

THIS 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, Thomas Crook (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Xavier Birthday, Gerry Smith
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 27th Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>			No Mass
Tues 28th Sept	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention
Wed 29th Sept <i>St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael Archangels</i>	9.30am	St MM	Jack Grant (deceased)
Thu 30th Sept <i>St Jerome</i>	7.00pm	St T	Fr Joe Duggan S.J LD
Fri 1st October <i>St Therese of Lisieux</i>	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention
	11.30am	St T	Requiem Mass: Mary Jenkinson
NEXT WEEKEND	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 2nd October <i>The Guardian Angels</i>	5.00pm	St O	Nancy (A) & Ron Pope
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 3rd October	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Lynn Yates (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Annie (Nancy) Pope (A) Intentions of all St MM care team

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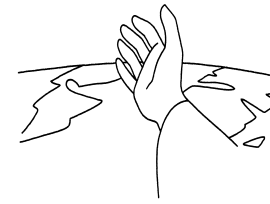
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th September 2021

The Lord gave his Spirit to them all!

Today's readings sound a note of warning against the small-heartedness that seeks to limit God's love, or reject the action of God's Spirit in the world. They proclaim the indwelling of the Spirit in the lives of all.

Moses rejoices that two elders absent from the Tent for the official 'enrolment' could still receive the Spirit, and he reprimands those who oppose this. Like Jesus in today's Gospel, Moses uphold s God's freedom to communicate freely where he wills. **(First Reading)**

In this collection of sayings about Christian discipleship **(Gospel)**, Jesus challenges his followers to pay attention to their attitude and inner motivation. The true disciple will be the one who knows how to rejoice in good, whatever its source. Jesus also gives powerful warnings to 'anyone who is an obstacle ... to the little ones who have faith'.

The **Psalm** meditates on the qualities of God's law, which reflect the characteristics of God himself. This is a 'model prayer' that helps safeguard the one who prays from both conscious and unconscious sin.

The **Second Reading** emphasises that those who are attached to riches at the expense of the poor are utterly un-Godly. They will be held accountable for their selfish actions in the next life.

This week, I may bring to prayer our local and national leaders, that they may allow service and humility to inform their inner attitude and motivation. I ask too that I may grow in awareness of my own God-given potential to influence life around me, in little ways and maybe even greater ones, as God wills.

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.

Foodbank Request: During October, the foodbank would like donations of Tins of tuna, tinned soup and tinned tomatoes. 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.

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 .

Penwortham Farmers Market, which is held at St Teresa’s Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 2nd October. 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. With a variety of craft stalls, the market makes for an interesting Saturday morning shopping experience.

The SVP are starting a Rosary group at St Mary Magdalen's church. We will say the Rosary and you are welcome to stay for Tea/coffee after. The first Rosary will be on Thursday 14th October at 11am-12.30 and will be held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Any queries contact Catherine 740569

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal 2nd/3rd October

As we enter the last week of the Season of Creation, we are invited to give thanks to God for the gift of creation and the fruits of the earth which sustain us. Many churches and schools do this through Harvest Festivals – bringing the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands and sharing these offerings with those in need.

In the UK, for the last sixty years, the Catholic Church has marked harvest time by observing CAFOD’s Harvest Fast Day on the first Friday in October. So, this coming Friday, 1 October, we are invited to give thanks by going without a meal or some form of amusement and giving what we save in this way to CAFOD. CAFOD uses our offerings to help those across the world who don’t have access to the fruits of the earth because of extreme poverty, food shortages, conflicts and natural disasters. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Prayer for Family Fast Day

Walk beside us, Lord, in the cool of the day, in the garden you have created as our common home.

Walk beside us, Lord, as the cries of the forest pierce the dawn, and flames rip through our common home.

Grant us courage, Lord, as we walk beside all those who struggle to protect our common home.

Grant us hope, Lord, and the vision to walk dark paths in the light of a single sunbeam.

Grant us grace, Lord, to put the flourishing of all people and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do, as we strive to be guardians of our common home. St Francis, pray for us. **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.