

THIS WEEKEND		17th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 25th July St James	9.30am	St O	Jean Whipp B'Day	
	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Sun 26th July	9:30am	St O	Paddy Keenan	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
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Mon 27th July	9.30am	St T	Dorothy + Donny McGee (Thanksgiving)	
	9.30am	St O	Bernadette Pope	
Tues 28th July	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Wed 29th July St Martha	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Thu 30th July	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Chris Nihill	
Fri 31st July St Ignatius Loyola	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		18th Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Pope	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
Sun 2nd August	8:30am	St O	Kevin Colman	
	9.30am	St T	Bernadette (Bunty) Pope Peter Gavin B'day Remembrance	

St Mary Magdalen, St Teresa + St Oswald's website:
www.catholic-penwortham-longton.btck.co.uk
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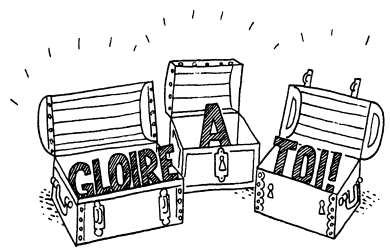
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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2020

The Kingdom of Heaven ...

As Ordinary Time continues, we are still in the central part of Matthew's Gospel where Jesus is teaching by means of parables. Today we have four more parables to add to the four already heard over the last couple of Sundays. These parables stress in particular the great value of the kingdom.

In the **First Reading** we have the narrative of the young king Solomon asking God for the gift of wisdom, so as to discern the true value of things and rule his people with understanding.

The verses taken from the **Psalms** extol the value of God's law, a treasure that brings true happiness.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reveals the mutuality between the faithful follower and the generosity of the Father, who will justify and glorify those he has called.

In the **Gospel** the kingdom of heaven is likened to finding a treasure and selling everything to possess it. Good and bad coexist until the time of final judgment.

Maybe this week we can pray for the grace to recognize the kingdom amongst us and around us.

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

St Teresa's church in Penwortham is currently open, for private prayer only, on:
Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11.00am till 1.00pm.

St Mary Magdalen's in Penwortham is currently open, for private prayer only, on:
Sunday 11am—12 Noon

St Oswald's in Longton is currently open for private prayer only on:
Sunday 1pm—3pm, Monday 12 Noon—1pm, Friday 12 Noon—1pm

Parishioners who are self-isolating, Shielding, or Vulnerable, or have any Covid-19 symptoms, should not attend.

**Please note that once the church opens up for public worship,
i.e. Mass, then private prayer will cease.**

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.) Thank you to all our parishioners who continue to support the parish through their planned giving method whether it be through donations, gift aid envelopes or bank mandates.

Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and livestreaming of Masses will continue.

St Teresa's Webcam:

<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

Lourdes at Home: Due to the Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes being cancelled they have announced that the "Lourdes at Home" programme. The live-streamed services can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/Liverpool-Lourdes-at-Home-2020-109541120834991>

Penwortham Farmers Market: which is held at St Teresa's Car Park Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, after being closed due to COVID-19, is pleased to announce that it is reopening on **Saturday 1st August**. The Market will take place outside on the car park to ensure the safety of both stallholders and customers, with social distancing and hygiene practices in place to comply with government guidelines.

To assist in making the market a success, could we please ask that everyone spreads the word, either by word of mouth or social media etc, so that as many people as possible, are made aware that the market is open and back in business.

Online Giving / Text giving: 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>



Cautious Reopening of our Churches for public worship

It has been wonderful to open our churches for private prayer over the last few weeks and to be able to greet parishioners once again. Thank you to the volunteers that have offered to help at this time. We are now in a position to open up for mass although there

will be some changes that we will have to get used to.

Masses when you can attend will resume from the vigil Sunday Mass on 1st August, initially at St Teresa's and St Oswald's. Mass times and dates will largely depend on the availability of volunteers to Steward the Masses.

The number of people attending each mass will have to be limited, using the 1m+ guidelines, in order to retain social distancing. The numbers allowed will be posted at the entrance to each church. If you are a part of the same bubble at home then you will count as one.

If you are able to attend a midweek mass then please do so allowing those who can only attend our weekend masses to do so.

What to expect.

Before you arrive: You should avoid bringing any unnecessary items into church, e.g. shopping bags, as you will not be returning to your seat once you have received Holy Communion.

When you arrive:

All persons attending a service in church must wear a face covering at all times.

- * You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward and you may be asked to give your contact details.
 - * You will be directed to the hand sanitiser.
 - * You will be directed to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.
 - * You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place
 - * Any children accompanying you must do the same.
 - * Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.
- Toilets will remain closed at all times except for a genuine emergency.

During Mass: There will be no Sign of Peace. There will be no singing.

Holy Communion: Will be distributed *after the final dismissal of the Mass*.

- * The words "The Body of Christ" and the reply "Amen" will only be said once at the beginning of distribution. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.
- * The volunteer stewards will direct you to approach the altar to receive Holy Communion.
- * People receiving Communion will be instructed to approach the altar with their arms outstretched so as to maintain a reasonable distance from the minister.
- * You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue.
- * Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.
- * You must then step to one side, lower your face covering and place the
- * Sacred Host in your mouth then follow directions to leave the church immediately.

After Mass - Use only the designated exit. Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use. Please do not gather in the church porch or on church property for conversations. Continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where other people are.