

THIS WEEKEND		4th Sunday of Easter		Year A	
Sat 6th May	5.00pm	St O	John Burscough, Margaret Davis		
	6.30pm	St T	Patrick McEnaney		
Sun 7th May	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Leo Hunt + Irvine Edwards		
	9.30am	St T	Derek Smith		
	11.00am	St MM	John Connolly, David Laing Lynne Margaret Edwards		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 8th May	7.30pm	St T	Deceased members of the Newns + Shepherd Families		
Tues 9th May	9.00am	St O	<i>Exposition</i>		
	9.30am	St O	Peter Kontzly		
Wed 10th May	9.30am	St T	Funeral Mass: Sheila Dixon		
Thu 11th May	7.30pm	St T	Margaret Roscoe		
Fri 12th May	9.15am	St T	Martin Russell		
Sat 13th May	10.30am	St MM	Parishioners Intentions		
	12 Noon	St MM	1st Communion children		
NEXT WEEKEND		5th Sunday of Easter		Year A	
Sat 13th May	5.00pm	St O	Larry O' Brien, Desmond Roberts		
	6.30pm	St T	Bill Turner		
Sun 14th May	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	Mary Muddiman + Vi Singleton		
	9.30am	St T	Tony McGuinness Jrena Danuta Alexandra Janiak		
	11.00am	St MM	Bill Power		

**PLEASE NOTE Mass times this week**

**Service of the Word + Communion:**

**St Oswald's:** Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, 9.00am. **St T:** Tue 9.15am. (None on Sat)

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

## The CATHOLIC CHURCH in PENWORTHAM + LONGTON

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### 4th Sunday of EASTER

**7th May 2017**

#### Good Shepherd Sunday

The image of Christ the Shepherd caring for his followers has been used since the earliest years of Christianity. In the biblical way of shepherding, the shepherd leads the flock, calling each sheep by name. The sheep know and trust the voice of their shepherd, following him wherever he leads: a fine model for the love of Jesus for his disciples – and for each of us.

The **First Reading** anticipates Pentecost: Peter preaches the Lordship of Jesus Christ to the crowds in Jerusalem, inviting them to faith because the promises of God are for everyone.



In the **Second Reading** Peter writes to remind the followers of Jesus that Our Lord left us an example to follow, particularly in the difficulties with which we struggle, so that we might live in holiness: through Jesus our wounds are healed.

The **Psalm** is a hymn of trust in the Lord who is my shepherd. I shall want for nothing, because the Lord will give me rest, comfort and guidance.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd who has become the gateway to fullness of life for his followers, a source of unity among divided Christians – an issue for John's followers, and also for us today.

**Celebrations of 1st Holy Communion:** The next of our weekends of celebrations will be on May 13th. There will be Masses at St Mary Magdalen's at 10.30am and at 12 noon. All welcome.

**Priests Training Fund:** The annual collection takes place this weekend and with it is an opportunity to pray for vocations.

**With you Always 2017:** The final sessions take place Sunday. Thank you to the catechists who have done such a great job. Thank you to the parents who have played their part in leading their children to Jesus.

**St MM:** New newcomers rota is now ready.

We are compiling a **leaflet** giving details of groups within the parishes. If your group would like to be included contact Paul on: 07981493737.

**Sponsored 5K:** Thank you to all who have taken part and have been sponsored. So far we have raised £1380.

**St Oswald's Ladies'** Mon 8 May at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, a talk about the work done by the Blood Bikes charity, a voluntary out of hours transport service carrying blood and other important items.

**St. Teresa's Ladies Association:** Tuesday 9 May at 7-30 pm in St. Teresa's Parish Hall "Go where life takes you" a new talk by Dorothy Mapley. Everyone Welcome £1.50 to include refreshments.

**St Oswald's Church:** We have had 2 quotes for painting the Church, we have submitted the lowest quote to the Diocese (£9,000). They have said we can start as soon as we have raised some of the money!

**Praying with people living with Dementia.** Tues 16th May at 7.30pm. Fr Chris Thomas. St Patrick's Parish Centre, Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TJ. Contact m.knight@rcaol.co.uk or call 0151 522 1040

**June Pilgrimage:** There will be a meeting for all pilgrims on Tuesday 23rd May at 8.00pm in St Teresa's Church meeting room.

**St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group** will be performing 'Iolanthe' at Leyland Methodist Church Hall from 24th- 27th May at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9 with accompanied children under 12 free. For tickets please contact 01772 612030 or bookable on the night.

**Next Weekend:** There will be a retiring collection for **flowers** for Church.

**Faith in Action** steering group meets on Tuesday 9th May at St Teresa's Church at 7.00pm.

**St O Steering Group:** Wed 10th May in the Presbytery at St O at 7.00pm.

**Gift Aid envelopes:** Some named boxes are still uncollected in St T and St MM. Please collect yours today.

**K.S.C.** wishes to thank all who supported our charity event on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, in St. Teresa. £352 was raised and divided equally between Rosemere Cancer Foundation and St. Catherine's Hospice.

**The Annual novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots** begins on Monday 22nd May at St Mary Magdalen at 7.00pm. The prayers will be said each day at 7.00pm (except Sat). If you have a petition for the novena you can write it and place it in an envelope and it will be placed before the image of Our Lady during the 9 days.

**St Oswald's Gift Aid:** Letters showing the amount donated for the gift aid scheme tax year 2016/17 are ready for collection in the Sacred Heart room. Any problems please ring: Sonia Ward 615000.

**St.Oswald's SVP.** The 2nd Lunch Club took place last Friday, 28th April. Once again it was a very successful event with good food and a very sociable atmosphere. Remember, everyone is invited to these lunches. The next lunch will be on Friday 19th. May - we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.

**Readers at St T + St MM:** a new rota is being prepared. Let Anne know of changes (745669). New readers welcome, encouraged. Just ring Anne.

**Vocations Sunday:** People give and receive calls the whole time. "I'll give her a call" we say or we tell somebody "so and so called by to ask after you" or people are called to account. So it's no surprise that the one in whose image we are made also gives and receives calls. God receives our prayers when we call out. However, do we have the same faith that God calls out to us? If we want more people to hear God's call to be priests or religious we must be a local church that enables everybody to hear God's call. We need to be people who listen to God, who respond to God in love and who live out that response day to day.