

THIS WEEKEND		24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 11th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners	
	6.30pm	St T	Joyce Thorley (LD)	
Sun 12th Sept	8:30am	St O	Tom Sutton (A)	
	9.30am	St T	Anniversary, Parishioners	
	10.30am	St O	First Holy Communion Y5 Children Enrolment Mass	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerry Smith (RIP)	
Divine Office Week 4				
Mon 13th Sept <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30am	St O	John & Teresa Gilleran	
Tues 14th Sept <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.15am	St T	Janet Murgatroyd B'day remembrance	
	9.30am	St O	Teresa Densley & Family in Thanksgiving	
Wed 15th Sept <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am	St MM	Thomas Steele (LD) Marie + George Clarke	
Thu 16th Sept <i>St Cornelius + St Cyprian</i>	9.15am	St O	Robert Michael McClellan	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Fri 17th Sept	9.15am	St T	Holy Souls	
	9.30am	St O	Tom & May Moss (A)	
NEXT WEEKEND		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 18th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights	
	6.30pm	St T	Shelia Shepherd (RIP) Gerry Smith (RIP)	
Sun 19th Sept	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Matthew Noblet, Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard Smith, Parishioners	

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th September 2021

'You are the Christ!'



This Sunday we contemplate Jesus, who is, as Peter declares, the Christ, the anointed one of God. Our readings help us to understand the journey Jesus takes to show his love for us.

The **First Reading** from Isaiah is part of the song of the Suffering Servant. He is to suffer much but he retains his complete confidence and trust in God.

The section of the **Psalms** given today complements this reading. The psalmist suffers greatly but gives thanks because the Lord has heard his cry and saved him.

James, in the **Second Reading**, underlines the practical consequences of our faith: the loving response the faithful follower must give.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus questions his disciples about what people are saying of him. When Peter declares that he is the Christ, Jesus reveals the suffering ahead of him and also, that we his disciples, are to follow the same path.

In our prayer this week, perhaps we can be conscious that we are disciples of Jesus, living out our lives in his name.

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 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.

This weekend 11th/12th Sept there is a second collection for Catholic Education Service.

Foodbank Request: During September, the foodbank would like donations of tinned vegetables, soup and tinned meat. All donations gratefully received.

Shoe Box Appeal—“Send a Smile” to a child in poverty. Fill a shoe box with appropriate gifts, toiletries, toys, small items of clothes, stationary and practical goods eg: mini sewing kits, strings, plasters etc. All boxes can be wrapped but please wrap the lid separately and label age group who the box is for. Can you knit a teddy (pattern available) or maybe a teddy bag 10” x 13” with a draw string top? All can be left at the back of church.

Secondary and Primary online admissions are now open. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The deadline for applying for a school place for Secondary admissions to All Hallows is 31/10/2021 and Primary admissions to St Teresa’s, St Mary Magdalen’s and St Oswald’s is 15/1/2022. Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application.

St Teresa’s Ladies Association: Welcome back –We will meet for coffee and a chat after Mass – 10.00am in the Romero Room on Tuesday 14th September. ALL WELCOME

The SVP would like to thank the kind person who donated £100. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP within the parish

Kathleen and David Nicholson would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Fr Roy, friends and parishioners, for masses, cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding. God Bless You.

Next weekend: 18/19th September there will be a second collection for Home Missions

Recent Deaths: Arthur Procter and Mary Jenkinson have recently died. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. ‘COP’ means ‘conference of parties’. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN’s climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil.

The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015).

CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. You can sign the petition online here: <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

Education Sunday - Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools. Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools, support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, **Amen.**

