

THIS WEEKEND	Epiphany of the Lord		Year C
Sat 5th January	10.00am	St T	Confessions
	5.00pm	St O	Deceased members of the Pooley + Mellows Family, Frances Duignan Roy Tilling
	6.30pm	St T	Frank Pilkington Margaret Stringfellow
6th January Epiphany of the Lord	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Mercer Family Thanksgiving
	9.30am	St T	Brenda Sturrock & Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Cecelia Goode, James Hardacre
<b>Divine Office Week</b>			
Mon 7th January	9.30am	St O	Dewhurst Family Intentions
Tues 8th January	9.30am	St O	Robinson Family Intentions
Wed 9th January			
Thu 10th January	9.30am	St O	Priests Intentions
	7.00pm	St T	Frederick + Margaret Brown
Fri 11th January	9.30am	St O	Elsie Redmond
NEXT WEEKEND	Year C		
Sat 12th January	10.00am	St O	Confessions
	5.00pm	St O	Leo Hunt, William Percy Arthur Moulding
	6.30pm	St T	Vera Conway, Dorothy Clarkson
13th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Bernard Hamilton
	9.30am	St T	Nigel Anthony Heath
	11.00am	St MM	John Arrowsmith

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

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## Epiphany 6th January 2019

Just the worst time of the year

For a journey, and such a long journey:

The ways deep and the weather sharp,

The very dead of winter.'

And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory

Then the camel men cursing and grumbling

And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters

A hard time we had of it.

At the end we preferred to travel all night,

Sleeping in snatches, with the voices singing in our ears,

saying that this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,

Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation,

With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,

And three trees on the low sky.

And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon

Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,

And I would do it again, but set down, this, set down this:

were we led all that way for Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,

We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,

But had thought they were different; this Birth was

Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,

But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,

With an alien people clutching their gods.

I should be glad of another death. *T.S. Eliot, Ariel Poems (abridged)*

**The Romero Room this week:**

**Sundays:** At 9.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy. **After Mass** tea and coffee.

**Mondays: Knit a Bit:** 10.00am until 12 noon.

**6.30pm SVP Meeting.** New members welcome.

**Tuesdays: 7.30pm** All Hallows Community Choir

**Fridays: 1.30pm to 3pm** Exercise Class will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi, followed by tea, biscuits and chat. All ages and abilities most welcome. Cost £2

**St Mary Magdalen's** school are looking for a lunchtime assistant. Please see the LCC site for the advert and to download an application form. Alternatively, contact the school office on 01772 742351.

**Volunteering at St Mary Magdalen's School:** The impact that our volunteers have in school is amazing and we are so grateful to the volunteers we have. We would however always appreciate more. If you feel that you would enjoy hearing children read, testing spellings or supporting in group work please contact us. We give lots of guidance and full induction so please do not think lack of experience would be a barrier, it really wouldn't. Please contact us if you think you could help. Thank you. Mrs Gallagher.

**St Teresa:** Knit-a-Bit recommences on Monday 7th January and exercise classes on Friday 11th January.

**KSC:** We have our monthly meeting in the Romero Room on Wednesday the 9th of January .

**ST MM + ST T :** On the 12th and 13th of January there will be a SPUC collection after most of the church services

**Knit-a-Bit** update Since you last heard from us, we have been so busy supplying International Aid with jumpers for overseas babies that they have said they don't need any more for the foreseeable future. As a result we found another project to knit for. We have helped to kit out the ambulances in the North West with hats and blankets for new-born babies who need to be taken to hospital quickly. We also made the display of knitted and crocheted poppies outside St Teresa's and inside St Mary Magdalen's. That done we have now found an outlet for seafarers

who are in need of hats and, closer to home, we are knitting hats and scarves for the homeless. In between all this, a lot of us have our own projects which we continue to make. If you feel you would like to come and see what we are doing, why not call in and have a chat, a drink and a biscuit - it could become a habit as it is catching!! Happy New Year.

**St Oswalds: This weekend is the Baptism of Zack Oliver Worrall, Imogen Grace Waters and Eliza Rae Waters.**

**St Oswald's RED BOXES;** Many thanks for your generosity . We counted more than £670 in Dec. and your boxes are available for collection. There are some new blank labelled boxes available for anyone who would like to join us in this very painless way of contributing to the missions. Next collection in June.

**St. Oswald Caritas** Group are planning a visit to the Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool on Thursday 21st. March 2019 with a conducted tour and mid-day Mass. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the Anglican Cathedral. The visit is open to members of all three Parishes. Full details will be published in the newsletter soon.

**LOURDES Pilgrimage.** Still places left. 20th October 2019 5days. Staying at the Eliseo 4\* hotel, full board £575, extra for a single. Tel. Dorothy for details 01772 742927

Primary School Admissions 2019/20 The closing date for September 2019 admission applications is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Apply online [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**Our Synod 2020 Prayer**

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us.

Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways

to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.