

THIS WEEKEND		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	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	
Divine Office 2				
Mon 3rd August	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Tues 4th August <i>St John Vianney</i>	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Frances Diugnán (A) Priest's Intention	
Wed 5th August	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Thu 6th August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.30am 7.00pm	St O St T	Michael Kelly Parishioners	
Fri 7th August	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Frances Winnifred Walmsley	
NEXT WEEKEND		19th Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 8th August <i>St Dominic</i>	5.00pm	St O	Parishioner' Intentions	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
Sun 9th August	8:30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	9.30am	St T	Patrick Gallagher	

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## The Catholic Church in Penwortham + Longton



### St Mary Magdalen, St Oswald + St Teresa

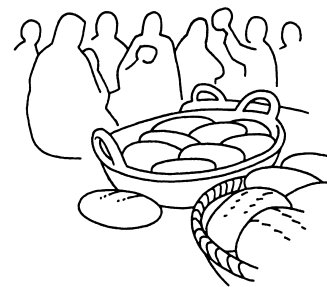
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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 2nd August 2020

**Nothing can come between us and  
the love of Christ!**

In today's readings, we celebrate the great love of God, who not only gives us life, but desires to

sustain and nourish us generously too.

In the **First Reading**, it is God himself who urgently pleads with his troubled, scattered people to listen. Through his prophet, he issues an invitation to a sacred meal. God offers 'water' for thirsty souls; 'corn, wine and milk' will also be made freely available for hungry hearts, without charge. In the **Psalm**, one traditionally sung at meals, we praise the God who cares for all his creatures, supplying them with nourishment.

Paul writes in very stirring language, assuring us of the ever-present love and power of Jesus Christ. Divine love gives us grace and encouragement to live life to the fullest, even with and through the unavoidable trials and sufferings of life. This is the Christian gospel, the Good News! (**Second Reading**)

Even whilst stricken with grief, Jesus's response to the people is one of compassion (**Gospel**). He heals the sick and feeds the hungry, and there is still plenty of food left over to share. Jesus feeds the crowd in a way that foresees the food and drink he will offer us in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this week for courage to take the risk of really hearing what God is saying to us; what sacred nourishment he is freely offering us. May we put ourselves into his hands, asking that he will deepen his life in us and in our anxious, unjust world.

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

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

***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**

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

**St. Oswald's: Church Cleaning Volunteers Required.** I am looking to put together a team or teams of people to support the general cleaning and maintenance of our church. As they say, 'many hands make light work.' Please contact me if you feel you are able to help with this needed initiative. Many thanks. Fr. Michael

**Deaths:** In the parish of St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa, Wynn Terry has sadly died. Please remember her and her family 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.

**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>

**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.

***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.

**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.

#### **Prayer for the Day**

Lord, grant me the gift of a generous heart that embraces each person I see. A heart reaching out in true kindness and caring to share all the best that is in me.

Lord, grant me the gift of a bright happy spirit that joyfully faces each day. A spirit that is loving and gently shines through in my actions and each word I say.

Lord, grant me the gift of a wonderful life that fulfils what I am sent here to do. A life that is lived in the richness and beauty of serving and following you. **Amen**

