

THIS WEEKEND		21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 21st August	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights	
<i>St Pius X, Pope</i>	6.30pm	St T	John David Helm, Parishioners	
Sun 22nd August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Elizabeth Oakes (A) Hession Family, Mary Crook	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerry Smith (LD)	
Divine Office Week 1				
Mon 23rd August	9.30am	St O	John & Teresa Gilleran	
Tues 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	9.15am	St T	In celebration of Sam + Lucy's Wedding, Joan Eyles (A)	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Wed 25th August	9.30am	St MM	Holy Souls	
Thu 26th August	9.30am	St O	Richard Harrison	
	11.30am	St O	Funeral Service: Richard Harrison	
	7.00pm	St T	John + Dorothy Russell—Diamond Wedding Anniversary	
Fri 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	9.15am	St T	Wedding Anniversary (V+M)	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	1.00pm	St O	Requiem Mass: Thomas Steele	
NEXT WEEKEND		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	5.00pm	St O	Private Intention (MH)	
	6.30pm	St T	Jack Cunningham (B'day Rem), Parishioners	
Sun 29th August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Louis Westerbeek (Snr) Anniversary, Wedding Anniversary (J + D)	
	11.00am	St MM	Michael Airey (A), Margaret Wilson 90th B'Day	

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd August 2021

'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe!'

This Sunday, the readings invite us to consider honestly the depth of our love for the Lord. The same challenging questions once put to the Israelites by Joshua, and later to the disciples by Jesus, are being asked of us today.

The tribes of Israel are gathered at Shechem. They answer Joshua's challenge by declaring why they intend to serve the Lord. (**First Reading**)

The **Second Reading** is full of social codes and expectations that would have been well understood by those to whom they were addressed. In essence, these words are a discourse on the deep love that Christ has for the Church, a love so strong that it is compared to an intimate, loving relationship between husband and wife.

The full mystery of this love has been revealed over the last few Sundays, and again today, in the conclusion to Jesus's teaching on the Living Bread of Life (**Gospel**). For many of Jesus's followers, this proves too challenging. Turning to the Twelve, Jesus asks if they want to leave too. But Peter speaks for them all, and perhaps for the whole Christian community, in saying: *'Lord who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.'*

Once again we hear the invitation in the **Psalms** to *'Taste and see that the Lord is good'*.

This week, we pray especially that our spiritual life may nourish us and all those around us, and that we may embody a loving commitment to follow the Lord at all times.

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



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<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-oswald-longton>



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.

St Mary Magdalen, St Teresa + St Oswald's Archdiocesan Directories 2021: If you would like a directory and then please collect a form from church and return to the presbytery office by Monday 6th September. Standard Directory £3.50, Ring Bound Directory £4.00. Thank you.

St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's Synod Action Group are to hold their first meeting on Thursday, 9th September at 7:30pm after the 7:00pm mass. The meeting will be held in the Romero room. The group is initially going to look at all the Synod proposals that parishioners from St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's parish submitted at the start of the Synod listening process and see if we can use any of these in our parish. It will then move on to the implementation, at Parish level, of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Our meeting are initially going to be held every 3 to 4 weeks. If you would like to be involved please speak to John Sargent, Anna-Marie Pennington or Lynne Bull or email Anna-Marie at: am.pennington@outlook.com.

The Rwanda Group Trust, evolved out of the 3rd World Group at St Gregory's, Preston over 25 years ago and is now a registered local Catholic charity based in Preston. Unfortunately we have had to permanently close our charity shop in Preston due to Covid 19 and we are now completely reliant on donations. We are seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. The situation in Rwanda is very serious due to Covid 19, lack of vaccine and serious food shortages.

Our charity has no paid employees or overheads. Trustee Michael Donlan is seeking sponsorship to raise money for fishing nets and help rebuild housing after serious flooding. You will find all the details on Just Giving at : <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fishingnetsforrwanda>

A donation can be made through Just Giving or by contacting us by one of the following: www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com or email rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com or Telephone Michael Donlan (Trustee) 07864 990941 Thank you for your support.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,

May we say 'yes' to you so that the Spirit in our hearts will once again be set ablaze.

Spirit of Wisdom, guide our actions so they tell of God's love.
Spirit of Truth, open our eyes to see the world as it really is.
Spirit of Power, enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.

Spirit of Love, inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us. Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Amen

