

THIS 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 Ernest Crighton
	9.30am	St T	Tony McGuinness Jrena Danuta Alexandra Janiak
	11.00am	St MM	Bill Power
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 1	
Mon 15th May	9.15am	St T	Gill Saunders
Tues 16th May			
Wed 17th May	10.00am	St O	Funeral Mass: Margaret Fisher
Thu 18th May	7.30pm	St T	Special Intention (PDP)
Fri 19th May	9.15am	St T	Don McGarity
Sat 20th May	10.30am	St T	Parishioners Intentions
	12 noon	St T	1st Communion children
NEXT WEEKEND	6th Sunday of Easter		Year A
Sat 20th May	5.00pm	St O	Bridgie McEvoy
	6.30pm	St T	Deceased members of Rogerson + Cooke Families
Sun 21st May	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	8:30am	St O	Rose + Jim Dawsom
	9.30am	St T	May Tipping, Charlotte Conlon
	11.00am	St MM	Michael Barron

**Service of the Word + Communion:**

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

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

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**5th Sunday of EASTER**

**14th May 2017**

**"Trust in God still, and trust in me"**



As this grace-filled season of Eastertide continues, we are invited to place our whole trust in the risen Lord. Even when we are troubled or anxious, Jesus, 'the Way, the Truth and the Life', is there to comfort and encourage us, showing us the way to live our lives as Easter people.

In the 1st **Reading**, animosity between two factions within the Early Church leads to neglect of those in need. The Apostles resolve this by appointing 7 wise, Spirit-filled people to a ministry of service (deacons). The **Psalm** conveys an utmost trust in God, whose words are always reliable, and whose kindness is granted to all who hope in him. The **2nd Reading** reassures us that we are part of a spiritual house, built with living stones. We are urged to 'rest our trust' in Christ and set ourselves close to him, the one chosen by God, the precious cornerstone. God has chosen us, too, to be his holy people, and called us into the light to proclaim his praise.

In the **Gospel**, the disciples are worried and confused as Jesus speaks of leaving them. But he encourages them to trust completely as he reassures them that he will continue to show them the Way. If they know him, they will know the Father too, who lives and works in him.

**Celebrations of 1st Holy Communion:** The final weekend of celebrations will be on May 20th. There will be Masses St Teresa's at 10.30am and at 12 noon. All welcome.

**Collection this weekend:** for flowers for Church. Thank you.

**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. The web cam has been ordered. It costs £3000.

**St Oswald's Church:** The Archbishop has agreed that we can start the decoration with the promise of new funds being raised! So on Thursday the painters are coming in. So that this can be done in as short a time as possible the Church will only be used for weekends from Thursday onwards. This means they don't have to clean up each day and we do not have to worry about health and safety issues each day. So from Thursday there will only be weekend Masses at St Oswald's until further notice: no Services of the Word.

**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.

**Faith in Action** The steering group met on Tuesday. The badges for those who have completed their tasks will be presented on the weekend of July 1st and 2nd.

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

**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 Caritas (SOC).** The next lunch will be on Friday 19th. May 12 Noon – 1.30pm. 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.

**Invitation:** *You are all cordially invited to the Ordination of Michael Barrett to the priesthood by The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool on Saturday, July 15th, 2017 at 11am. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Broadfield Drive, Leyland, PR25 1PD. A buffet reception will follow the Ordination.*

Please sign the list in the porch by June 28th if you wish to go.

**Lay Funeral Ministers:** We are truly blest by the work of our wonderful lay funeral ministers (and bereavement team). The next course is June 20th and 21st in LACE. We have one person signed up, does anyone else feel called to serve in this way? Please see Fr Philip.

**New Priest:** A few people have asked that with a new priest coming to work in our 3 churches in September can we have old Mass times back. The answer is I don't think so. There are 3 reasons for this answer: a) we must presume that Fr Michael will only do a short curacy and then he will get his own parish. b) Priests are allowed 6 weekends off each year, that means that for 12 weekends we would need to find cover, that is just not possible. c) The Archbishop wants each Deanery to be able to cover sickness and emergencies for priests, with our Mass times staying as they are we can help other parishes. I hope that helps in the understanding of the way forward.