

THIS 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 Dawson		
	9.30am	St T	May Tipping, Charlotte Conlon		
	11.00am	St MM	Michael Barron		
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 22nd May	9.15am	St T	Shelia Huyton		
Tues 23rd May	12 noon	St T	Funeral Mass: Kevin Slater		
Wed 24th May	9.30am	St MM	Tommy Stridgeon		
Thu 25th May St Bede	9.15am	St T	Funeral Mass: Jean Thompson		
	2.00pm	St T	Funeral Service: John Neville		
Fri 26th May	9.15am	St T	Sid Simpson		
Sat 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury	11.30am	St T	Wedding Service: James Barber + Elizabeth House		
	2.00pm	St MM	Wedding Service: Raoul Harvey + Leanne Baldwin		
NEXT WEEKEND		The Ascension of the Lord		Year A	
Sat 27th May	5.00pm	St O	Len Hatfield + Eadward Inch		
	6.30pm	St T	Tabitha + James Fairhurst		
Sun 28th May	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>		
	8:30am	St O	John Worswick (90th Birthday)		
	9.30am	St T	Emily Watkinson		
	11.00am	St MM	Marie Bridge, Frank Bridge May Foley		

Novena begins: Monday 22nd at 7.00pm at St MM.

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

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6th Sunday of EASTER

21st May 2017

"I will not leave you orphans"

As we near the end of Eastertide and the feast of Pentecost approaches, the Church chooses readings this week which help us prepare for this momentous event.

The **First Reading** reminds us of the first days of the Early Church spreading through Asia Minor, living through very human tensions and led by Spirit-filled men.

How then can we not rejoice and, as the **psalmist** invites us, 'cry out with joy' before the 'tremendous deeds' of God?

In the **Second Reading**, the author of the First Letter of Peter continues to encourage the early Christians. Their life was not always an easy one: they often suffered slander and accusations, yet they have great hope and can answer their critics with a clear conscience. Christ too died, though innocent, but 'in the spirit he was raised to life'.

Our sadness at seeing the risen Christ return to his Father is tempered by his promise to ask him to send us a helper, an Advocate, the Spirit of truth. He will not leave us orphans. (**Gospel**)

This week, then, we may want to spend some of our prayer time asking the Lord what we can do, in practical terms and with the help of the Spirit, to continue building his Church and telling others about him with greater confidence.

Sponsored 5K: Thank you to the anonymous donor (MC) who has paid the rest of the money for the web cam..... Flowers at St T £186.00, St O £186, St MM next week. PTF - St T: £230, St MM: £132. Thank you.

St Oswald's Church: The Church will only be used for weekends at the moment. This means the decorators don't have to clean up each day and we do not have to worry about health and safety issues each day. So there will only be weekend Masses at St Oswald's until further notice: no Services of the Word. Thank you for the donations so far of £340 towards the redecorating fund. We have to try to raise £4500!

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 badges for those who have completed their tasks will be presented on the weekend of July 1st and 2nd.

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.

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

The Meeting of Deans: Takes place this week (Thursday) to look at the collected responses to the Archbishop's letter.



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 Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool on Sat July 15th, 2017 at 11am. St. Mary's 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.

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.

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.

1st Communions 2017: Thank you to everyone who has helped us to prepare and celebrate this year. Thank you to the sacristans in our 3 churches, to those who prepare flowers, to the catechist and to our musicians. Your help has been invaluable and has helped us to truly celebrate.

Bereavement Tea + Chat: The next afternoon will be Sunday May 28th 3.00pm - 4.00pm in St Teresa's Church. Please pass the information on to anyone who would find it helpful. It is not just the recently bereaved, all are welcome.

Retreat: led by Fr Stephen OSB at Hying Monastery on June 23rd—25th. £95.00. Contact Peter on 07850678589 if you wish to go.

Funeral Service: Tues 10.30am, Preston Crematorium, for Hilda Porter.