

THIS WEEKEND		2nd Easter of Sunday		Year B	
Sat 7th April	5.00pm	St O	Allan Whipp, Bilsborough Family		
	6.30pm	St T	Sandra Barton		
Sun 8th April	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Claire Elliott		
	9.30am	St T	Cath Alexander		
	11.00am	St MM	Briege Henry, Peter Hammond Donal O Donoghue		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 9th April Annunciation of the Lord	9.15am	St T	Frank Fecitt		
	9.30am	St O	Private Intention		
Tues 10th April	9.15am	St T	Sharon Forde		
	9.30am	St O	Kathleen Harvey		
Wed 11th April St Stanislaus	9.30am	St MM	Esther Maduka		
	12.45pm	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Desmond Christiani</i>		
Thu 12th April	7.00pm	St T	Tony McGuiness		
Fri 13th April	9.15am	St T	Linda Grant		
NEXT WEEKEND		3rd Sunday of Easter		Year B	
Sat 14th April	10.00am	<i>St O</i>	<i>Confessions and Exposition</i>		
	5.00pm	St O	Maureen Cox		
	6.30pm	St T	Roy Whiteside		
Sun 15th April	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Parishioners Intentions		
	9.30am	St T	Margaret + Don Goodwin		
	11.00am	St MM	James O Donoghue + Family		

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

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2nd Sunday of Easter 8th April 2018

The readings this weekend are bathed in the joy of the Resurrection.

In the **First Reading** we see the effect the Risen Lord has on the life of the young Christian communities, led and guided by the Apostles.

The **Psalm** joyfully shows that Jesus, through his Resurrection, is the rejected cornerstone first mentioned by Isaiah (Isaiah 28: 16)

St John in his letter (**Second Reading**) reminds his readers that the true believer is

the one who loves God by keeping his commandments – that is, by loving one another as he loved us. Jesus, fully man and fully God, was baptised by water but shed his blood for us.

In the multi-faceted **Gospel** text, we encounter the Risen Lord twice, as well as the Holy Spirit and the disbelieving Thomas. We are reminded of Jesus's patience and infinite mercy; we are also able to witness at first-hand the transformation of Thomas and his deep act of faith as he comes to believe that the Lord is truly risen.

This week, I may want to pray particularly for all the 'Doubting Thomas's' around me, and ask the Risen Lord that, in his mercy, he shows them his hands and feet so they may come to believe too.

St Oswald's Ladies next meeting will be Monday 9th April in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Stephanie, a beautician will be doing a demonstration and giving advice. Everyone's welcome, just £1 including refreshments.

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.

Needles + Pens: Monday 9th April 10.00am - 12 noon.

KSC Young People's Seminar 2018 will be held on Tues 24th July to Fri 27th July 2018 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, the Pastoral an Conference Centre of the Diocese of Leeds. Reservation has been placed for 25 places. Cost of the seminar facilities and accommodation will be borne by KSC. For further information contact Tony Fitzpatrick (01772 -747777)

St Oswald's Parish dinner is Tuesday 10th April at Foxholes Restaurant, Runshaw College. Please meet there at 6.30 pm for the meal at 7pm.

The New Meeting Room at St T: Thank you to the new room committee who met for 2 hours last Tuesday. We have decided to slightly increase the size of the kitchen as well as colours and other details.

We cannot call the room the new room or the meeting room. The daily Mass goers were invited to suggest some names: from the names suggested we are going to vote on 3 names for the new room!

The Romero Room: Archbishop Romero, the assassinated Archbishop of San Salvador will be declared a saint this year so it seems appropriate and it will match the window in his honour in the church.

The Cenacle. This is the name of the Upper Room where Our Lady and the disciples met to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost.

St Teresa's Retreat: With the word retreat standing for: Relax, Engage, Talk, Reach-out, Eat, Activity, Think.

Next week a voting slip will be available for all those who attend Mass at St Teresa's. You will be asked to put your name and address on the voting slip and hand it in. The system used will be the transferable voting system, so you will vote 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Faith in Action: A sponsored walk/run/bike ride will be held on Bank Holiday

Mon May 7th at 12 noon. There will be a gentle training plan offered on Fri evenings at 6.00pm from St Teresa's Church, starting on April 13th, for anyone wanting to walk or run the event. Any proceeds towards the new meeting room.

St Oswald's Mass intentions: There are no intentions left for weekdays. If you wish to have a Mass said for a particular intention at St Oswald's now would be a good time to ask. Please use a Mass intention envelope that you will find at the back of the church or in the piety shop.

Ordination to the Priesthood: On Saturday 7th July Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will ordain Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Mughan to the Sacred Priesthood. As this is an Archdiocesan event (and a very special moment - it is a long time since we had 3 new priests in one year) there are 5 places for every parish. You must be seated at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 12:30 the mass will begin at 1pm. If you are interested please call or email the parish office by the end of April so that we can reserve you a ticket. We pray for Philip, Anthony, Carl and those in formation for the priesthood and those discerning a call to ministry within the church.

Synod Holy Hour: Save the date: The Archbishop is coming to our part of the Diocese to lead a Holy Hour in preparation for Synod 2020. He will be at St Mary's Chorley on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm. All invited.

Novena Dates: Our annual novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots will take place at St Mary Magdalen's Church from Wednesday 23rd May until Thursday 31st May. It is at 7.00pm each evening (except Saturday).

With You Always: The next session is on April; 16th, 17th and 22nd and the final one will be on April 23rd, 24th and 29th. Please keep all our 1st communion children and their families in your prayers.

1st Communion Dates: St Oswald: Sat 5th May, St Teresa: Sat 12th May, St Mary Magdalen: Sat 19th May. Masses will be at 10.30am and 12 noon.

Scripture weekend, led by Fr Chris Thomas, 'The Holy Spirit in John's Gospel' at Irenaeus 32 Great Georges Road Waterloo L22 1RD from Fri 13th April.

The **Welcome Mass:** for preparing for baptism in April is this weekend.

Pope Francis issues a new Apostolic Exhortation on Monday called Gaudete et Exultate, "Rejoice and be glad."