

THIS WEEKEND		Fifth Sunday of Lent		Year A
Sat 28th March	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Peter Gavin (A)	
Sun 29th March	9.30am	St O	Bert & Barbara Sheepwash	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners Mary Garner (A) Bridie Clancy	
Divine Office 1				
Mon 30th March	9.30am	St T	Terence Donnelly	
	9.30am	St O	Celia McNicholas	
Tues 31st March	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Austin Watson	
Wed 1st April	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Thu 2nd April	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Fri 3rd April	9.30am	St T	Simon Osborne	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		Palm Sunday		Year A
Sat 4th April	9.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Thomas Rigby Parishioners	
Sun 5th April	9.30am	St O	Mary Lidis (A)	
	9.30am	St T	Deceased members of the O'Connor + O'Sullivan families Sis Simpson (A) Parishioners	

Masses will continue to be said in the parish without the faithful, i.e. no public attendance.

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With the Lord there is Mercy and Redemption

Although our liturgy brings us nearer this week to the climax of Passiontide, our readings are full of hope and life.

In our **First Reading**, the people of Israel are exiled in Babylon. The prophet tells them that God will put a new spirit in them and raise them from their graves.

The **Psalm** is a prayer of trust in God, who is full of mercy and compassion. He will redeem Israel.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul tells us that because we have received the Spirit of Christ, then 'he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies.'

The **Gospel** unites all these themes of mercy and trust, of death and life, of redemption and resurrection, in the miracle of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This great sign of Jesus being 'the resurrection and the life' leads us into the coming weeks.

As we contemplate these readings this week, may we draw closer to our Lord and accompany him as he sets his face towards Jerusalem.

Currently the Church doors are closed at the moment, due to the pandemic of the coronavirus. Also, all church groups are suspended until further notice.

St Teresa Food Bank: Please note you can no longer drop off collections at the church. If you have any donations please bring donations to Penwortham Food Bank, Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, PR1 9EQ on Thursday 1.30 or Friday 1.00. Failing that, please use the box at Booths.

Pray As You Go app: provides a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time. A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Search for "Pray as you go" in the Google Play or Apple store to download for free.

To receive the weekly newsletter by email, please email your details to the parish office: penwortham@rcaolp.co.uk

Celebrations of Holy Mass

Fr. Roy / Fr. Michael will continue to celebrate Mass in a church within our parishes without the faithful on a daily basis. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church. **Please note the Mass times at St Teresa's church & St. Oswald's church will be at 9.30 each day, until further notice.**

Anointing of the Sick:

No pastoral visits are to be made to people who are self-isolating until the isolation period ends. Phone support is available.

Funerals:

The funeral service is to take place at the graveside or at a crematorium. Arrangements can be made later, for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.

Communion to the sick.

Communion should only be given to the sick in danger of death, by Priest.

Volunteering: To guarantee we are all working in line with government directions and within the appropriate safety frameworks, please visit Lancashire Volunteer Partnership : <https://lancsvp.org.uk/about-lvp/>

Support: This website can also be used for anyone who may be in any sort of social need; i.e. food or medicine, during this pandemic.

In Penwortham you can also call John on 07557945624 or Alice on 07756940097 for local support or to volunteer.

A Prayer in the time of danger and illness:

God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present, helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the Sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. AMEN

Invocation of Our Lady

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Prayer for the Household

Hear us, Lord, and send your angel from heaven to visit and protect, to comfort and defend all who live in this house. Amen

Mass at St Teresa can be viewed live through the webcam:

<http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

or by scanning the QR code.

