

THIS WEEKEND		Second Sunday of Easter (Day of Divine Mercy )		Year A
Sat 18th April	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Josef Bischof	
Sun 19th April	9:30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Hector Battarbee, Sid Simpson and Parishioners	
Divine Office 2				
Mon 20th April	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly	
Tues 21st April	9.30am	St T	Karen Cassidy	
	9.30am	St O	John Colin Wildman	
Wed 22nd April	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Frances Winifred Walmsley	
Thu 23rd April	9.30am	St T	Margaret + Thomas Conway (A)	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Fri 24th April	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		Third Sunday of Easter		Year A
Sat 25th April	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Sun 26th April	9:30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners, Marion Dowling Gary O'Brien	

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

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## 2nd Sunday of Easter 19th April 2020

**His love has no end!**

At the heart of today's Easter liturgy, we witness God's unending love and mercy at work in the midst of very human doubt and weakness.

In the **Gospel**, the risen Christ appears amongst the disciples in their hiding place. Blessed with the Holy Spirit, they are sent out to spread Christ's message of love, forgiveness and peace. Thomas is not with them and cannot believe what they tell him, but eight days later, Jesus returns and the reality of resurrection is revealed to Thomas in a personal way.

The **Second Reading** reminds us that the resurrection has reclaimed our birth-right as children of God. We are encouraged to be mindful and joyful at this reality. This changes us and everything forever. Even in the trials and anxieties of the times we are living through, faith will always be enough.

The **First Reading** shows how the Early Church, filled with the Spirit of the risen Christ, lived out its faith. Its members are united in the breaking of bread, communal prayer, a spirit of shared generosity, and in compassionate acts of love. This is the life we are called to live too, even as today we face the challenge of maintaining our bonds of fellowship when we can no longer safely gather as a community. Christ is with us totally in the suffering of our longing to be together again.

At one with the Easter spirit of the Early Church, let's pray for each other, and especially for those facing trials because of their health or isolation. May we remain joyful in the certain knowledge of God's great mercy that has made us his children.

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's church:** There is to be a Novena to end the Coronavirus at St Teresa's church, starting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April and ending on Sunday 3rd May, inclusive. The Novena will be at 7.00pm each night for the nine consecutive nights. Please join in with the novena on the webcam. It is not essential to have a set of rosary beads, although that would be great, as you can just enjoy being spiritually present.

**To receive the weekly newsletter and other updates by email, please email your details to the parish office: [penwortham@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto: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.

**St Oswald's Mass Intentions** can be arranged by phone, by emailing the parish or by placing the intention through the Presbytery letter box. (Donations for Masses can be included in envelopes or can be sorted out later.)

**St Oswald's Cemetery:** During this time there may be occasions when access to the cemetery is restricted when the grass is being cut by the grounds maintenance contractor. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**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, that from St Teresa's, Roy Brooks has recently died, and from St Oswald's, Bernice Cowburn has recently 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 their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



**St Mary Magdalen, St Teresa + St Oswald's website:**  
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### **An Act of Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

I love you, my Jesus: never permit me to be separated from You. **AMEN.**

### **Synod 2020 Prayer:**

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us  
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us  
that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020

help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us.

Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways  
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **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.**



**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.*