

THIS WEEKEND		Solemnity of St Peter + St Paul		Year A
Sat 27th June	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Maureen Conlon (LD), Tom Hartley (Sick)	
Sun 28th June	9.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Martin Russell, Charles Hardiman, M.R.E. Westerbeek (Ann) Parishioners	
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Mon 29th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Maureen Conlon (LD) Maureen & Eric Sarginson, Special Intention	
Tues 30th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Catherine Bedworth Priest's Intention	
Wed 1st July	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Pat Riley (LD) Frances Winifred Walmsley	
Thu 2nd July	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Michael Hession (B/D Ann) Michael Kelly	
Fri 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		14th Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 4th July	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Sun 5th July	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.

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Solemnity of St Peter + St Paul

28th June 2020

Who do you say I am?'

Following Eastertide and several major feasts, we now celebrate Saints Peter and Paul before returning to the regular Sundays of Ordinary Time. We pray that their faith and example will encourage us at this time.

The **First Reading** gives us an account of how Peter escaped prison while the Christian community prayed continuously for him.

The **Psalm** is a song of praise and thankfulness for the psalmist's own delivery, as he encourages us to 'taste and see that the Lord is good.'

St Paul, too, in the **Second Reading**, is full of gratitude. He praises the Lord for rescuing him and enabling him to continue proclaiming God's message.

The **Gospel** narrates the important moment when Jesus asks his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' Peter's reply earns his designation as leader of the community.

May the faith of Peter and Paul and their dedication to spreading Jesus's message encourage us this week in our daily living.

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

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.

St Teresa's Webcam: There have been some people who were unable to connect to the web cam, on different occasions.

Try...

<https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

Or...

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

If the picture 'freezes' then please refresh the screen to resume watching.

It may just be that too many people signing in at the same time.

If this is the case, you may need to visit another web site i.e. Lourdes, the Vatican or Walsingham, but to name a few. Hopefully St Teresa's will work.

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.

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. A big thank you to those who have stepped forward and volunteered to help but as they say many hands make light work!

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 Peter & Paul Prayer

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Deaths: Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen & St. Teresa, Christine Kay, Carole Helvin-Smith and Alexander Gordon Robertson (know as Gordon), 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.

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 Coronavirus pandemic.