

THIS WEEKEND Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A			
Sat 23rd May	9.30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	John Turner (LD), Malcolm James (RIP)
Sun 24th May	9.30am	St O	Ernest Crichton
	9.30am	St T	May Tipping (A), Mabel Farrell, Parishioners.
Divine Office 3			
Mon 25th May <i>St Bede</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	May Tipping Priest's Intention
Tues 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Inmates & Staff of local prisons Priest's Intention
Wed 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Margaret Nicolson (RIP) & Family Priest's Intention
Thu 28th May	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Gerald (Gerry) Smith (Sick) Priest's Intention
Fri 29th May	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Ken Blanchard (B/D) Bishop Vincent Malone
NEXT WEEKEND Pentecost Sunday Year A			
Sat 30th May	9.30am	St O	Glen Knights (illness)
	9.30am	St T	David Lang
Sun 31st May	9.30am	St O	Robert Michael McClennan
	9.30am	St T	Martin Machin, Parishioners

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

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7th Sunday of Easter 24th May 2020

All these joined in continuous prayer ...

In this time of worldwide fear and uncertainty, we are called to a deepening faith in our Lord, our stronghold and hope. As Christians, we also try to be a beacon of light for our fellow human beings.

The **First Reading** picks up the early Christian story immediately after Jesus's ascension: Mary the mother of Jesus, his disciples and extended family gather in the upper room to await in prayer the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The **Gospel** also takes us back to a special place, the room where the Last Supper took place. Here Jesus prays, making known to his disciples – and to us – the name and teachings of the Father. Eternal life is to know the Father and Christ and their intimate relationship together.

The **Psalm** exudes trust and confidence in the God of the living; it inspires us to seek the Lord's face and get to know him.

In the **Second Reading**, Peter gives his community encouragement as they endure challenges and hard times. He assures them of a special blessing if they live the values of Christ.

As the Easter Season draws to a close, we might pray together:

'Lord, we believe you are indeed our light, help and stronghold in these dark times. May your Holy Spirit comfort us all; and may our relationship of loving trust with you deepen.'

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:

Thank you to all who are handing in their Gift Aid envelopes, and we have also received offering's (cash/cheques) in envelopes, to the presbytery; a big thank you. This is greatly helping the parishes continue, in this most uncertain time of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Gift Aid - For Last Tax Year (2019-2020): If you have any Gift Aid envelopes dated **5th April 2020 or before**, could you (if at all possible) return them to the presbytery in the next few days, 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. We will need to set a cut-off-date at some point in time for this. Following this date, any more of the last (2019-2020) tax years donation envelopes received, will then be carried over into this current (2020-2021) tax year. Thank you for your support and understanding.

St MM & St T's Planned Giving: Over the last few weeks we have had numerous requests for standing order forms. The new standing order forms are now available. Please phone or email the office if you would like to set up a standing order donation. Thank you.

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 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

Bishop Vincent Malone: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bishop Vincent Malone, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus**, who died on Monday 18th May at the Royal Liverpool Hospital aged 88 years.

Archbishop Malcolm has received the following message from Pope Francis on the death of Bishop Vincent Malone:

'His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Vincent Malone, and he sends prayerful condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese. United with you in offering thanks to God for the late Bishop's many years of priestly and episcopal ministry, especially his service to the education of young people, His Holiness commends his soul to the merciful love of our heavenly Father. To all who mourn Bishop Malone's passing in the sure hope of the resurrection, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and consolation in the Risen Lord.'



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.

St MM & St T's - CAFOD: A big thank you from CAFOD for the magnificent sum of £638.83 donated to 'The Lent Family Fast Day' appeal from the parish.

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 contact them and they would collect your shopping list and return with the goods to your house. **The current Newsletter/Bulletin & Sunday Mass sheets can also be delivered locally.**

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

To receive the weekly newsletter and other updates by email, please email: penwortham@rcaolp.co.uk or longton@rcaolp.co.uk