

THIS WEEKEND	5th Sunday of Lent		Year C
Sat 6th April	10.00am	St T	Confessions
	5.00pm	St O	Special Intention (W), Frances Duignan
	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
Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 8th April	9.15am	St T	Margaret + Frederick Brown
	9.30am	St O	Jim Lowery
	11.00am	St T	Requiem Mass: Peter Gavin
Tues 9th April	9.30am	St O	Peter Gavin
Wed 10th April	9.30am	St MM	Sheila Burke
Thu 11th April	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	10.45am	St T	Requiem Mass: Denis Joseph Smith
	7.00pm	St T	Deceased Priests + Religious
Fri 12th April	9.15am	St T	Tony McGuinness
	9.30am	St O	Parishioners' Intention
NEXT WEEKEND	Palm Sunday		Year C
Sat 13th April	11.00am	St O	Service of Reconciliation
	5.00pm	St O	Peter Gavin, John Turner
	6.30pm	St T	Brian Ollerton, John Wilson
Sun 14th April	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Violet + Harry Singleton
	9.30am	St T	Joan Rose, Lily Grant Margaret + Don Goodwin
	11.00am	St MM	Gloria Harris, Parishioners


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St Mary Magdalen, St Oswald, St Teresa

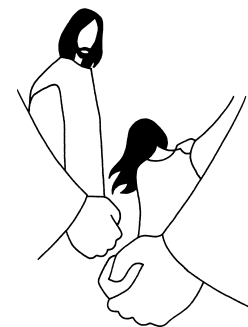
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

7th April 2019



Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you.'

Having journeyed through Lent for four weeks, I may well feel in need of the reassuring words of Isaiah (**First Reading**). Just as the Lord promised to give abundant water to sustain the exiles from Babylon on their journey home, he will also guide me through the rest of Lent, supporting me with spiritual food and drink.

In gratitude, I pray the response to the **Psalm**: 'What marvels the Lord worked for me, indeed I am glad', recalling the joy of the exiles as they returned to their country.

Paul reminds us that 'nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus'. He is aware that he needs not try for perfection by his own efforts. I take comfort in this, and forgetting the past, look forward to what is still to come (**Second Reading**).

Jesus defuses a tense and potentially violent situation by forgiving the woman who sinned, and then turning the tables on her accusers: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her' (**Gospel**). Although he does not condemn her, she is to 'go away and not sin any more'.

Perhaps this helps me in these last days of Lent to pray to the Lord that he be 'my Saviour again and renew my joy'. I may also want to pray for all those people around me who still feel in exile, that the expectation of new life at Easter might help them to come home.

The Romero Room this week:

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

St Oswald's 13th April 11.00am Service of Reconciliation

St Oswald's: Bereavement Tea and Chat Sunday 14th April 3-4pm in the Parish hall. All Welcome

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: Many thanks to everyone who bought Fairtrade tea, coffee, fruit, cookies, a "real " Easter egg or other goods over the last 3 weeks at St Mary Magdalen's We have just one packet of tea left out of the 18 !

St Teresa Knit a Bit: There will be no meeting on the 8th April, 22nd April and 6th May

St Teresa SVP: There will be no meeting on 15th April, 22nd April and 6th May.

St Teresa: KSC meeting Wednesday 10th April 8.00pm in the Romero room.

St Teresa: If you're a by-envelope donor, have you collected your new set of envelopes? The unclaimed boxes are on the pew in front of the Lady Altar. Thank you.

St Teresa Synod 2020: Sunday 31st March will be the Fifth 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 **3.00 pm**.

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

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.

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

Saint Oswald's Caritas Group - the next Lunch Club is this Friday 12th. April serving from 12-00 -1-00pm. we look forward to seeing you there.

SOC Family Bingo. This also takes place this Friday 12th. April. Doors open at 6-30pm with 'eyes down' at 7-00pm. The prizes are very good and there is also a raffle and we are very grateful to all the people who have donated such good prizes. This is intended to be a family event with a special game for all the under 15's. again, 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.

Churches Together in Penwortham: Monday 8th April, at St Teresa's Church (Romero room) on Queensway, starting at 7.45pm, to begin the detailed planning for Gala. Please can I urge everyone to come along then, and to bring some good ideas, preferably some new ideas, as to what we can do on June 8th.

Lourdes Youth Group - July 2019. Meeting for anyone going to Lourdes this year who is willing to be involved in fundraising, Sunday 14th 4pm in Romero Room. Any problems email Philippa - Pippa.laney@gmail.com. Many thanks look forward to seeing you there!

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. Please would all travellers make sure they have a full six months validity on their passports, from the date they return back to the UK. Thank you.

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