

THIS WEEKEND	Trinity Sunday		Year A
Sat 6th June	9.30am	St O	Frank Aspinall
	9.30am	St T	Mary Cobham
Sun 7th June <i>Solemnity of the most Holy Trinity</i>	9.30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Patricia Orisakwe, Sabina McDonagh, Parishioners
Divine Office 2			
Mon 8th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Frances Hart Michael Kelly
Tues 9th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Anna Gawlik Maurice Wilson
Wed 10th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Priest's Intention McAuley Family Intentions
Thu 11th June <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Arthur Malone (90th B/D) Priest's Intention
Fri 12th June	9.30am 9.30am	St T St O	Private Intention Parishioners
NEXT WEEKEND	The Most Holy Body + Blood of Christ Year A		
Sat 13th June	9.30am	St O	Veronica & Christopher Dewhurst (Golden Wedding Anniv)
	9.30am	St T	Clarke Family (Deceased), Charlotte Clare Burke (B/D Anniv)
Sun 14th June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	9.30am	St O	Edward Knights (A)
	9.30am	St T	Gordon Inglis (LD / Wedd Ann), Susan Keenan (BD), Parishioners

Masses will continue to be said in the parish without the faithful, i.e. no public attendance.

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Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020

'The God of Love and Peace be with you!'

One God, three persons united in a constant flow of love and tenderness! On this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are all invited to be drawn deeper into the rhythm of this eternal dance of love.

Moses met God in the form of a cloud (**First Reading**). God revealed the foundational truth that underlies the commandments Moses was carrying: the Lord is compassion and tenderness, slow to anger and rich in kindness.

The **Psalm** from the Book of Daniel is an excerpt from a joyful song of praise, attributed to three men whose faith had saved them from a fiery furnace: 'To you glory and praise for evermore'.

In Paul's letter (**Second Reading**) we hear how the early Christian community were encouraged to embody this Trinitarian loving relationship, in how they lived and greeted one another. As we slowly start to emerge from the restrictions we have been living under, may we truly value and cherish our bonds of friendship.

In John's **Gospel**, Jesus reveals to Nicodemus the depth of God's love for all people. God sent his Son so that all may have eternal life.

Our Creator God became fully human and lived as one of us, physically living out the compassion and tenderness revealed to Moses centuries before. At Pentecost, the Spirit of God was poured into the hearts of Jesus's followers. This same Spirit of love and kindness unites us now as we pray, whether we do so alone, with a group, or in a virtual gathering. May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Celebrations of Holy Mass : Fr. Roy / Fr. Michael will continue to celebrate Mass, in a church within our parishes, without the faithful on a daily basis. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church.

SVP update:

Across the country, the SVP has found new ways to offer a helping hand to people who may be feeling lonely or isolated. Your SVP in St. Mary Magdalen's and St. Teresa's have continued to adapt. Conference members receive a conference weekly newsletter and a district newsletter updating members of any current activity and needs. We have considered ways we may be able to reach out to the people we visit weekly and others who may not necessarily be our regular beneficiaries. Our response has involved developing a befriending service speaking to these people on a weekly basis and arranging for other support services if needed. We are involved in the distribution of the newsletter and Mass sheets, this gives us an opportunity to speak to parishioners. We have supported the Hospital Chaplain by providing Rosary beads to give to patients in hospital currently receiving treatment for Covid -19. There is a growing awareness of financial difficulties, we have had a few requests for financial support, this has involved items ordered on the internet with delivery to the recipient address. The food bank continues to serve Penwortham and we continue to support them. We have been in contact with the Mini Vinnies at the primary schools, they are designing prayer cards for us to distribute to the Care and Nursing Homes. We continue to pray for the sick of the parish and the lately dead. If you or anyone you know needs our support please contact us, either **Catherine 01772 740569 or Paul 0780 1358197**

An item of interest from The Catholic Universe newspaper 15th May 2020:

The Diocese of Middlesbrough have launched what it believes is the country's first Catholic Mass available to listen to directly by phone. Priests were aware that many 'especially older worshippers' were missing out because they don't have smartphones or WiFi at home. It doesn't require special codes to access the Mass. The new Mass-by-Phone service number is **01642 130120** calls are charged at local rate and free if in your included minutes. This may be useful for some of our parishioners, they could listen on the phone or speaker option if available on their device.



Mass at St Teresa can be viewed live through the webcam:
<http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>
Or by scanning the QR code left.

If the picture 'freezes' then please refresh the screen to resume watching.

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

Coronavirus update – Fr. Roy: A special thank you to everyone, for all the phone calls, the text messages, the emails, and for all the prayers and best wishes which I have received over the last few days. These have been so helpful and a source of strength over my isolation period following the positive result to Covid-19. I initially started with cold & flu like symptoms which was accompanied with a diminished level of taste and no sense of smell at all, I could not even 'smell the coffee'. I was very tired and exhausted and had a loss of appetite for the first few days, but it got better each day. I thank God that it has not been more serious and that I am able to return to my vocation as a priest. A special thankyou to Fr. Michael who has been saying the Masses at St Teresa's, which are live streaming over the webcam, for the duration of my illness. I know that many parishioners have loved to have you saying the Masses, I even had a comment from one saying, "Fr. Michael is doing you proud... what a lovely man". I thank you all. Prayers and best wishes, Fr. Roy.

St Oswald's Mass Intentions can be arranged by phone, by emailing the parish or by placing the intention through the Presbytery letter box. (Donations for Masses can be included in envelopes or can be sorted out later.)

St. Oswald's: Just to make you aware, at this time of difficult communication, that Danute Christina Hardacre 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 the soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Trinity Blessing by Jan L Richardson.

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world,
bless your eyes and be in your seeing.
May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love,
bless your eyes and widen your gaze.
May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be,
bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.
May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see.



In this new season may you know the presence of the God who dwells within your days, the mystery of the Christ who drenches you in love, the blessing of the Spirit who bears you into life anew. Amen

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<http://www.catholic-penwortham-longton.btck.co.uk/Finance>



Thank you for all your help and support throughout this Covid-19 pandemic.