

THIS 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, Bernard Clarke.
Divine Office 3			
Mon 27th April	9.30am	St T	Roy Brooks (LD)
	9.30am	St O	John Harrison
Tues 28th April	9.30am	St T	Holy Souls
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Wed 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am	St T	Mary Turner (LD)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Thu 30th April	9.30am	St T	Gordon Inglis (LD), Robert Clarke.
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Fri 1st May	9.30am	St T	Successful operation
	9.30am	St O	Robert James Smyth
NEXT WEEKEND		Fourth Sunday of Easter	Year A
Sat 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St T	Francis Michael (Mick) Ferns
Sun 3rd May	9:30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners, Robert Crompton (A) Lynne Margaret Edwards

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

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3rd Sunday of Easter 26th April 2020

Did our hearts not burn within us ...?

Our readings this Sunday are full of the firm faith in the resurrection of Jesus, both in the teachings of St Peter and in the witness of the disciples in Emmaus.

The **First Reading** gives us the first part of Peter's rousing address to the crowd at Pentecost. Filled with the Spirit, he tells them about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and how all of this was a result of God's plan.

He quotes Psalm 15 (16), our **Responsorial Psalm**, in which the resurrection of Jesus is fulfilled – *you will not leave my soul among the dead*.

The **Second Reading**, St Peter again, is a reminder that we have been ransomed by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Our faith and hope are based in the God who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory.

The **Gospel** gives us the moving story of the two disciples who meet the risen Jesus on the way to Emmaus. They only recognize him in 'the breaking of bread.'

Like the disciples, may we find the Lord this week in whatever difficult circumstances we experience.

St Teresa's church: There is to be a Novena to end the Coronavirus at St Teresa's church, starting on Saturday 25th 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.

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.

Synod 2020 Update:

In the light of the changes COVID-19 has brought to our lives, we reflect on the kind of Church God is calling us to be.

During these days of isolation and social distancing we are experiencing different ways of being Church. Our prayer and worship has become transformed as we gather remotely, online, from our own home. Our sense of community is challenged as we find creative and new ways of coming together to meet, to socialise, to work, or to check in on each other. As we live through this difficult and different time, with its many struggles and challenges, we invite you to reflect on what our Synod can learn from our experiences.

Visit www.synod2020.co.uk and click Submit a Proposal to watch the reflection and share your ideas. The closing date for submissions is Monday 4 May.

Please continue to pray for Synod 2020.

Church Offerings / Gift Aid / Online Giving:

Due the Covid-19 coronavirus, the churches have been locked now for some weeks, and this will continue for some time to come. A number of Parishioners have been asking "What should we be doing with our Gift Aid envelopes?" & others have asked, "How can we hand in our offerings for the Church?"

There are no easy answers to these questions with the current lockdown in place.

If you have any queries/questions with regard to Gift Aid, then please ring the presbytery or email us using the email address on the front of this newsletter.

Please do not ring Andy or anyone else, about Gift Aid.

Some Parishioners have already handed in some of their Gift Aid envelopes and we have also received offering's (cash/cheques) in envelopes, to the presbytery. Thank you, this is very helpful and much appreciated.

Standing order forms may be an answer, we are looking into this as an option.

At this present moment we are not able to complete the Gift Aid, Tax Year-end donation letters, due to the lockdown.

The Liverpool Archdiocese are also looking at Offerings & Gift Aid donations, and in particular, they are looking at the development of a digital giving function. The systems are being developed and are undergoing tests.

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



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.

Recent Deaths: Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that from St Teresa's, Gordon Inglis & Francis Michael Fernes have 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.

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 during the Coronavirus lockdown there is a variety of local support available from our parishioners:

1. If you need someone to do your shopping for you, collect a prescription, post mail, make a friendly phone call or drop off urgent supplies please get in touch with, John Topping **07557 945624** or Alice Pennington **07756 940097**. They have a team of volunteers who are more than happy to help. As example, if you were unable to get to the shops or feel safer to stay at home if you're vulnerable, you can give them a call and they can set you up with someone from the group who would be able to take a list of what you wanted and drop that off at your house.

2. **IMPORTANT** - We have become aware of some people without Internet access or smart phones, who are now unable to attend mass (via webcam) or read the newsletter. If you are aware of anyone who is in this position or even if you think they may be, please **contact Alice or John** and they can arrange getting a newsletter delivered each week and ensure this person is aware of the support available. Even if you think someone may be on our records it is definitely still worth getting in touch as they may not be.

3. **All Hallows Catholic High School Food Bank** are organising and delivering food parcels for those families in need as a result of the coronavirus lock down. It is very likely that some families are not aware that help and assistance is available. Again, please spread the word that help is available. They can be contacted on:

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