

THIS WEEKEND	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 19th January	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	6.30pm	St T	John Wilson, Marie Wilson
20th January	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Bernard Hamilton
	9.30am	St T	Kathleen Lering, Alan Ridehalgh Dianne Oxberry
	11.00am	St MM	Mabel Farrell, Jack Brereton
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>			
Mon 21st January St Agnes	9.15am	St T	Deceased Priests + Religious
	9.30am	St O	Kevin O Connell
Tues 22nd January	9.30am	St O	Thanksgiving for prayers received, JB
Wed 23rd January	9.30am	St MM	Marie Corrigan
Thu 24th January St Francis de Sales	9.30am	St O	Roy Tilling
	7.00pm	St T	Bernard Eland
Fri 25th January The Conversion of St Paul	9.15am	St T	Albert + Florence Margaret Dawson
	10.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Kathleen Ashton
NEXT WEEKEND	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 26th January	5.00pm	St O	John Formby Winifred Mary Laraway
	6.30pm	St T	John Grant, Geraldine Valentine John + Delia Cunningham
27th January	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	9.30am	St T	Salomea Rowinska, Leo Bedworth Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Brenda Sturrock, John Green Costello-Hearn Family

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

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## The CATHOLIC CHURCH in PENWORTHAM + LONGTON

**St Mary Magdalen, St Oswald, St Teresa**

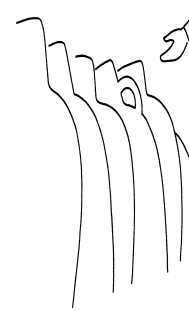
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## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th January 2019



**‘Your words are Spirit, Lord, and they are life.’**

We begin the Sundays of Ordinary Time in Year C with readings that remind us of God’s eternal relationship of love for his people. The imagery of a wedding as a symbol of that everlasting bond is used in both the First Reading and the Gospel.

The Prophet Isaiah paints a poetic picture of how the Jewish people in exile will be delivered from their suffering. God delights in his people and the intimacy of that love is compared to the way that a bridegroom rejoices in his bride. **(First Reading)**

This relationship of rejoicing is mirrored in the way that the **Psalmist** describes his love for God.

In the **Second Reading**, the Church in Corinth hears how God’s Spirit of love is at work in each of them, in very different ways. There are many gifts and talents in the community, but they are united in this one Spirit. Paul would later teach the Corinthians that Christ is married to the Church.

This first **Gospel** reading of Ordinary Time is from the Gospel of John. The wedding at Cana sets the scene for the beginning of Jesus’s ministry in the world. This passage is full of symbolic meaning. Although the scene is a wedding, the imagery is not of Jesus as bridegroom, but as a guest who brings new wine to the wedding feast. He will fulfil the promises of the old prophets. Later he will become the bridegroom who rejoices in his bride, the Church.

Let us pray that we will be drawn into a deeper relationship with the God who rejoices in each one of us.

**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 £3

**SPUC** and the Knights of St Columba would like to thank the parish for their generosity in the retiring collection last Saturday/Sunday. We were able to send off £480 to support this cause. Please remember them also in your prayers each month.

**St. Teresa's** Parish Centre at 7-30 pm on Friday 8 February. Father Roy and Father Michael have arranged a barn dance and hot pot supper for all those parishioners who are involved in the running of the church who give their time and help to support the three churches throughout the year. Tickets are free to All HELPERS and are now available to collect from the sacristy of each Church.

**St Teresa's Bereavement Tea and Chat:** The next afternoon will be Sunday January 27th 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 Bereavement Care Team**

There will be a meeting of the team on Bereavement Care team on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm following the 7pm mass. This is to review the last 15 months and plan head for the future.

The bereavement care team provide

1. A welcoming meet and greet at funerals for families and their friends, many of whom have travelled a long distance or are visiting our church for the first time.
2. We visit bereaved parishioners as required.
3. We hold a tea and chat session on the last Sunday of each month.

More help is always needed, If you can help with any of the above or would like to know more about this wonderful Ministry of Consolation, please come along to the meeting of the Bereavement Care Team, you will be most welcome.

**St. Teresa's** Ladies Association - The A.G.M will be held on Tuesday 12 February at 7-30 pm. All Welcome

**St. Mary Magdalen's Church.** The One Voice Choir practice in the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:45p.m. We sing at various places locally and for a variety of occasions. We are always happy to welcome new members. Anyone interested, please contact Margaret Greer – Tel: 01772 745029.

**St Oswald's:** Please pray for Winifred Mary Laraway who passed away last week as well as her family.

**St. Oswald's:** Sunday 20th January following 8.30am Mass/ Tea and coffee and an opportunity to chat in the Parish Hall. From the donations collected over the past few months we have been able to donate nearly £70.00 to the Homeless Drop-in run by the Metanoia Project at St Wilfred's Preston. Many thanks for your support

**St. Oswald's Caritas Group:** Liverpool Cathedrals' trip, Thursday 21st. March. There are information sheets with the details you need regarding this trip at the back of each Church with an envelope for your payment. Please take one of each if you wish to go. Please use the envelope for your £10 and write your name and telephone number either on the envelope or on a piece of paper placed in the envelope. There is also a clip board with a sheet for you to sign if you wish to go - please sign it as soon as possible.

**SYNOD 2020:** There will be a coach provided for parishioners from all three churches who wish to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Synod at the Cathedral on Sunday 3rd February at 3pm. The ceremony will last about an hour and be led by Archbishop Malcolm, the Synod members will be mandated to undertake their training and work on behalf of their parishes and Pastoral Areas. If you wish to avail yourself of the coach please sign up for this at the back of church by Monday 28th January.

**Churches Together** in Penwortham. On Sunday 20th January there is a Unity Service at St Leonard's Church Pope Lane at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to join our fellow Christians at this service