

THIS WEEKEND	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 8th August <i>St Dominic</i>	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Pope
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 9th August	8:30am	St O	Boardman Family—Thanksgiving
	9.30am	St T	Patrick Gallagher
Divine Office 3			
Mon 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Tues 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	9.15am	St T	Winifred (Wynn) Terry
	9.30am	St O	Eddie may (A)
Wed 12th August	9.30am	St T	Priest's Intention
Thu 13th August	9.30am 7.00pm	St O St T	James ands Philomena Mellows (A) Wynn Terry
Fri 14th August <i>St Maximilian</i>	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
NEXT WEEKEND Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A			
Sat 15th August	5.00pm	St O	Allan Whipp (A) Jack and Catherine Gillibrand
	6.30pm	St T	John David Helm (A) Parishioners
Sun 16th August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Margaret Burns, Family and Friends
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners

St Mary Magdalen, St Teresa + St Oswald's website:
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Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

In the readings this week, Elijah and Jesus both seek out quiet places to pray alone. They reveal an ever-present God who reaches out to us and brings peace, especially amidst the storms of our own lives.

The **First Reading** sees a dejected Elijah finding a place of solitude. There he recognizes and responds to God's still, small voice in the gentle breeze, rather than in the more dramatic events of wind, earthquake and fire. The **Psalmist** asks for the Lord's saving help as well as listening to his voice – one that speaks of justice and peace, mercy and faithfulness. In the **Second Reading**, St Paul shows his love for his fellow Jews, agonizing because most of them reject Christ. Paul is ready to be cut off entirely from Christ himself, if that would help his Jewish kinsfolk recognise Christ as their Lord.

The storm in Elijah's life is echoed by the storm in the **Gospel**. We see the disciples overcome their fears and doubts as they eventually recognize Jesus. Seeing the power of his presence, they proclaim their belief in who he is: 'Truly, you are the Son of God'.

The events of recent months may have made us more aware of God's presence in times of chaos. As we continue to move through these uncertain times, we pray for the grace always to be aware of God's presence in our lives, and confident in the peace he offers us.

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

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

Parishioners who have any Covid-19 symptoms, should not attend.

Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and live streaming 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

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, Carol Balmer has sadly died. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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>



Thank you to everyone who has acted as a steward. Mass times and dates largely depend on the availability of volunteers to Steward the Masses, so if you feel you could help then please contact Fr. Roy or Fr. Michael.

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.

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa + St Oswald - Archdiocesan Directories 2021:

If you would like a directory and then please collect a form from church and return to the presbytery office by 10th September. Thank you.

Prayer for the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in the presence of friend and stranger. **Amen**

