

THIS WEEKEND		Easter Sunday		Year B	
Sat 31st March Holy Saturday	7.30pm	St T	RCIA candidates + Cath Alexander		
Sun 1st April Easter Sunday	8:30am	St MM	<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		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 2nd April	9.30am 10.00am	St O St T	Private Intentions Julia Hession		
Tues 3rd April	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Deceased Priests + Religious For the Parish		
Wed 4th April	9.30am	St MM	Betty Walmsley		
Thu 5th April	10.30am 11.30pm 7.00pm	St T St O St T	<i>Funeral Service: Bridget Holmes</i> Funeral Mass: Ethel Rimmer Tom Rigby		
Fri 6th April	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Paul Tassiker George Hosker		
NEXT WEEKEND		2nd Sunday of Easter		Year B	
Sat 7th April	5.00pm	St O	Allan Whipp, Bilsborough Family		
	6.30pm	St T	Sandra Barton		
Sun 8th April	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Claire Elliott		
	9.30am	St T	Joyce Whiteside		
	11.00am	St MM	Briege Henry, Peter Hammond Donal O Donoghue		

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

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Easter Sunday

**1st April 2018
Rejoice!**

We have journeyed with Jesus through Holy Week, in whatever way was possible for us. Now we come to share in the joy of the Risen Lord on this Easter Day.

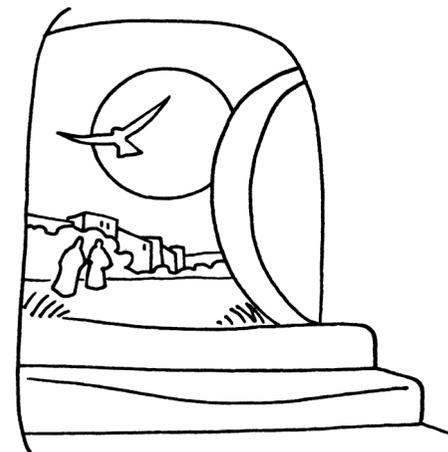
The **Gospel** tells the story of Mary of Magdala, who goes to the tomb

but finds it empty; she runs to the disciples to report her loss. Peter and John come to see for themselves. Finally they understand the meaning of Jesus's words about 'rising from the dead'.

Peter offers his personal witness: he has seen the life and death of Jesus, and eaten with him after his Resurrection. He now proclaims that Jesus is Saviour and Lord. (**First Reading**)

In the **Second Reading**, Paul stresses that this faith in the Risen Lord means we too have died and been brought back to true life in Christ. Our life is now 'hidden with Christ in God'.

The **Psalm** is a song of triumph, proclaiming the glory of God. 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone; this is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes'.



Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for 2018-2019 are now available. Please collect from church as soon as you can, before the new financial year starts.

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.

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, pottery + much more.

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

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.

RCIA: Congratulations to: Serena Cooper, Rebecca Lea Moffat, Clare Morris, Mandi Richardson and Tony Aspinall. We all hope you will be very happy as full members of the Catholic Church. A special thanks to Philip, Kathryn and Greg who have been our RCIA Team this year. Your example and commitment, your faith and dedication have been a huge encouragement to this year's group.

Catholic Pic: Please take a free copy of the April Catholic Pic.

Needles + Pens: Our knitting group along with other ladies from the parish produced a display of 231 chicks, rabbits, ducks, owls, fish, mice and baskets along with a selection of soaps to sell. Many thanks to those who came along to buy them and make donations on the coldest morning of the year! We made a grand total of £284.50 to go towards the cost of the new Meeting Room. Next Needles and Pens Monday 9th April.

Churches Together in Penwortham present 'One Voice Community Choir' to celebrate 5th Anniversary of The Food Bank 7.30pm 7th April 2018 St Leonard's Church. Free entry. Please bring a food donation for the Food Bank.

Easter Vigil: 7.30pm at St Teresa's

Easter Sunday: 8.30am + 11.00am at St Oswald's. 9.30am: St Teresa's. 11.00am at St Mary Magdalen's.

Fr Philip Writes: First of all on behalf of Fr Michael and myself we wish you all the blessings of the Easter Season. We have 50 days of rejoicing, so we can pace ourselves. The first 8 days are intense rejoicing and then we calm down a bit!

Thank you to everyone who has helped us celebrate the Sacred Triduum, a lot of people have been involved and they have done a lot of work, so thank you to all of you. Thank you for the Easter offerings, they go towards the stipend of the priest. We both take the Diocesan minimum and so any left is paid into the parish account.

I want to say how overwhelmed I was at the celebrations organised for my birthday with an O in it! It was a lovely day. I went to bed last Sunday night giving thanks to God that I am so blessed. Thank you to everyone who came and baked and took part. Thank you for the wonderful gifts and for the secret collection (£1600). I also received many envelopes with gifts amounting to over £1500. It was in all a wonderful celebration for me (and my brother) and I hope for the people of our 3 church communities.

Synod 2020: As you know the Archbishop has called a Synod for October 2020. The title given is this: "Together on the road, becoming the Church we are called to be." Like the Synod that will take place this October in Rome our local Synod will be first of all a listening exercise. Seeing how God is speaking to each local community as we plan the way ahead in different and challenging times. Each parish will be invited to have 2 members of the Synod. They will have to listen to the local community and to vote on the way forward for the Diocese. There will be 500 people participating in the Synod. Please keep the Synod in your prayers and pray for all those who are involved in its preparation.

St O Caritas: Thank you for the Church collection at St. Oswald's which amounted to £216-25p. Secondly thank you to those who donated really good prizes for the Bingo and for those who attended on Friday night. The Bingo raised £261-71p. There was a good family atmosphere and, hopefully, everyone enjoyed it. We are able to send £400 to HCPT to support a young person who is going to Lourdes as a helper this Easter.