

THIS WEEKEND		12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 20th June Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Sun 21st June	9:30am	St O	Teresa Gilleran, Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Francis Michael Ferns, Patricia Gallagher, Maureen Conlon, Parishioners.	
Divine Office 4				
Mon 22nd June St John Fisher St Thomas More	9.30am	St T	Deborah Cunningham	
	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly	
Tues 23rd June	9.30am	St T	The deceased members of the Gould & Phipps Families	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Wed 24th June <i>Birth of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	St T	Eileen Hayden (A)	
	9.30am	St O	Danny Patten (A)	
Thu 25th June	9.30am	St T	Teresa Gilleran (LD)	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Fri 26th June	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND	Solemnity of St Peter + St Paul			Year A
Sat 27th June	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Sun 28th June	9:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	

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

## The Catholic Church in Penwortham + Longton



**St Mary Magdalen, St Oswald + St Teresa**

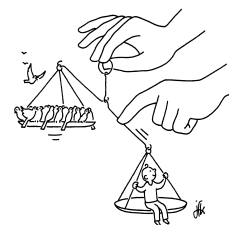
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## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st June 2020

**Jesus instructed the Twelve: 'Do not be afraid'.**

Today's readings are very apt for our current times, where many of us are experiencing vulnerability, tension, and unpredictability. Yet as followers of Christ, we are being called to trust in God our Father, who knows us intimately and understands our needs.

In the **First Reading**, we hear Jeremiah's challenging voice giving an unpopular message to the people, who must change their self-centred way of living. In his isolation, Jeremiah turns to the Lord to ask for help, for he needs friendship in very real ways in his difficulties.

The **Psalm** is a cry of anguish from one in great danger. Yet despite his distress, the psalmist has confidence in the great love of God.

Paul teaches that the consequence of sin is 'death': a death that includes the death of our friendship with God. But Paul also emphasises the abundant reality of divine grace; a free gift introduced into the world through Christ Jesus (**Second Reading**).

In today's **Gospel**, Jesus reminds the Twelve that they are not promised success; they will suffer. Yet he bids them repeatedly, 'Do not be afraid'. The Father's tender care will never desert them. God is on their side: not as a remote figure, but as a Father who has intimate knowledge of and care for each of them.

In these our own times of trial and vulnerability, we pray for God's guidance and teaching. 'Lord, you invite us to cry out with complete confidence in the Father's boundless love. This day we offer you praise and thanks for your abundant gifts to us in our poverty and weakness.'

**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.

**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:

Sundays from 11.00am till 1.00pm

Tuesdays from 11.00am till 1.00pm

Thursdays from 11.00am till 1.00pm

St. Teresa's church will be open **for private prayer only**, at 11.00am until 1.00pm from Sunday 21st June. **Parishioners who are self-isolating, Shielding, or Vulnerable, or have any Covid-19 symptoms, should not attend.**

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.

**Food Bank Donations.** The church can now open for '**private prayer**' only, and at present, it is not possible for food donations to be left. Instead, monetary donations may be made to 'Churches Together in Penwortham'. The bank details required are the sort code 30 - 96 - 85, with the account number of 00415955. Many thanks to those people who have already given so generously. We have also been well supported by several supermarkets.

## Please note the change in the internet address for St Teresa's Webcam



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.*

**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)**

**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 to 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.)

**Deaths:** Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that in St Oswald's parish, Jeffrey Talbot has sadly died. Also in the parish of St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa, Maureen Conlon and Alan Dacre have 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.

### A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. 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.**