

THIS WEEKEND		3rd Easter of Sunday		Year B	
Sat 14th April	10.00am	St O	<i>Confessions and Exposition</i>		
	5.00pm	St O	Maureen Cox		
	6.30pm	St T	Roy Whiteside		
Sun 15th April	8:30am	St MM	<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		
Sun 15th April		Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 16th April St Bernadette	9.15am	St T	In Thanksgiving (Sharon)		
	9.30am	St O	John Bent		
Tues 17th April	9.15am	St T	Special Intention		
	9.30am	St O	Holy Souls		
	11.00am	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Jean Ashton</i>		
Wed 18th April	9.30am	St MM	Mandy Smith		
Thu 19th April	9.30am	St T	Funeral Mass: Helene Maksymow		
	9.30am	St O			
	11.00am	St O	<i>Funeral Service: Winifred Gregory</i>		
Fri 20th April	9.15am	St T	Sharon Forde		
	9.30am	St O	Robin Smyth		
NEXT WEEKEND		4th Sunday of Easter		Year B	
Sat 21st April	5.00pm	St O	John Gilleran		
	6.30pm	St T	Mary Cobham, Stephen Stainton Mary Lidis		
Sun 22nd April	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Julia Martinez Cuadrado		
	9.30am	St T	Vincent Maddock		
	11.00am	St MM	Win Varetto, Jean Ashton		

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

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3rd Sunday of Easter 15th April 2018

Christ, our Advocate with the Father

We are celebrating the Easter season with joy. This week's readings remind us how much Jesus has won for us, and that his forgiving love is always there for us all.

In the **First Reading**, Peter clearly puts the responsibility for the death of Jesus onto the Judaeen people, who had received so much. Yet they can still

turn to the risen Christ and repent.

They, and we, may well use **Psalm 4 (5)** as our cry and prayer for mercy. The Psalm is at the same time full of confidence and trust.

The **Second Reading**, from St John's letter, speaks unambiguously of sin, but reminds us that we have the remedy – Jesus Christ, our Advocate with the Father.

The **Gospel** offers us another of the appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection. He meets the fear and agitation of the disciples by offering peace, allowing them to touch him and share a meal with him.

Our readings also underline *our* role as witnesses. May we go forward this week, confident in God's love for us, and eager to witness to him.

Needles + Pens: Monday 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)

The New Meeting Room at St T: This 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 on the voting slip and hand it in at Mass. Please state your preferences 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The KSC are acting as tellers.

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.**

Thank you to the altar server from St T who has raised £100 towards the meeting room. Thank you also for the anonymous donation of £100.

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.

St O: Bereavement Group: Tea + chat for all bereaved in the Hall on Sun 15th April, then 2nd Sunday of the month 3.00pm - 4.00pm. All welcome.

Baptisms: This week at St Teresa's we celebrate the Baptism of Elouise Jeffreys, Daniel Horton, Olivia McLelland. At St Oswald's Zara King and Devyn Morris.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) Theme: Discerning

God's Call in my life Dates: 25-27 May 2018 Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org**

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.

SOC Lunch Club. The next Lunch is next Friday, 20th. April 12.00 -1.00pm. If you have not been before you are very welcome to come along and try it out - you will enjoy it. If transport is needed we can provide it - just contact Steve on 816310.

8th Penwortham St Teresa's Scouts On Sunday 22nd April, St Teresa's Scout Group will be holding a Church Parade at the 9.30am Mass, to celebrate the feast of St George, the Patron Saint of Scouting. After Mass they will be selling bacon and sausage buns, with all the proceeds going towards the church meeting room building fund.

The **Lourdes Youth Group** are holding their next meeting on Sunday 22nd April at 4pm in the Scout hut.

No Faith In Fracking week: beginning 23rd April. For more information contact Dot on 07749044547 or 01772 617613.