

THIS WEEKEND		20th Sunday of the Year		Year A
Sat 19th August	5.00pm	St O	Betty Rigby	
	6.30pm	St T	Chris Tipping	
Sun 20th August	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8:30am	St O	Teresa Heatley	
	9.30am	St T	Mary Crook, Michael Hession	
	11.00am	St MM	Mary Brenda Cotgrave	
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 4		
Mon 21st August	9.30 am	St T	Deceased members of the Bell Family	
Tues 22nd August	9.30am	St O	Ada Dumican	
Wed 23rd August	10.00am	St T	Funeral Mass: Kathleen Mary Ball	
Thu 24th August St Bartholomew	9.15am	St T	Holy Souls	
Fri 25th August	9.15am	St T	Joan Eyles	
NEXT WEEKEND		21st Sunday of the Year		Year A
Sat 26th August	5.00pm	St O	Kathleen Bilsborough	
	6.30pm	St T	Frank Noblet, Phil Cafferkey Kevin Pendlebury	
Sun 27th August	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8:30am	St O	Jean Patten	
	9.30am	St T	Charles Hardiman Louis Westerbeek Snr	
	11.00am	St MM	Deceased Delaney + Reid Families	

Confessions: 1st Sat of September at 10.00am at St T and on request.

Service of the Word + Communion: St O: Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri at 9.00am.

Web Cam: <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

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20th Sunday

20th August 2017

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.**



The readings this week highlight that the gift of faith in God is for everyone. God's blessings are not confined to one group or nation. We are all called to share in the love and mercy of God.

The **First Reading** speaks of the foreigners who will receive the same joy and acceptance as God gave to his chosen people, the Jews.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) in writing to the Romans takes this one step further. He hopes that the gifts God has given to the Romans will encourage his own people, the Jews, to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, because God's mercy is for everyone.

The **Gospel** speaks of Jesus's encounter with a woman he would not have expected to speak to him. She comes to him pleading great need. Jesus's initial response may surprise us, but he is won over by her persistent faith and grants her request.

We pray with the **Psalm**, asking that God will be gracious and bless us, guiding all the nations on earth, so that God's ways may be known and all people receive his saving help. "May God still give us his blessing, till the ends of the earth revere Him."

1st Communion 2018: A form is available for anyone who is not in one of our primary schools, but is going into Year 4 and wishes to make 1st Holy Communion in 2018. To be returned no later than September 20th.

St Teresa: Children's Liturgy: 9.30am Mass will continue in the holidays.

Come and See 2017: is at Christ the King School, Southport, PR8 4EX on 14th + 15th October. Booking forms from: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Living Faith: The 3 monthly booklet (July, Aug and Sept) with reflections for each day is now available in each church. Just £1.00 each.

St Oswald's cemetery: The gates have been restored and repainted and they are now in place. It cost £650. (Fr Philip didn't sell them after all!) Thank you for the donation of £100 towards the costs.

Bereavement Tea and Chat: The next afternoon will be **Sunday 27th August 3.00pm - 4.00pm** in St Teresa's Church. Please pass the information on to those who would find it helpful. It is not just the recently bereaved, all are welcome.

Retreat - Holiday to Llandudno: We will be leaving from St Teresa's at 12 noon on Monday 21st. We will be travelling by minibus, so luggage space is limited! No hard cases please. Luggage has to go under the seats.

Baptisms: On Sunday at St Teresa's: Elissa Hills and Jackson Hanvey.

St Oswald's Ladies next meeting will be on Monday 4 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Jimmy O'Donnell is giving a talk on 'Lancashire Memories'; some parishioners may have already heard him speak. Everyone is welcome to come along and reminisce.'

Exam results: We wish all our students well as they get their results and promise them our prayers as they make decisions for the future.

Funerals: Roy Whiteside's funeral will be on Wed 30th. Alan Whipp's will be on Tuesday 29th, 10.30am. We offer our sympathy to both families.

Angels: The new angels that are keeping watch over Our Lady in St Teresa's Church are from St Mary's Church in Lowe House, St Helens.

Longton Market: 1st Friday of every month at St Andrews Church Hall from 9am until 1pm and it's there to help support local business.

Diocesan Directories 2018: We have to place the order for these at the start of September. The directory costs £3.50 and the ordo costs £5.00. If you want either please put the correct money in an envelope with your name on it and place it in the sacristy. A copy will be ordered for you. These are no longer on sale or return so no extra copies will be ordered.

St T Counters: There will be a short meeting for all those who help count the money each week at St T. after 9.30am Mass on 3rd September.

Keep this date: On Saturday 21st October Fr Daniel O'Leary will be leading a parish day. This is for all 3 churches. He is a world renowned inspirational speaker. If you are a minister, reader, welcomer, bereavement team, catechist, in any of our 3 churches please put that date in your diary. All parishioners are welcome. More details to follow.

St Oswald's are holding a "Summer Raffle", the proceeds of which will go towards the Church decoration and heating repair costs. Tickets will be available from Saturday 19 August 2017 and the draw will take place on Sunday 17 September 2017 at an "Afternoon Tea" event. Details of this to follow shortly. Thank you for your support.

Pilgrimage: The 2018 Pilgrimage will be in the footsteps of St Paul, a pilgrimage to the Christian sites of Malta. June 6th - 13th. A leaflet is available in each church today. Places are limited so book as soon as possible. In 2019 we will be having a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Details of this will be available soon.

Open Church: From Monday 4th September St Teresa's Church will be open each weekday. Until now just the porch has been left open, but we are going to try leaving the Church open so that people can go in to the church itself and pray.

St T Web Site: We apologise of the confusion caused by the mistake on the web site about the venue of the Holy Day Masses.

ST TERESA'S PARISH CENTRE

We have a vacancy for a
Cleaning Assistant

Hours to be worked flexibly dependent upon the needs of the Parish Centre.
National Minimum Wage dependent upon age (£7.50 for 25 years and over).

Please enquire at the parish centre for an application pack.