading**, the exile of the people, and later their release through the pagan king Cyrus, are understood in terms of God's judgment and mercy. Today's **Psalms** speaks of the desolation that is experienced when the Lord's goodness is no longer felt. In exile, the people could not be joyful. They could recall the presence of the Lord, but only with regret at its apparent loss.

The gift of the Lord's presence is given, ultimately, through God's loving gift of his Son to the world (**Gospel**). God loved us so much that he has led us back from the exile of sin, and in bringing us to life in Christ, he has made us a 'work of art'. Jesus is the means by which we are saved, so that we might live 'the good life' of grace in return (**2nd Reading**). Let's pray, this week, for a greater awareness of the Lord's wonderful gift, full of grace, that frees us from the darkness of exile to the light of joyful living.

The **Lourdes Youth Group** are selling cakes after Masses this weekend for Mothers Day.

With You Always: Session 3 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. Please keep our 5 candidates; Serena Cooper, Rebecca Lea Moffat, Clare Morris, Mandi Richardson and Tony Aspinall in your prayer.

The ladies from **Needles and Pens** have been knitting a lot! We have a selection of Easter chicks, bunnies and baskets complete with a cream egg. These will be on sale outside St T's church after 9.30 Mass and at St MM'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 at St T. Please remember if you pay tax and use an envelope (or SO) we can claim 25p for every £1.00 you give. It makes a huge difference to parish finances.

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

St Oswald's Parish Dinner: There are a few places left for the parish dinner on Tues 10 April at Runshaw College. Enter your name on the list in the porch.

There are tickets available now in each Sacristy, for a special '**60th Birthday Afternoon Tea**' for Fr Philip 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, everyone is invited.

"The Friends" of St T + St MM: There will be a meeting at 7.00pm in St T Presbytery for anyone who is interested in helping us set this up. The main idea is to use our new meeting room to have an afternoon a week where people can gather together for tea and chat, to have a seniors exercise class and to have a regular lunch club. Other ideas welcome. We aim to be part of the network to combat loneliness set up in memory of Jo Cox.

Nugent Care: The retiring collection this weekend will help the work of Nugent especially to support children and young people who are in care.

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.

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.

15th March: The Camino led by Patricia Wilson

Holy Hour: At St O: Mon 19th March at 2.15pm. Fr Michael will lead this as our preparation for the Eucharistic Congress.

Lenten Soup lunch Fri 23 March in St. Teresa's Parish Centre 12 till 1-00 pm Selection of home-made soups/roll with tea/coffee and buttered scone. £3.50 pay at the door. Come along and meet your friends. Proceeds to CAFOD

Services of Reconciliation: St O: Saturday 17th March at 11.00am.

St T: Monday 26th March at 7.00pm.

Eucharistic Congress: The banners will be in St MM on Sunday and from there to St O. Please try to find time to make use of the prayer ideas and thoughts connected to the banners. We have 2 places left - does anyone else want to go?

In his Encyclical 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis speaks of " the throwaway culture which affects the entire planet". On Wed 21st March you can watch, free of charge, the acclaimed film "**A Plastic Ocean**". At UCLAN's Mitchell + Kenyon cinema, followed by a short presentation by Janet Jackson of Surfers Against Sewage about plans to create A Plastic Free Preston. Venue: The Foster Building, Uclan, Fylde Rd, PR1 2HE for 6.30 pm. Further details from Dot Kelk 617613.

Choir Rehearsal: There will be a rehearsal for a scratch choir for the Holy Week services at St T on Tuesday 27th March at 7.45pm. All welcome. It makes such a difference when we have a choir.

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for 2018-2019 are now available. Please collect from church as soon as you can.

Dementia Prayer Week: is the 12th - 19th March. In preparation a small leaflet entitled 10 top tips is available this weekend from the welcomers.

Synod 2020: The Archbishop is holding a day for priests on Wednesday in preparation for Synod 2020. Please keep our priests in your prayers.