

THIS WEEKEND	4th Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 30th March	5.00pm	St O	Joan Rainford
	6.30pm	St T	Mary Garner (A)
Sun 31st March	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Grainne Gannon
	9.30am	St T	Christopher + Mary Atherton
	11.00am	St MM	Charles + Helen Lanigan Yvonne Roberts
Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 1st April	9.15am	St T	Joe Harris
	9.30am	St O	Becky Henderson
Tues 2nd April	9.30am	St O	Parishioners
Wed 3rd April	9.30am	St MM	Gloria Harris
	1.30pm	St T	Requiem Mass: Louise Summer
Thu 4th April	9.30am	St O	Parishioners
	7.00pm	St T	Tom Rigby
Fri 5th April	9.15am	St T	Sid Simpson (A)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
NEXT WEEKEND	5th Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 6th April	10.00am	St T	Confessions
	5.00pm	St O	Special Intention (W)
	6.30pm	St T	Mary Lidis (A)
Sun 7th April	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners of the Parish
	11.00am	St MM	Rachael Robinson (LD) Philippa + Yvonne Roberts

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

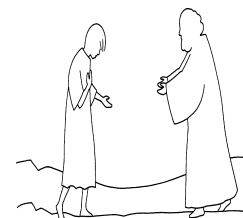
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Fourth Sunday of Lent 31st March 2019

**Rejoice! This child of mine was lost,
and is found!**

Laetare ('Rejoice!') Sunday is a day of joyful celebration in the middle of our Lenten journey. Today we rejoice in God's outpouring of compassion and forgiveness for us, as we remember that we are *loved* sinners.

In the **First Reading** the Israelites celebrate Passover in the Promised Land. Though they no longer need the manna they ate in the wilderness, they are still totally dependent on the God who provides for them.

The **Psalm** invites us to taste and see the Lord's goodness – to glorify the One who hears us, frees us and rescues us from our distress.

St Paul tells how God has reconciled himself with the whole of humanity through Christ, who has taken on our sinfulness so we might show God to others. Our task now is to be ambassadors – to continue God's great work of reconciliation by sharing the good news. (**Second Reading**)

In the **Gospel** story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus gives a wonderful picture of that same loving reconciliation in action, as we see the height and depth of a father's compassion for his penitent child. This is how much God loves us, too: so much that he yearns and waits to welcome us home with joy when we turn to him in repentance. Today's leaflet stops at v. 24, but we should take time to read on to the end of the story. Perhaps we, too, can sometimes respond a little like the aggrieved elder brother?

As Lent continues, let's pray that we might become increasingly aware of God's compassionate gaze on us, and to ask for his help in seeing others with that same generous, loving regard, regardless of who they are.

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

This weekend there will be a second collection for Nugent.

With You Always: Our 1st communion programme continues with Session 5: Mon 29th April 6.30pm (St O), Tues 30th 6.30pm (St T) Sun 5th May following the 9.30am Mass (St T) Sun 5th May following the 11.00am Mass (St MM).

Fairtrade at St Mary Magdalen's: Packets of tea are now available to buy. Besides being delicious, this tea helps to provide education, healthcare and clean water for those who produce it and their communities.

St Mary Magdalen Church Hall Hire (PR1 9QQ) Monday and Friday Evenings 6.30 - 10.30pm available for hire on a one off or a regular basis . Please contact Eamon on Tel : 749527 for more information.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: There are a few places left for the Lourdes trip. October 20th 2019 for 5 days. Full board £575. extra for a single room. Please contact Dorothy on 01772 742927. The HOLY LAND Pilgrimage is now fully booked. Please would all travellers (for both Pilgrimages) make sure they have a full six months validity on their passports, from the date they return back to the UK. Thank you.

St Teresa Bereavement Tea and Chat: Sunday March 31st 3.00-4.00pm at St Teresa's Church in the Romero Room. Please invite those who would find it helpful, not just the recently bereaved, all are welcome.

St Teresa: Offertory envelopes for 2019-2020 are now available for collection. Please collect from church as soon as you can.

St Teresa Synod 2020: Sunday 31st March will be the Fourth of our Lenten reflections (a copy is inside the bulletin this week.) The suggestion is that it be used for private prayer and reflection or reflect in a parish group. For those wishing to reflect with others please come to the Romero Room at **2.00 pm**.

St. Teresa's Lenten Soup Lunch will be Friday 12 April at 12-30 pm in the Parish Centre. Selection of home-made soups/roll and fruit scone with tea/coffee for £3-50 with proceeds all for CAFOD . Come along and meet with your friends.

St. Teresa's Ladies Assoc meet again on Tuesday 9 April at 7-30 pm with a talk and demonstration by Tiger Muffin Soaps. Adm £1.50 to include refreshments. All Welcome

8th Penwortham Scout Group Penwortham Farmers Market

Penwortham Farmers Market: Is held at St Teresa's Scout Hut, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS on the 1st Saturday of the month. The next market is Saturday 6th April 2019 The market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, Fresh Fish, Jams, Coffee, Plants, Chocolate, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Crafts and much much more.

St Oswald's Parish Dinner; all places are now filled. Would those attending please write their menu choices on the list at the back of Church against their name. Any queries please ring Bernadette on 614198.

Stations of the Cross: St MM Wednesday's after 9:30am Mass; St T Thursday 6.30pm followed by Mass; St O Friday 9am followed by Mass 9.30am

SOC Family Bingo - Friday 12th. April. This is for everyone, with children being particularly welcome. There will be an extra game for under 15's only before the interval. The doors open at 6-30pm with eyes down at 7-00pm. We intend to finish by 9-30pm at the latest. There is also a raffle. There is a box at the back of St. Oswald's for the donation of prizes. We are very grateful for your generosity.

SOC Lunch Club. The next one is also on Friday 12th. April - moved because the following Friday is Good Friday. Food is served from 12-00 till 1-00pm. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Oswald's Ladies: The next meeting will be an illustrated talk by Steve Halliwell, entitled 'The Cotswold Triangle'. This is a must for all garden lovers. Come along on Monday 8 April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Easter Mass Times

Service of Reconciliation:

St Oswald Sat 13th April at 11.00am
St Teresa Monday 15th April 7.00pm

Holy Thursday. Mass of the Last Supper

St Oswald Thursday 18th April at 6.30pm
St Teresa Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm

Good Friday. Liturgy of the Passion.

St Mary Magdalen 19th April 12.00 Noon
St Oswald Friday 19th April 3.00pm
St Teresa Friday 19th April 3.00pm

The Easter Vigil:

St Teresa Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm
St Oswald Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm

Easter Sunday :

St Oswald's Sunday 21st April 8.30am
St Teresa Sunday 21st April 9.30am
St Mary Magdalen 21st April 11.00am