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## *Two Weeks Newsletter*

### *Palm Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> April) and Easter Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> April)*

#### LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

#### COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICE

| 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup><br>April | PALM SUNDAY  | 21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup><br>April | EASTER SUNDAY   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>                             | 6.00 - Mass: Kathleen Halliwell (RIP)<br>7.30 - Youth Social: Club with Quiz Night   | <b>Sunday</b>                               | 6.45 - Sunrise at the Beacon<br>10.00 - <b>Easter Sunday Mass: Parishioners</b><br>with Children's Liturgy  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                               | 9.45 - Gather in Club for Palm Sunday Procession<br>10.00 - <b>Mass: All Hymn Book dedications</b><br>with Children's Liturgy<br>11.15 - Holy Communion to Homes                                       | <b>Monday</b>                               | 11.00 - Easter Egg Hunt & Cake Sale: Club<br>11.15 - Holy Communion to Homes<br>9.00 - <b>Mass: The sick of the Parish</b>  |
| <b>Monday</b>                               | 9.00 - <b>Mass: Jean Blackledge (R/D)</b><br>7.30 - RCIA (ASK Group): Meeting Room   | <b>Tuesday</b>                              | St. Teresa's & St. Peter's Return to School<br>9.15 - <b>Mass: Foundation Mass</b><br>Richard Langtree & Mary Rennick   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                              | 9.15 - <b>Mass: Special Intention</b><br>7.00 - Service of Reconciliation  | <b>Wednesday</b>                            | 9.45 - U3A Speakers Meeting<br>1.00 - Funeral Service: Francis Trevor Latham  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                            | 11.00 - Adoration<br>12.00 - <b>Mass: Jenny Maguire</b><br>6.15 - Coach leaves for Chrism Mass at Cathedral  | <b>Thursday</b>                             | 11.00 - ** No Adoration **<br>12.00 - <b>Mass: John Wilson (A)</b><br>2.00 - Funeral Service: Andrew John Mills   |
| <b>Thursday</b>                             | 7.30 - <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br><b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> followed by<br>'watching' until 10pm<br><b>Mass Intention: For all priests</b>   | <b>Friday</b>                               | 9.00 - <b>Mass: Jon McCracken (B/R)</b><br>8.30 - <b>Mass: Parishioners</b><br>7.00 - <b>Leavers Mass: St. Peter's School</b><br>St. Teresa's School: PTFA Spring disco |
| <b>Friday</b>                               | 11.15 - <b>Good Friday</b><br>Holy Communion to Douglas Bank<br>12.00 - Ecumenical Service: Monument<br>3.00 - The Passion of our Lord<br>7.30 - Meditation at the Tomb                                | <b>Saturday</b>                             | <b>Next Weekend – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br>6.00 - <b>Mass: Bereavement Mass</b><br>Joseph & Ian McLoughlin (R)  |
| <b>Saturday (20<sup>th</sup> April)</b>     | 9.00 - <b>Next Weekend: HOLY SATURDAY</b><br>Workforce: Church<br>Youth: Bag Packing (new M&S St. Helens)<br>8.00 pm <b>Easter Vigil: Parishioners</b> (with Reception<br>of newly received Catholics) | <b>Sunday</b>                               | 10.00 - <b>Mass: Bereavement Mass</b><br>Anne Phillips (A)<br>11.00 - Bereavement Meeting: Meeting Room<br>3.00 - Shalom Group: Tenpin Bowling, Wigan                   |

#### THE WEDNESDAY WORD

**Preparing next Sunday's Mass:**

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| First Reading:  | Acts 10:34. 37-43 | <i>Peter Instructs Cornelius</i> |
| Second Reading: | Colossians 3:1-4  | <i>New Life in Christ</i>        |
| Gospel:         | John 20:1-9       | <i>The Empty Tomb</i>            |

**After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story in John's Gospel places emphasis on proving that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that the disciples will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearance accounts. Apart from the proof that the risen Jesus was a real, living and bodily person, these encounters stress two other things - the power of the risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account of John's, Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings Peter to faith. **What is the best way in which I can proclaim the Good News of Christ's resurrection?**

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

This reflection is taken from "The Wednesday Word", download more at: [www.wednesdayword.org/parish](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish)  
 and also try: [www.sundaygospel.co.uk](http://www.sundaygospel.co.uk)

## PARISH VISION

Illuminated by the light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we St Teresa's Parish strive always to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together, seeking always to come closer to God, so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts and words and by our actions in the world.

### FR. PHILIP'S REFLECTION

*The whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.*

Multitudes proclaimed your mighty deeds! "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord," they shouted! But the Pharisees wanted quiet. No messiah here, he will only mess things up!

As for us, let us throw down our coats for you, shout your name to all who hear. Hosanna! Jesus of Nazareth, God, walking along with us and leading us to grace, our beloved hero, loving us all the way to the cross. O what a joyful day, entering Jerusalem with Jesus.

HOSANNAH, HOSANNAH, HOSANNAH! Come into our Hearts! Let even the stones cry out!

### POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2019

#### April - Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others. Further information can be found at [www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

**CHRISM MASS:** Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, at the Cathedral. Coach leaves church at 6.15pm prompt. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you wish to go. Voluntary donation of £5 please.

### PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm**, St. Teresa's Church. During this Lenten season, we can gather together as a pastoral area for a service of reconciliation. Priests from the parishes across our pastoral area will be attending, providing this opportunity for individual confessions. Please come along and join us for quiet reflection, as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week.

*"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."*  
St. Pope John Pal II – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1987 Homily.

**EASTER MASSES FOR THE BEREAVED:** There will be special remembrance Masses on **Sat./Sun. 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April**. If you have a loved one who has died **within the last 2 years** and would like their name to be read out, please put it on the list at the back of Church. Please note, due to GDPR, names will not automatically be added to the list and no letters will be sent out to families. Floral contributions may be placed at the altar rail.

**Bereavement Care Group:** There is a meeting of the care group on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April** after Mass, in the Meeting Room

**A Word from our Pastoral Associate Jo Wallace:** In our Pastoral Diploma, we have been reading the creation stories in Genesis. We reflected on story telling in our lives and how it features in our ministry. As we approach Holy Week, we focus on the story of Christ's Passion. There is a reason the 1965 film was called 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' – it is OUR story as Christians. Fr. Mike Schmitz from the YouTube channel 'Ascension Presents' explains it far better than I can though ... If you can, I invite you to take a few minutes to watch his video to aid your reflection on Holy Week.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PSAxU33QhNA&t=302s>

### Apps for Taps!

Living Simply means living sustainably with creation and in solidarity with the poor. One suggestion is that you ask people to sponsor you to give up your apps for a week – or longer- and donate the money to Cafod, who will use it to fund efforts to provide clean water where it is needed, eg in the communities affected by Cyclone Idai. Another idea: everytime you have a shower or fill the kettle you could thank God for clean water and put some money in a Cafod collection box.

**SHALOM FAMILY EVENT:** The next event will take place on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**, and will be Ten Pin Bowling. Meet at 3pm at the venue in Wigan. An enjoyable afternoon for all.

### YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Group** meet next this **Saturday 13th April, 7.30pm** - We'll be joining in with the Coach 4 Quiz Night which is open to all young people, friends and family (see below).

**Walking all over Cancer** - On **Wednesday, 16th April**, members of the youth group will be walking in solidarity with Jenny Maguire as she walks 10,000 steps each day to raise money for cancer research (as part of her ongoing recovery from cancer). All welcome to join us, meeting at church at 10am to walk 10,000 steps and heading back to church for 12 o'clock Mass. You can help Jenny with her fundraising by donating online at <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jenny-steps-into-the-future> or come with us on the day.

**Bag Packing** at M&S (in their new store in St. Helens), **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Easter Sunday Cake Sale** in the Club after 10am Mass with Easter Egg hunt for the children. All donations of cakes on the day very much appreciated.

### THE COACH 4 PUB QUIZ

Come along for a fun evening and support the young people going to Lourdes with **Coach 4 Wigan and Leigh: Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm** in St Teresa's Club, £3 entry - pay on the door, the bar will be open. All welcome ... a great family night out for a great cause. (See poster at the back of church).

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Due to a cancellation we have 2 seats available for our Lourdes Pilgrimage, departing **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**, in a twin room. Flying from Manchester to Toulouse, full board accommodation, transfers, free excursion to Bartres. Free checked in luggage for the hold of 20kg, Lourdes City tax included. £595 per person. For further information Tel: 0151 287 8000 or [www-lourdes-pilgrim.com](http://www-lourdes-pilgrim.com)

**SANCTUM 2000** – The Sanctum 2000 will hold two sets of ashes.

They can be personalised and also include a flower holder. They are located along the central footpath in St. Teresa's Cemetery, Roby Mill. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Mr. Gareth Jones at R. Banks 01942 222156, or call in to the Pemberton Branch at 758-768 Ormskirk Road, Pemberton and he will talk you through the terms and conditions and costs. (Please note these can only be bought after a funeral if using another provider or whilst arranging a funeral with R. Banks but not in advance).

### SYNOD 2020

During May-July we will arrange gatherings in the Parish to listen to concerns, needs and reflections, based on the four Synod questions. From similar conversations around the Archdiocese, themes will emerge and these will be brought back to the Parish in September. You can find out more about the process and the Synod Questions via the parish website or [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk) where you can also take part in an online survey. There are paper survey sheets at the back of church. Please return completed surveys to the Focus team box at the back of church or post through the parish house letterbox. Mark your sheets or envelopes clearly as Synod 2020. Please speak to Fr Philip or Christine Southworth, if you would like to know more. Especially welcome are your comments and suggestions on how we make sure that everyone's voice is heard. Watch this space for more updates.

**WEBSITE:** Please have a look at our website-<http://www.stteresas-upholland.org.uk>. We hope the changes we've made make it more useful and up-to-date. There are still gaps, but comments are welcome.

### MONEY MATTERS

**Thank you** for last week's offertory of £453.44 + S/O £270