

THIS 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), Frank Noblet, 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	
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>				
Mon 30th August <i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i>	9.30am	St O	Francis Walpole (LD)	
Tues 31st August	9.15am	St T	Charles William Hardiman, Margaret & Don Goodwin (B/Day Rem), Samuel Oakes (A),	
	10.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Martin Delaney	
Wed 1st Sept	9.30am	St MM	Parishioners	
Thu 2nd Sept		St O	No Mass	
	7.00pm	St T	Sheila Shepherd	
Fri 3rd Sept <i>St Gregory the Great</i>		St O	No Mass	
		St T	No Mass	
NEXT WEEKEND		23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 4th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Harry & Pauline Haslam B'Day Remembrance	
	6.30pm	St T	Dan Rubin (illness) Harry Parkinson (LD)	
Sun 5th Sept	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Roger Holdcoft Freda Gidlow (LD)	
	11.00am	St MM	Mr Gerard Smith (LD) Parishioners	

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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th August 2021

*'You must do what the word tells you'*

Our readings this week encourage us to pay attention to the ways in which the word of God truly influences how we live our lives. Although we all too often fail to live up to the example set for us, we are none the less assured of an abundance of gifts, because of God's infinite love for each and everyone.

In the **First Reading**, Moses explains to the people that it is by obeying the laws given to them in the commandments that they will have life in the land, as promised to them by the Lord.

The importance of actively living our faith is further emphasised in the **Second Reading**. Here the author exhorts Jewish Christians not just to *listen* to the word, but to *do* what the word tells them, by caring for those in need, and living good and honest lives.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus describes the lip-service of the Pharisees, who, as foretold in the words of Isaiah, offer 'worthless worship'. Their adherence to human traditions and values takes their hearts far from God.

This week, we may want to spend some time reflecting, with the Lord's help, how closely our own lives reflect the ideals described in the **Psalms**, which speaks of the just dwelling in the presence of the Lord. We can then ask with confidence that the Lord will show us the path that will draw us ever closer to his presence.

**Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.**

***Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and livestreaming Masses will continue.***

Following the Government announcement with regards to changes to Covid-19 regulations, which came in to force on Monday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Carfin in Scotland, National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. October 25th 2021 for 5 days.**

Travelling by luxury coach, courtesy of Northern Star Travel, staying in Glasgow for 4 nights half board. Visits to Edinburgh, Oban and Loch Ness included. Cost £450 sharing. Single supplement £100. There are 5 places left. Contact Dorothy on 742927 for further details and a Booking form.

**Penwortham Farmers Market**, which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 4th Sept. 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.

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

**CAFOD** is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

**Season of Creation:** During the last eighteen months, many of us have been aghast at those who remain sceptical about the Covid-19 pandemic and see it as some sort of conspiracy. Sadly, there are plenty of people who view the constant warnings about climate change in a similar way. However, the evidence is undisputable, and the latest report from the United Nations warns us that if we don't take action now, the damage to the earth, our common home, will be irreversible. Just this month we have heard about terrible fires in Europe and the United States, as well as unprecedented flooding in various cities. In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, about these issues and established a Season of Creation in the Church's Year to help us to focus on the cry of the earth. The season begins this week with the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' on 1st September and runs until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October.

**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.

**S.V.P. at St. Mary Magdalen & St. Teresa:** There will be a second collection for the SVP at the weekend Masses of Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th August.

**St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's Synod Action Group** are to hold their first meeting on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:am.pennington@outlook.com).

### **Prayer for the Week**

Father, you are an ocean of peace and you grant us this gift through your Son Jesus Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit. You sow it in our hearts through conversion and reconciliation. You entrust us with peace, making it our responsibility, converting us into builders of peace, so that we build it with "passion, patience, experience and determination".

Walk with us as we act upon our responsibilities in our social, political, economic, cultural and church lives. Help us to spread respect for life, people and creation; may we live in solidarity, may we be brotherly and sisterly, and just, and may we work for the common good. Amen.

