

THIS WEEKEND	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 31st July	5.00pm	St O	Frank & Frances Maskell (A)
<i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	6.30pm	St T	In Thanksgiving (exam results)
Sun 1st August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Jimmy Maher Barry O' Riordan (RIP) Private Intention, Successful Operation
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 2nd August	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Tues 3rd August	9.15am	St T	Peter Gavin (B'day Rem)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Wed 4th August	9.30am	St MM	Michael Airey (B'day Rem)
Thu 5th August	9.30am	St O	Frances Duignan (A)
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention
Fri 6th August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.15am	St T	Stella Kyarsgaard (LD)
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	12 Noon	St T	Requiem Mass: Gerry Scullion
NEXT WEEKEND	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 7th August	5.00pm	St O	Gerry Camlin (LD)
	6.30pm	St T	Paul Taylor (LD)
Sun 8th August	8:30am	St O	Eddie May (A)
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	John Bell (LD -son of Jack + Margaret)

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st August 2021

Christ, the Bread of Life

This is the first of several Sunday Gospels where we contemplate Jesus's teaching on the bread of life. It follows last week's account of the feeding of the five thousand.

The **First Reading** tells us of the hungry, grumbling Israelites in the desert and the gift of manna that God sends them.

The **Psalm** echoes this event, 'he gave them manna from heaven. Mere mortals ate the bread of angels'.

The message of the **Second Reading**, following the sections from Ephesians, links in with the new way of life demanded when we follow the discipleship of Jesus.

In the **Gospel**, the crowd have been searching for Jesus, perhaps wanting more of the physical bread he has given them. Jesus's teaching appeals to their deeper, spiritual hunger.

In our prayer this week, we can turn to God, knowing that, whatever the situation, he will always provide for his people. May it lead us also to a greater appreciation of the Eucharist.

**Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.
Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and livestreaming
Masses will continue.**

Online Giving / Text giving: If you wish to make a donation



<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-teresa-st-mary-magdalen-penwortham>



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

Following the Government announcement with regards to changes to Covid-19 regulations, which are due to come in to force on Monday July 19th, the Diocese has now issued some suggested guidelines, as a way forward for each parish in the Archdiocese.

Here are some of the main points, which will continue with in our Churches.

* Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

* Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.

* The numbers for weddings, funerals and baptisms will be limited by the capacity of each building.

There are other practical suggestions to help us move forward in the briefing, which we will be slowly & gradually be introducing over the next few weeks.

Foodbank Request: During August, the foodbank would like donations of breakfast cereal (not porridge) and Fray Bentos pies. All donations gratefully received.

Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage (October 2021). Due to the ongoing Covid problem, we are transferring the date once again, until 2022.

The new date, hopefully, is Monday 4th April for 5days. The Parishioners who have already booked, need to do nothing at this stage. New invoices will be sent out. If anyone would like to join us on the Pilgrimage, there are places available. For more details please ring Dorothy 742927

Explore the rationality of the Catholic Faith: This short, residential summer course at Stonyhurst is designed to offer a foundation for understanding the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. The course will provide an introduction to the role of philosophy in elaborating the Catholic Faith, as well as the relationship and controversies between Catholicism and secular thinking and the sciences.

The course will consist of 10 lectures distributed over three days, with a dedicated Q&A session and plenty of opportunity for discussion and debate.

No residential would be complete without time for prayer and socialising. Opportunities for Mass and communal prayer will be offered, as well as plenty of social time with a well-stocked bar to promote discussion!

For further info: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

Penwortham Farmers Market, which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 7th August.

The market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, Fresh Fish, Jams, Plants, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Wine, Gin, Fudge and hot coffees. Our craft stalls have also returned which helps make the market an interesting place to visit on a Saturday morning.

SVP Stamp collecting- 1.5kg of stamps were collected and sent to St Patricks missions, below is the reply from Fr Kyran:

Thank you very much for the stamps which you so kindly sent to us recently. And thank you to the parishioners and primary school pupils also!

Please pass on our sincere thanks to them. We are very grateful to receive stamps - and every stamp helps!

So spread the word round! And our 'stamp man' will be so pleased to see how well sorted they are - and very well trimmed! Thank you again.

The 'Stamp Project' was begun way back in the sixties by Fr Seamus Reihill. As a young newly ordained priest he was sent home from Nigeria -

so sick, he was expected to die - but thankfully he is still going strong in his early nineties! And so is the Stamp Project which he started! Thanks

to good people like yourselves, the collecting of used stamps has brought in a huge amount of money in support of the missions over the years.

So you are helping to continue a long tradition which has been, and continues to be, such a support to people less fortunate. On their behalf and ours, thank you so much.

Thank you again, and thank you to all who help to collect these stamps. At the risk of being greedy, may I encourage you to keep up the good work!

God bless you all. Fr Kyran

Prayer for the Week

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

St. Francis

