

THIS 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	Bill Turner (A), Linda Owens
	9.30am	St T	Margaret Donnelly, Betty Worrall, Parishioners
<b>Divine Office 2</b>			
Mon 18th May	9.30am	St T	All Sick People
	9.30am	St O	Fr. Kevin Ashton
Tues 19th May	9.30am	St T	Julie Ramsden (Nicholson)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Wed 20th May	9.30am	St T	Lynne Margaret Edwards
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Thu 21st May <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9.30am	St T	Charlotte Conlon, Bernard Whalley (RIP) & His Family, Fr Austin Griffin (80th B/D)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Fri 22nd May	9.30am	St T	Betty Worrall (LD), Joe Maddigan (LD)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
NEXT WEEKEND			
Seventh Sunday of Easter		Year A	
Sat 23rd May	9.30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	John Turner (LD)
Sun 24th May	9:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	May Tipping, Mabel Farrell, Parishioners

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

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## 6th Sunday of Easter 17th May 2020

**Speak out with a voice of joy ... the Lord has set his people free!**

Even though we remain conscious of the real trauma that many continue to struggle with today, there is a sense of joy in this week's readings. We hear of it arising from the marvellous acts of the apostles (today's **First Reading**), and also in the *Psalms*, a hymn rejoicing in the great things the Lord has done for his people.

In the same way, we have a taste of this joy in the **Gospel** promise: the Spirit will be given to us, and the Lord will be in us and we in the Lord. Even the sufferings meted out to the followers of Christ (**Second Reading**) could not diminish their gratitude for the Lord. This was bound up in the hope of the Resurrection which gave them, as it today gives us, the reason to respect one another and to reverence the Lord.

This week, let's pray that the trials we have faced over the past months, and the sufferings we continue to endure, will not hold back the life of the Spirit in us. In all things, may we speak with joy of the good things the Lord has done and continues to work in our lives.

**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 Gift Aid envelopes dated 5th April 2020 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.

**St Oswald's Planned Giving:** If any parishioner would like to change their planned giving to a standing order to make things easier then please contact me. I can email / send you a standing order mandate form with the required information to fill in. Many thanks for your help and prayers as always. Fr. Michael

**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.)



**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](mailto:penwortham@rcaolp.co.uk)**

**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 pandemic 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](mailto:lco@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk) or [acn@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:acn@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk)

**Recent Death:** Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that from St. Mary Magdalen & St. Teresa, Betty Worrall & Patrick Lavelle 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.*