

THIS WEEKEND	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 18th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights Wedding Anniversary (R&A)
	6.30pm	St T	Shelia Shepherd (RIP) Gerry Smith (RIP)
Sun 19th Sept	8:30am	St O	John Nickson (A)
	9.30am	St T	Matthew Noblet, Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard Smith, Parishioners William Ash (LD)
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 20th Sept	9.30am	St O	John & Pat Dewhurst & Family
Tues 21st Sept <i>St Matthew</i>	9.30am 11.30am	St O St MM	Desmond Roberts (A) Requiem Mass : Arthur Proctor
Wed 22nd Sept			No Mass
Thu 23rd Sept <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Fri 24th Sept <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	2.00pm	St T	Requiem Mass: Margaret Whittle
NEXT WEEKEND	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 25th Sept	1.00pm	St O	Wedding Service: Marie Louise Pope & Mark John Rogers
	5.00pm	St O	Eric Barker (A) Joe Grant (LD)
	6.30pm	St T	Shelia Shepherd (RIP) Parishioners
Sun 26th Sept	8:30am	St O	Patrick Shevlin (A)
	9.30am	St T	Holy Souls
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Xavier Birthday, Gerry Smith

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th September 2021

*'Anyone who welcomes one of these little
children in my name, welcomes me.'*

Our readings this Sunday speak about wisdom, but from different perspectives.

We can see the **First Reading** as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion, where the 'godless' regard with contempt those who listen to and follow God's voice, condemning them to cruel death.

The **Psalms** also speaks of those who have no regard for God. Seeking God's protection from surrounding threats, the psalmist prays with certainty: *'I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.'*

The **Second Reading** points out that jealousy and ambition cause division and rivalry, in contrast to the wisdom that comes from above. Such wisdom, which desires humility and not glory, brings us to peace with ourselves and can be attained through prayer. It is *'essentially something pure ... is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.'*

Jesus predicts his own death and resurrection to the disciples, who fail to understand what this means (**Gospel**). They have been arguing which of them is the greatest, but Jesus teaches them that true greatness lies in being the servant or slave of all, especially the weak and the helpless, symbolized by the child he embraces and places in their midst. By welcoming and serving the 'little children' we are welcoming God. Let's ask this week for the wisdom to see Christ in all the 'little children' we encounter, and pray for a spirit of humility and peace.

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: 18/19th September there is a second collection for Home Missions.

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 15/01/2022. Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application.

Recent Deaths: Margaret Whittle, Arthur Procter and Mary Jenkinson have recently died. Please remember them and their families 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 souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



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.

Animate Youth Team Coordinator Salary: £14,603.40

Are you passionate about Christian ministry with young people?

Are you seeking an opportunity to support young people in developing their faith

Can you provide leadership to young people and Gap Year team members?

Animate is the youth ministry team for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, working with over 10, 000 young people a year.

The Team Co-ordinator will support the Director and Team Leader in preparing and delivering retreats and missions for young people across the Archdiocese; as well as helping lead the Gap Year Team.

More information on the work of Animate can be found at animateyouth.org.

For further information on this vacancy please visit: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/animate-team-co-ordinator> or contact Fr Simon Gore (Director of Youth Ministry) on 01744 740467 or s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk for an informal chat about the role. Closing Date: 27th September 2021

St Teresa Synod Group: Following on from our first Synod Action Group meeting, one of the proposals was to organise different events for people within the parish. We would like to ask what sort of events parishioners would like eg away days, outings, lunch trip, book club, games nights, events for children, trips for young people etc. We are therefore going to place a basket at the back of each church for your suggestions. The baskets will be there for the next three weeks

Longton Village Walking Treasure Hunt

Saturday September 25th 10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday September 26th 11.00am - 5.00pm

Start and finish: 16 Franklands, Longton PR4 5PD

Distance: 2 - 21/2 miles, Time: 2 - 21/2 hours, Question sheet: £5.00

Proceeds for the Christian Aid Emergency Appeal for families in Haiti

The Treasure (Prizes): Hamper, chocolates, sweets

Enquiries: Jane Stewart: 01772 613814; Cath Greenlees: 01772 613500

Prayer of the Week

Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other. You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our brother sun, and to be nourished by our mother earth. Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

