

THIS WEEKEND		6th Easter of Sunday		Year B
Sat 5th May	10.00am	St T	<i>Confessions + Exposition until 10.30am</i>	
	10.30am	St O	1st Communion Mass	
	12 noon	St O	1st Communion Mass	
	5.00pm	St O	John Burscough, Desmond Roberts Mary Leyfield	
	6.30pm	St T	Alwyn Gregory, Margaret Davis Frank Melling	
Sun 6th May	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8:30am	St O	James + Helen Brooks	
	9.30am	St T	For the Parish, Margaret Lancaster	
	11.00am	St MM	John Connolly, Intentions of the Yeowart Family, David Laing Lynne Margaret Edwards	
Sun 15th April		Divine Office Week 2		
Mon 7th May	10.00am	St T	Brian Ollerton	
	9.30am	St O	Souls of Andrew + Agnes McLoughlin	
Tues 8th May	9.15am	St T	Johnathan Pope	
	10.30am	St O	Funeral Mass: Terry McLoughlin	
Wed 9th May				
Thu 10th May Ascension of the Lord	9.15am	St T	Sharon Forde	
	9.30am	St O	Les Gardner	
	11.15am	St MM	Maureen Corrigan	
	7.00pm	St T	Parishioners Intentions	
Fri 11th May	9.15am	St T	Margaret Roscoe	
	9.30am	St O	The Casson Fasmily	
NEXT WEEKEND		7h Sunday of Easter		Year B
Sat 12th May	10.00am	St O	<i>Confessions + Exposition until 10.30am</i>	
	10.30am	St T	1st Communion Mass	
	12 noon	St T	1st Communion Mass	
	5.00pm	St O	Violet Emma Singleton	
	6.30pm	St T	Kevin Slater, Rita Southworth	
Sun 13th May	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8:30am	St O	Rose + James Dawson	
	9.30am	St T	Martin Russell, Frank Swarbrick	
	11.00am	St MM	Jean Ashton, Bill Power, Cecelia Goode	

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God is Love!

The central theme of today's readings is God's unflinching and overwhelming love for humanity. In the **First Reading** we hear of an incident at the house of the centurion Cornelius that marks a turning point for Peter and the whole church. The Holy Spirit shows that the Christian message is for the whole human race – Gentiles as well as Jews.

The **Psalm** is a song of joy and wonder at the salvation offered by the Lord to all nations; a psalm Cornelius would have gladly sung.

The **Second Reading** gives the best definition of God to be found in the Bible: God is love. This is the very nature of God: he acts in love and sends his Son to reveal the fullness of his love.



In St John's **Gospel**, Jesus teaches us of the centrality of his loving relationship with his Father. Throughout his life, he is responding to the Father's love and making it known to us. Jesus invites his followers into the intimate relationship that exists between Father and Son. As his friends and disciples, he invites us to go and bear fruit and to love one another.

This week, I pray for the grace to recognise that I can bear fruit in my life – and to respond in unique ways to God's love. I ask the Lord to help me live my life through loving relationships with my brothers and sisters, and with the living

The Feast of the Ascension: From this year the feast reverts back to 40 days after Easter (not a Sunday), this year Thursday May 10th is a Holy Day. Masses: 9.15am (T), 9.30am (O), 11.15am(MM) and 7.00pm(T). At each Mass on Thursday a **prayer card** will be available to use as a novena of prayer in preparation for Synod 2020 and for the Congress. We will say this prayer at every Mass (9 days) between Ascension and Pentecost.

The Romero Room: Each Friday in the Romero Room there will be 2 gatherings. At 1.30pm there will be an exercise class. This can be done either sitting or standing. It will help you improve your strength, mobility and well being. This class will cost £2.00 and will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi. All ages and abilities will be catered for.

At 2.30pm until 3.30pm there will be a gathering for tea, biscuits and chat, this is open to everyone. This will begin on **Friday 18th May**.

There will be a meeting of the “**St MM + St T Friends**” to finalise the organisation of this. We will meet in the Romero Room on Monday 14th May at 12 noon. Remember the Friends exists to help us run and plan events in our parishes. Anyone is welcome to join and help out.

A **sponsored walk/run/bike ride:** will be held on Bank Holiday Mon May 7th at 12 noon. Any proceeds towards the new meeting room and the on-going costs of the web cam (£20.00 per week). The event will begin at 12 noon at St Teresa’s Church and will take us to the river path via Priory Lane and back. Can anyone help with refreshments?

Job Vacancy: Synod 2020 Coordinator (£25,000): Please see the Archdiocesan Web site if this job might interest you.

Synod Holy Hour: In preparation for the Diocesan Synod to be held in October 2020 the Archbishop will be leading a Holy Hour on Monday May 14th at 7.30pm. (Please note the change of date.) The Holy Hour, which is for the Leyland and Chorley Deaneries will take place in St Mary’s Chorley. Everyone is invited to join us for this.

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).

Sunday 13th May is **World Communications Day**. A retiring collection will enable the Church to work and witness on a local and national level.

1st Communion: St MM: Sat 19th May. Mass at 10.30am and 12 noon.

Malta Pilgrims: There will be a meeting on Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm for all pilgrims in the Romero Room.

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.

Rota confusion for welcomers at St T: There has been some confusion about dates due to the way the end and the beginning of the month has fallen. A new welcomers rota for St Teresa’s will begin at the start of May. Please collect your rota from the sacristy.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota at St T: If Sunday is the 1st of the month and Saturday is the 30th or 31st the Saturday will be week 5 and Sunday week 1. The weekend after will be week 2, then week 3 etc. for everyone (so Saturday week 1 is omitted for that month).

St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group will be performing the much loved operetta: *The Yeomen of the Guard* from Wed 23rd - Sat 26th May at 7.30pm in Leyland Methodist Hall, Turpin Green Lane, Leyland. PR25 3HA. Tickets cost £10 on the door or in advance. Contact 01772 612030 for further information and tickets. Hope to see you there!

St. T Ladies Association Tues 8 May: 7.30pm "A Look at Aromatherapy" by Lynn Harvey. £1-50 admission to include refreshments. All welcome.

St Oswald's Ladies welcome Ged Edwards the local CAFOD representative from Liverpool who will be giving an illustrated talk in St Oswald's Parish Hall on Monday 14 May at 7.30 pm. Ged visited the Philippines last year to see the work being carried out by our partners NASSA/Caritas Philippines; they are working to enable people and the planet to have a more sustainable future. Everyone from all 3 churches is invited to come along.

St O Monday Club: We play dominos, have a cup of tea and chat all for £1 from 1pm-3pm. If interested please ring 611358 or 454133. All welcome.

St O Caritas group: Jimmy from Lancashire Memories is visiting us for “A trip down Memory Lane” with music, singing, memorabilia from the past and an old gramophone. Wednesday 23rd May 1.30pm - 3.30 pm (doors open at 1pm) in St Oswald's Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. People from all 3 church communities are welcome.