

THIS WEEKEND	Trinity Sunday		Year A
Sat 13th June	9.30am	St O	Veronica & Christopher Dewhurst (Golden Wedding Anniv)
	9.30am	St T	Clarke Family (Deceased), Charlotte Clare Burke (B/D Anniv)
Sun 14th June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	9.30am	St O	Edward Knights (A), Margaret (King) Couperthwaite,
	9.30am	St T	Gordon Inglis (LD / Wedd Ann), Susan Keenan (BD), Parishioners
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Mon 15th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Simon Osborne (Recovery Opp) Priest's Intention
Tues 16th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Robert Michael McClennan
Wed 17th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Thu 18th June <i>St John Rigby</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Fr. Kevin Ashton
Fri 19th June <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Teresa Gilleran
NEXT WEEKEND	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 20th June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention
Sun 21st June	9.30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Francis Michael Ferns, Parishioners

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

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The Most Holy Body + Blood of Christ

14th June 2020

Christ is our Food and Drink

This Sunday the Roman Catholic church celebrates the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known by its Latin name 'Corpus Christi'. It is an opportunity to reflect on the fact that Christ gave us his body and blood as spiritual sustenance.

The **First Reading** reminds us that God fed his people with manna and water as he brought them out of Egypt. Their faithful God did not abandon them.

The **Psalm** continues on the same theme. God provided the finest food, gave them peace, and through his word ensured that Israel could follow the right path.

In his letter to the Corinthians, St Paul reminds his audience of the intimate relationship between the bread and wine we partake in the Eucharist, and the body and blood of Christ. We are united through this one bread and form one body of Christians. (**Second Reading**)

In the **Gospel**, Jesus explains to the Jews that his body and blood will give them spiritual nourishment. This food is not the same as the food God gave Israel in the desert; what Jesus offers here is a way for us to be living in him and he in us.

By sharing his body and blood through the form of bread and wine in the Eucharist, there is an intimate relationship between ourselves and the Lord. This week, let us pray for all those who do not know this close union or who are not able to be part of it. We also remember all deprived of the Eucharist because of the pandemic.

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

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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

I love you, my Jesus: never permit me to be separated from You. **AMEN.**

Re-opening of Churches: Following recent announcements from the government and from the Archbishop. I can now confirm that St Teresa's church in Penwortham is authorised by the Archbishop to open, for private prayer only, provided we comply with the "Diocesan Guidelines on the Re-opening of Churches for Private Prayer", on:

Tuesdays from 11.00am till 1.00pm

Thursdays from 11.00am till 1.00pm

Sundays from 11.00am till 1.00pm

St. Teresa's church will not be open in time for next week. I am hoping to start opening church on Sunday 21st June provided everything is in place and in line with the diocesan guidelines.

We have now had people come forward to volunteer to be 'Church Stewards' to assist the re-opening of Churches for Private Prayer. Please note that when St Teresa's does open for private prayer, there will be no books, pamphlets, sheets of paper or votive candles in use. The guidelines will be kept under review and revisited where necessary. It is also possible that the authorisation for the opening of St. Teresa's church could be withdrawn at very short notice. Hopefully, all will go to plan and this will be the start of things to come.



Mass at St Teresa can be viewed live through the webcam:

<https://www.watchmcnmedia.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 Oswald's: You will have seen in the news that it is proposed to open churches for private prayer in a cautious manner with primary concern for the health and safety of the people.

Initially two churches from each deanery / pastoral area will be given permission by the Archbishop following risk assessments and correct procedures in place. In our pastoral area it will be **St. Teresa's, Penwortham and St. Mary's, Leyland.**

In order to take the next step, when the time is right, we will need a team of volunteers at St. Oswald's (who are not vulnerable or shielding) to become welcomers and also to sanitise used areas of the church. Protective equipment and advice will be provided by the diocese.

If you are willing to help in any way at St. Oswald's please contact me. Many thanks and God Bless. 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).

St. Oswald's: Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that Teresa Gilleran has sadly died. The Funeral service to take place in our church yard on Friday 19th June at 12 noon. Also connected to our parishes, Margaret (King) Couperthwaite has sadly 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.

Prayer on the Feast of Corpus Christi

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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



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