

THIS WEEKEND		Palm Sunday		Year B	
Sat 24th March	5.00pm	St O	Private Intentions		
Clocks go forward	6.30pm	St T	John Vickers		
Sun 25th March Palm Sunday	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	People of the Parish		
	9.30am	St T	Jeff Reid, Mac Rowley		
	11.00am	St MM	Frances Hart		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 26th March	9.15am	St T	Robert + Ellen Carroll		
	9.30am	St O	For the Parish		
	7.00pm	St T	<i>Service of Reconciliation</i>		
Tues 27th March	9.15am	St T	John Grant, Ken Blanchard		
	9.30am	St O	Violet Emma Singleton		
Wed 28th March	7.30pm	Cathedral	Mass of the Chrism		
Thu 29th March Holy Thursday	11.30am	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Patricia Ingham</i>		
	6.30pm	St O	Margaret Couperthwaite (LD)		
	8.00pm	St T	Alwyn Gregory (sick)		
Fri 30th March Good Friday	12 Noon	St O	<i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>		
	3.00pm	St T	<i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>		
	3.00pm	St MM	<i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>		
NEXT WEEKEND		Easter Sunday		Year B	
Sat 31st March Holy Saturday	7.30pm	St T	RCIA candidates + Cath Alexander		
Sun 1st April Easter Sunday	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Holy Souls		
	9.30am	St T	Mary + Christopher Atherton Sid Simpson		
	11.00am	St MM	Deceased relatives of the Hardman family, Fr Cotter		
	11.00am	St O	Parishioners Intentions		

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

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Palm Sunday

25th March 2018

Oh Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me.

We have journeyed with Christ through Lent, from the silence of the wilderness, to the dawning realisation that his whole life has been a preparation for the events that will unfold on Good Friday.

This Sunday, we see the contrast of Jesus's joyful yet humble procession into Jerusalem.

We witness how the same crowd turn against his message of love and compassion and now call for his death. **(Gospel)**

The **First Reading** from Isaiah is a prophecy of the suffering servant. It tells of the willingness with which Jesus enters into his Passion, confident that the Lord will give him strength. The **Psalm** continues to describe the insults and humiliation that Jesus took upon himself in order to set us free from sin. The response draws on the words that Jesus cried out as his earthly life drew to a close.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul reveals the hidden truth of Christ. Jesus embraced the frailty and mortality of humanity, so that we could be drawn into the circle of the Trinity, and acclaim with the whole of creation that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Let us pray for each other as we enter into this Holy Week, that we will each make time to sit in silence with Jesus. Let us be willing to journey with Jesus through his Passion, death and Resurrection.

The Palms: have been made into crosses by a village community in East Africa. It provides them with an income and so sustains their lives.

Palm Sunday there will be a collection for flowers for the church for the Easter season.

RCIA: We continue our preparation on Tuesday 27th 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.

Choir Rehearsal: There will be a rehearsal for a scratch choir for the Holy Week services at St Teresa's 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.

St Oswald's next meeting for the St O **Bereavement group** is on April 5th at 7.30pm in presbytery. Tea + chat for all bereaved in the Hall on Sun 15th April, then 2nd Sunday of the month 3.00pm - 4-00pm. All welcome.

Bereavement Tea and Chat: The next afternoon will be Sunday March 25th 3.00pm-4.00pm St Teresa's Church in the Sacristy. Please invite those who would find it helpful; all are welcome.

Funeral: Mary Cobham's funeral is on Wednesday at 11.30am in St Peter and Paul's Mawdesley.

Living Faith: The 3 month booklet (April - June) is now available £1.00.

Penwortham Farmers Market: The next market is Sat 7th April (9.00am—1.00pm). The market sells local produce which includes lamb, pork, cheese, vegetables. chocolate, cakes, coffee locally made pottery and much more.

Job: There is a vacancy for a RC chaplain at Wymott Prison. See Ministry of Justice Web site for details. Closing date 29th March.

The Lourdes Youth Group will be recommencing their sale of cakes next weekend. Thank you for your support.

New Meeting Room Work continues. There will be a meeting for the room committee on Tuesday 3rd April at 10.00am.

HOLY WEEK:

Monday: Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's at 7.00pm.

Tuesday: RCIA at 7.00pm,
Choir Rehearsal at 7.45pm in St T.

Wednesday: Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper.
6.30pm at St Oswald's

8.00pm St Teresa's followed by watching until Night Prayer at 9.50pm.

As we gather to remember our Lord washing the feet of his disciples we will mark it this year in a practical way. At this Mass we will be collecting food for our local foodbank. Please bring food and place it on the sanctuary steps.

Good Friday: a day of fasting and abstinence.

Passion Service

12 noon St Oswald's

3.00pm St Mary Magdalen's,

3.00pm St Teresa's.

Holy Saturday

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

Easter Sunday

8.30am + 11.00am at St Oswald's.

9.30am: St Teresa's.

11.00am at St Mary Magdalen's.

St. T's Ladies: Tues 10 April at 7-30pm "Searching for Matthew" A one act play by Andy and Maureen. The true story of a Bamber Bridge mill girls journey to the Somme battlefields 1920. £1-50 with refreshments. All Welcome, ladies + gents. Proceeds to St. Catherine's Hospice.

St O: There will be coffee and tea served after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday in the Parish Hall, with Easter crafts for the children. Everyone's welcome to come along and have a chat with friends over a cuppa.

A new over 55 men's group: meets every Tues at 10am until 1pm at Penwortham Community Centre. The group is to enable men to get together and enjoy a range of activities: cards, dominoes, pool etc. and enjoy meeting and making new friends. The group will enjoy trips out in the year and hear speakers.