

The Romero Room this week: Sundays: At 9.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy. After Mass tea and coffee.

Mondays: Needles and Pens: 10.00am - 12 Noon
SVP Meeting: 6.30pm New members welcome.

Fridays: Exercise Class: 1.30pm This class will cost £2.00 and will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi. All ages and abilities will be catered for. 2.30pm until 3.30pm there will be a gathering for tea, biscuits and chat. Open to all

St Teresa's: SVP collection this weekend.

St Teresa's: Mass on Thursday 27th September is being offered for members of the SVP, supporters of the SVP and those who they visit.

St Teresa's A presentation on 'The Lancashire Martyrs' will take place Thursday 27th September after 7.00pm mass. The presentation will be given by Christopher Robson from Aid to the Church in Need.

St Teresa's Bereavement Tea and Chat: The next afternoon will be Sunday 30th September 3.00pm-4.00pm St Teresa's Church in the Romero Room. Please invite those who would find it helpful, all are welcome.

St Teresa's Baptisms: This weekend is the Baptism of Ella Fleming, Heidi Fleming, Halle McDonough and Polly Wearden.

St Teresa's Primary School Open Event for September 2019 Starters Our open event for September 2019 starters is Wednesday 17th October between 2-3pm and 5-6pm. You are welcome to bring your child along as child care will be provided. Our Tinies will commence after half term in November, details and application forms will be available from the 17th October.

St. Teresa's Ladies Association: Next meeting Tuesday 9 October "Location Location Location" by Pat McGuinness Adm £1.50 to include refreshments. All Welcome

St. Teresa's Christmas Fayre - Sunday 25 November. A meeting for all volunteers Tuesday 2 October in the Romero Meeting Room.

St T Christmas Shoe Boxes: Now is the time to think about filling a shoe box for the annual Christmas Appeal. Suitable items would be stationery, toiletries, skipping rope, ball, small cuddly toy, small items of clothing - hat scarf gloves, etc. bag of sweets. Please wrap box and lid separately in Christmas paper and secure with an elastic band - finally label who the box is suitable for. Thank you.

St. Oswald's Remembrance Mass: There will be a Remembrance Mass for all deceased members of our parish family at St. Oswald's on Tuesday 25th September at 7pm followed by tea in the parish centre. We continue to remember those who have died. They always remain close to our heart.

*Thank you to all who have donated to the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, when all the money is in I will have collected almost £900 for this Charity. Thank you all.
Mike Boardman.*

St Oswald's Ladies next meeting is on Monday 1 October at 7.30 pm in the Parish hall. Stuart McNulty is visiting to give a talk on 'A Brief History of Liverpool and the Humour of Its People'. Interested? Please come along to find out more and have a laugh - everyone's welcome.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group invite you, (members of all three Churches), to a DAY OF 'REFLECTION' on the topic of 'UNCONDITIONAL LOVE' on Wednesday 10th October at Tabor (Fulwood). The day will start with Mass at St Oswald's (9-15am) and conclude at Tabor at 3-00pm. A coach is available and it will leave Longton at the end of the Mass and return by 3-45pm. In the morning there will be a presentation on 'Unconditional Love' by Fr. Bideri (author of books on the subject). A packed lunch will be needed, with refreshments provided. The afternoon will consist of a more involved session on the same theme. Please place the money (£10 per person) in a sealed envelope with your name, contact number and if you require transport. These can be placed in the collection baskets during Mass, in the Sacristies of each Church or given to a member of the Caritas Group. If you have any questions contact Steve or Anne either directly after Mass on 01772 816310.

Penwortham Autumn Show on Saturday the 29th September 12.00-4.00pm at Penwortham United Reformed Church.

Find Your Voice: a Charity Concert by students of Joyce Tindsley, singing a variety of songs for your entertainment, Longton Methodist Church, Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5ZJ Friday October 5th 7.30pm with light refreshments, a raffle and a Fairtrade stall. Admission £5.00 at the door or by ticket from Cath Greenlees. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid. For further details please contact Joyce 01704 896583 or Cath 01772 613500

This Weekend		25th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 22nd Sept	5.00pm	St O	Eric Barker, Mary Simmonds, John Gornall	
	6.30pm	St T	Michael Willers	
Sun 23rd Sept	8.30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8.30am	St O	Nicole + Branden- Thanksgiving John Nickson, Claire Elliott	
	9.30am	St T	Thomas Crook	
	11.00am	St MM	John Greer, Wynne Sait	
Divine Office Week 1				
Mon 24th Sept Our Lady of Walshingham	9.15am	St T	Fr Kevin Prince – Safe Journey Eddie Penswick 90 th Birthday	
	9.30am	St O	Thanksgiving for 80 th Birthday	
Tues 25th Sept	9.30am	St O	Funeral mass: Michael Kelly	
	7.00pm	St O	Remembrance Mass – All Welcome	
Wed 26th Sept	9.30am	ST MM	For the Parish	
Thurs 27th Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	9.30am	St O	Holy Souls	
	7.00pm	St T	Mrs Shelia Doyle, SVP	
Fri 28th Sept	9.15am	St T	Clare Bridge	
	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly	
Next Weekend		26th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 29th Sept <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels</i>	5.00pm	St O	Harry + Pauline Haslam	
	6.30pm	St T	Eileen Murphy, Sharon Forde (A) Norah McEnaney,	
Sun 30 th Sept	8.30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8.30am	St O	Frank Ward, Joan Clarkson Vi + Harry Singleton	
	9.30am	St T	Frances Hart, Maureen Stuart (A)	
	11.00am	St MM	Sid Simpson, Peter Stone	

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

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25th Sunday of the Year 23rd September 2018

**Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in
my name, welcomes me**

Our readings this week explore what it means to live by the wisdom of God, where we recognise Christ Jesus not in ambition and worldly status, but rather in the helplessness of a little child. In the First Reading from Wisdom, the 'godless' ones who live only for themselves yearn to be rid of those who live by truth and goodness. The virtuous are an unwelcome challenge to the wicked, whose cruel words recall the taunts Jesus himself suffered on the cross. The Psalm reflects the confidence of one who calls on the Lord with great trust, whatever insults or difficulties they face. In the Second Reading, James speaks of 'the wisdom that comes from above', which shows itself in peace-making and compassion, rather than in the jealousy and ambition that so often fill the human heart.

We are reminded how important it is to counter our own self-seeking desires through prayer. In the Gospel, Jesus takes a little child in his arms, reminding the disciples that loving service has nothing to do with the kind of worldly 'greatness' they've just been arguing about, but rather with humility and powerlessness. Christ invites us, too, to put our own needs last, welcoming him in those who may outwardly have nothing to offer. This week, let's ask for the wisdom to see Christ more clearly in all the 'little ones' we encounter, praying that in this way we might love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly, day by day.