

THIS 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		
Divine Office 1					
Mon 1st June <i>Our Lady, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Stephen Stainton Charlotte Ryalls		
Tues 2nd June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Peter Rainford Maurice Wilson		
Wed 3rd June <i>Saint Charles Lwanga + Companions</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Maurice Wilson Frances Winifred Walmsley		
Thu 4th June <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Sabina McDonagh John Colin Wildman		
Fri 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest’s Intention Deceased Members of the Clergy		
NEXT WEEKEND		Trinity Sunday		Year A	
Sat 6th June	9.30am	St O	Priest’s Intention		
	9.30am	St T	Mary Cobham		
Sun 7th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9:30am	St O	Parishioners		
	9.30am	St T	Patricia Orisakwe, Parishioners		

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

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Pentecost Sunday

31st May 2020

'Peace be with you!'

Pentecost, seen as the birthday of the Christian Church, is the culmination of Eastertide. It is the day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the start of the Church's mission to the world – a mission to bring people to God. We hear of this in the **Gospel**, when the risen Jesus comes to the disciples in the locked room bringing peace. He shows them his wounds, encouraging them to believe that he is indeed risen from the dead, and sends them out.

In the **First Reading** the disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, bringing them courage and the ability to speak different languages. Now they can reach out to all nations, telling the peoples about God.

The **Psalm** praises God's greatness, celebrating all the riches and goodness that the Spirit freely gives to 'renew the face of the earth'.

The **Second Reading** speaks of the gifts that God's Spirit gives to each one of us. Working together in different ways towards a common aim, Paul compares us to a human body – each part working towards the well-being of the whole.

As we celebrate Pentecost and the birthday of the Church, we might like to reflect on the particular role that God has for each one of us. This week, I might ponder the contribution that I myself can make to the mission of the Church, and to all those around me.

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.

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.**

Latest update from Knit-a-Bit: We may have been in lockdown now for more weeks than we might want to count and we haven't been meeting as a group, but our needles haven't been furloughed! We have continued to produce countless items, among them pairs of matching hearts for the hospital. One heart was given to the patient and the matching one went home to family to connect them both. Our ear protectors – a short knitted band to hold elastic away from ears to stop them getting sore - have ended up being given to nursing homes, nurses and midwives in RPH. One lady has sewn several scrub bags for NHS workers as well as face masks which raised a donation for The Anthony Nolan Trust and another has provided bags to nurses to hold their phone and pass. Crocheted paramedic dolls have also kept another lady busy. Others have found long discarded projects at the back of cupboards and got them finished!! Meanwhile we have been knitting and sewing for ourselves and our families. Our next project is to knit or crochet squares for Blackpool Victoria hospital in single rainbow colours for a display they want to install in their entrance. More information is available at <https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/do-you-knit-or-crochet-why-not-support-the-great-bth-knit-revisited/> You don't need to be part of Knit-a-Bit to join in - if you knit, have wool and needles or a crochet hook, feel free to get busy. We hope you are all safe and well and we look forward to being able to share our stories with you again.

CAFOD: Covid-19 has now spread worldwide and CAFOD local experts need your support to continue to protect lives so please would you consider supporting the Coronavirus appeal. CAFOD has also launched a petition which you are invited to sign. Please go to www.cafod.co.uk for more information about the appeal and if you click the heading "campaign" then "latest campaigns" you will be taken to the petition. Thank you



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

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

St. Oswald's: Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that Maurice Wilson sadly died. His funeral service will take place in our churchyard on Tuesday 2nd June at 12 noon. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

+Bishop Vincent Malone: The funeral arrangements for the late Bishop Vincent Malone are as follows:

Monday 1st June at 4.00 p.m.

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass for Bishop Vincent at the Metropolitan Cathedral. This Mass will be live-streamed to allow those who wish to participate in the celebration. Access to the live-streaming will be via the Cathedral website <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/>

Tuesday 2nd June at 11.30 a.m.

The funeral service for Bishop Vincent will take place at Allerton Cemetery, Liverpool, where his body will be buried in a family grave. The service, which will be recorded, will be conducted by Bishop Tom.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May the soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Online Giving / Text giving: this is now set up and linked to the website. if you wish to make a donation, please follow this link or the QR code on the right:

<http://www.catholic-penwortham-longton.btck.co.uk/Finance>



Thank you for all your help and support throughout this Covid-19 pandemic.