

| THIS WEEKEND | | Fifth Sunday of Easter | | Year A |
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| Sat 9th May | 9.30am | St O | First Holy Communion Children and Families | |
| | 9.30am | St T | First Holy Communion Children and families Bill Power (A), Connie Matthews (BD) | |
| Sun 10th May | 9:30am | St O | Parishioners' Intentions | |
| | 9.30am | St T | John Connolly (A) Parishioners | |
| Divine Office 1 | | | | |
| Mon 11th May | 9.30am | St T | Roy Brooks, Margaret Roscoe (A) | |
| | 9.30am | St O | Michael Kelly | |
| Tues 12th May | 9.30am | St T | Kevin Slater (BD) | |
| | 9.30am | St O | Simon Ashcroft, Violet & Harry Singleton | |
| Wed 13th May <i>Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King</i> | 9.30am | St T | Robert Clarke | |
| | 9.30am | St O | John Colin Wildman | |
| Thu 14th May <i>St Matthias</i> | 9.30am | St T | Tony McGuinness | |
| | 9.30am | St O | Frances Winifred Walmsley | |
| Fri 15th May | 9.30am | St T | Peter Warner (Sick) | |
| | 9.30am | St O | Deceased Members of the Clergy | |
| NEXT WEEKEND | | Sixth Sunday of Easter | | Year A |
| Sat 16th May | 9.30am | St O | Linda Owens | |
| | 9.30am | St T | First Holy Communion Children and Families | |
| Sun 17th May | 9:30am | St O | Linda Owens | |
| | 9.30am | St T | Margaret Donnelly, Parishioners | |

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

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5th Sunday of Easter 10th May 2020

Ring out your joy to the Lord!

This week's readings speak powerfully of faith, hope and trust in God. During the coming week and for the weeks ahead, God's word inspires, sustains and encourages us as we continue to live with the impacts of current events. We learn how the early church devised a way to ensure the fair sharing of food and material necessities among all the faithful, so that the apostles could continue preaching and teaching about Jesus (**First Reading**). They accomplished this task with prayer, seeking wisdom from the Holy Spirit in their decision-making.

St Peter (**Second Reading**) speaks of the difficulties of living without faith, and rejoices that those who are believers can be close to Jesus and become a holy people living in the light of God.

We are reminded that our hope is in God who is faithful, who loves justice and right, and who seeks to rescue the people who hope in his love (*Psalms*). I am invited to remember God as the source of my hope in difficulty, and to offer praise and thanksgiving with joy.

The **Gospel** is part of Jesus's farewell to his disciples. Although he will leave them physically, he asks them not to be troubled, to trust in God. He invites us also to trust. We will not be left alone, but will know our Risen Lord as the Way, the Truth and the Life, and be enabled to live the way, truth and life of Jesus for others. I may like to ponder how am I making my decisions during this difficult time? Perhaps I am called to try to spend some time each day with Jesus, growing closer to him and his values.

I ask Jesus for the grace to live this week in hope, trust and joy.

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.

Church Offerings / Gift Aid / Online Giving:

Thank you to all who have already handed in some of their Gift Aid envelopes and we have also received offering's (cash/cheques) in envelopes, to the presbytery. If you have any envelopes dated 5th April or before and you could hand them into the presbytery, then this would be most helpful and much appreciated. This will assist us with completing our gift aid return and will allow us to complete your year end donation letter.

Standing order forms for are now available, please email the office if you would like one, or if you have any other enquiries regarding envelopes/gift aid please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

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.



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

First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme 2020

Please remember in your prayers the children from our three primary schools of St Oswald's, St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's who were due to make their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks. This important day in their lives has been delayed. Please continue to pray for them as we look towards a day when we can all celebrate together.

"Risen Jesus, the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognized you in the breaking of the bread. Help us to see you in the people we meet, in the Scriptures we hear, and in the Eucharist that we will receive." Amen

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 contact them and they would collect your shopping list and return with the goods to 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: **lco@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk** or **acn@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk**

Recent Deaths: Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that from St. Mary Magdalen's & St. Teresa's parish, Margaret Jones, Joseph Maddigan, and Mary Jane McKay have recently died. Also Josephine Iddon from St. Oswald's parish; her funeral is on 12th May in the cemetery.

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.