

THIS WEEKEND		Palm Sunday		Year A	
Sat 4th April	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention		
	9.30am	St T	Thomas Rigby Parishioners		
Sun 5th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:30am	St O	Mary Lidis (A)		
	9.30am	St T	Deceased members of the O'Connor + O'Sullivan families Sid Simpson (A) Parishioners		
Divine Office 2					
Mon 6th April	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Jeff Reid Shelia Barton		
Tues 7th April	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention		
Wed 8th April	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Mary Alice Crighton		
Thu 9th April <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7.00pm 7.00pm	St T St O	Mass of the Lord's Supper Mass of the Lord's Supper		
Fri 10th April <i>Good Friday</i>	3.00pm 3.00pm	St T St O	Liturgy of the Passion Liturgy of the Passion		
NEXT WEEKEND		Easter Sunday		Year A	
Sat 11th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8.00pm	St O	Parishioners of the Parish, past and present.		
	8.00pm	St T	Parishioners of the Parish, past and present.		
Sun 12th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:30am	St O	Parishioners of the Parish, past and present.		
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners of the Parish, past and present, Tony McGuinness, Margaret & Don Goodwin		

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

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Palm Sunday 5th April 2020

**Let every tongue acclaim Jesus Christ
as Lord!**

This Sunday we begin the prayer of Holy Week as Jesus enters Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, accompanied by crowds shouting joyfully 'Hosanna!' and waving palm branches. Very soon, the mood of the people changes and their cry is 'Crucify him!' (**Gospel**). We accompany Jesus as he goes to his death.

The other readings help us to understand what is happening.

We see that Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies of the suffering servant from Isaiah; in the face of his Passion, he knows and trusts that the Father will help him (**First Reading**).

Psalm 21 (22) moves from utter dejection: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' to praise and trust in God: 'Give him glory ... revere him'! You may wish to read the whole psalm from your Bible during Holy Week to understand the prayer that Jesus prayed from the cross.

St Paul's explanation of the meaning of Jesus's incarnation, death and Resurrection ends with a firm declaration of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (**Second Reading**).

Even as we find ourselves confined and isolated, walking in sorrow with Jesus this Holy Week, we look forward to Easter joy in his Resurrection, the ultimate victory over death and suffering.

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 check Penwortham Food Bank's Facebook page for drop off times. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/PenworthamFoodBank/>

Palm Crosses: On Palm Sunday, palm crosses will be blessed at St Teresa's and St Oswald's Churches. These will be made available to parishioners at a later date, when it is safe to reconvene in the church for Mass.

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 the Apple 'App store' to download for free.

To receive the weekly newsletter and other updates 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. **As we enter Holy Week & Easter, please check the Mass times at St Teresa's Church & St. Oswald's.**

Holy week information to follow (electronically) later.

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 (with a limited number of people) 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.



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 left.

If the picture 'freezes' then please refresh the screen to resume watching.

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

<https://lancsvp.org.uk/>

For the 'Lancashire Volunteer Telephone Befriending' use this web address, <https://lancsvp.org.uk/opportunities/community-support-befriender-south-ribble/>

This is to help anyone who isolated or vulnerable and in need of any support.

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

Please do call John or Alice, they are waiting for your calls.

If either is engaged please call the other number, or try again later.

Recent Deaths: Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, the people who have recently died and are connected to St Oswald's, are: Austin Watson, Neil Smith and Celia McNicholas (sister of Deacon Leo).

Also, from St Mary Magdalen's' Patricia Williams (96) has died.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May the soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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



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