

THIS WEEKEND		4th Easter of Sunday		Year B	
Sat 21st April	5.00pm	St O	John Gilleran		
	6.30pm	St T	Mary Cobham, Stephen Stainton Mary Lidis		
Sun 22nd April	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<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		
Sun 15th April		Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 23rd April St George	9.15am	St T	Margaret + Thomas Conway		
Tues 24th April	9.15am	St T	Kristina Cherubin		
Wed 25th April St Mark	10.00am	St T	Funeral Mass: Rita Southworth		
Thu 26th April	10.00am	<i>St T</i>	<i>Funeral Service: Brian Ollerton</i>		
	7.00pm	St T	Margaret Davis		
	7.00pm	St O	Private Intention (Pope)		
Fri 27th April	9.15am	St T	Holy Souls		
	9.30am	St O	Charlie Gibson		
NEXT WEEKEND		5th Sunday of Easter		Year B	
Sat 28th April	5.00pm	St O	Margaret Hatfield, Bernard Pope, Ethel Joan Rimmer		
	6.30pm	St T	Patrick McEnaney Special Intention (MF)		
Sun 29nd April	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Fredrick Ainsworth		
	9.30am	St T	Children, Staff + Families of St Teresa Catholic Primary School		
	11.00am	St MM	Graham Richards		

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

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4th Sunday of Easter 22nd April 2018

**The Good Shepherd knows us
and we know him**



Today's **First Reading** is taken from Peter's speech to the Council in Jerusalem, following his and John's arrest. In it, Peter bears witness to the power of the resurrected Christ by which a man lame from birth was brought back to health. Peter quotes from today's **Psalm 117 (118)** to reinforce the point that only by the name

of Jesus, the keystone, is salvation possible.

The **Second Reading** shows St John encouraging the Christian communities of modern-day Turkey by sharing his own experiences of what he has seen and heard. That the world cannot always understand must not shake our confidence in the love that God has 'lavished upon us'.

This love is given tangible form in the image of Christ, as presented to us each year in the **Gospel** of 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Not only are we led to safety, fed, given rest, watched over and brought back if found to be in danger, we are also known, loved and died for.

This week in my prayer, I may like to ask for the grace to know more fully my Risen Lord, the Good Shepherd, who knows me and has the greatest care and compassion for me.

Priests Training Fund: There is a retiring collection this weekend at all the Masses for the Priests Training Fund. This fund supports the training of future priests. (We have 12 in the seminary at the moment.)

The New Meeting Room at St T: Last weekend a vote took place to decide a name for the new meeting room.

The votes were counted by the KSC on Tuesday night (at the weekly bingo!) and the result is as follows:

The Cenacle: 36 votes. The Retreat: 86 votes. The Romero Room 94 votes. So the new room will be called **The Romero Room** after Archbishop Oscar Romero, the assassinated Archbishop of San Salvador who will be declared a saint this year. Thank you to the KSC for their help.

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 each Friday evenings at 6.00pm from St Teresa's Church for anyone wanting to walk or run the event. Any proceeds towards the new meeting room and the on going costs of the web cam (£20.00 per week).

Baptisms: This week at St Teresa's we celebrate the Baptism of Logan Wild, Blake Holgate and Luke Durham

St T Bereavement Tea and Chat: The next afternoon will be Sunday April 29th, 3.00pm-4.00pm St Teresa's Church in the Sacristy. Please invite those who would find it helpful, all are welcome.

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**

Fr Michael is in Rome this week with the Archbishop and those priests under 10 years of ordination (There are 15 under 10's!)

Job Vacancy: Synod 2020 Co-ordinator: Please see the Archdiocesan Web site if this job interests you.

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 final session is 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.

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.

Needles + Pens: Monday 10.00am - 12 noon.

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

Hunger Lunch on Saturday April 28th in St Andrew's Church Hall, Longton, from 12 noon - 2.00pm. The menu will consist of a choice of soup, roll and butter, cheese, tea or coffee. Tickets £5 or a small donation for children. The proceeds will go towards a project to support and train teenage girls, young women and disabled people in Ghana to enable them to get a job and live independently. There will be a Fairtrade stall with cards and a selection of food and crafts.

St Oswald's Parish Dinner: It was again a truly lovely occasion. Thank you to Bernadette and to all who organized this annual event.

Malta Pilgrims: An itinerary for the pilgrimage in June is now available from Fr Philip. There will be a meeting in May for all pilgrims.

Weddings: If you live in one of our parishes but plan to get married in another Catholic Church we need at least 6 months advance notice.