

| THIS WEEKEND | | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | Year B |
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| Sat 2nd October | 5.00pm | St O | Nancy (A) & Ron Pope | |
| <i>The Guardian Angels</i> | 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 | |
| Divine Office Week 3 | | | | |
| Mon 4th October | | | No Mass | |
| <i>St Francis of Assisi</i> | | | | |
| Tues 5th October | 9.15am | St T | Jack Cunningham (A) | |
| Wed 6th October | 9.30am | St MM | Arthur Porter | |
| Thu 7th October | 7.00pm | St T | Priest's Intention | |
| <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> | | | | |
| Fri 8th October | 9.15am | St T | Repose of the Soul of Fr Brendan Rice | |
| NEXT WEEKEND | | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | Year B |
| Sat 9th October | 5.00pm | St O | Frederick James Knights | |
| | 6.30pm | St T | Susan Syrett, Parishioners | |
| Sun 10th October | 8:30am | St O | Parishioners | |
| | 9.30am | St T | Roger Holdcroft | |
| | 11.00am | St MM | Repose of the soul of Gerry Smith | |



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd October 2021

'He put his arms round them and gave them his blessing'

The scriptures this Sunday teach us about the importance and centrality of loving relationships to the expression of our faith. The excerpt from Genesis (**First Reading**) begins our salvation story with a vision of humanity in harmonious relationship with nature. We are formed of the same elements as the earth we live upon and share with creation. Women and men are helpmates for each other and tasked with caring for God's creation. The song of the Lord's blessings upon us in the **Psalms** uses images of abundance to describe God's relationship with creation. The theology outlined in the **Second Reading** reveals the solidarity and compassion of the Lord with the world and humanity by sharing with us in suffering, death, and in leading us towards Resurrection. The **Gospel** contrasts two different aspects of human nature. The Pharisees attempt to exert authority and power over Jesus by testing his understanding of contested aspects of the law. Jesus responds by reminding them that the law was only given to them because they had lost touch with the essential truth of loving relationship at the heart of creation. His response to the Pharisees and subsequent welcoming of little children is a stark challenge to the patriarchy of the time. Unlike them, Jesus views women and children as equals to men. Let us pray that we will be blessed with the same compassionate spirit of Jesus to build a more just society that urgently focuses on restoring our harmony with nature.

**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) . If you do not knit perhaps you could sew a teddy bag 10”x13” with a draw string top. All items + boxes to be left at the back of church by 9th Nov.

We meet again for coffee on Tuesday 12 October after mass—10.00am in the Parish Centre when we will have a talk/film show of the children in Ukraine opening their shoe boxes. Everyone Welcome, whether or not you do a shoe box or not you will enjoy their smiling faces.

St Teresa’s school will be holding their Open Day for September 2022 New Starters on Wednesday, 13th October from 2:00 till 3:00pm and 5:30 till 6:30pm. Our Headteacher will give a talk at 2:15pm and 5:45pm. Please could we ask that just one parent per family attends.

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 Mary Magdalen’s + 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 are at the back of church.

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

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. CAFOD.<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

St Mary Magdalen’s Bingo starts again on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm. Why not come and support the Parish and have a game, chat and a laugh? Tea, coffee and biscuits at half time. Who knows you may even ‘win’! For more information contact Marjorie H.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group is up- and- running again. The Lunch Club will start again as soon as circumstances allow. On Wednesday 10th November we are going to Bents Home and Garden centre at Warrington for a Christmas Shopping Trip. Everything is under one roof with very impressive Christmas decorations. Alongside plants, seeds, indoor furniture, gifts, fresh food, clothing, shoes, toys, pet supplies and kitchen wares. There are a number of food outlets but if you don't want to queue you can dine in the restaurant. We will book it for you - just tick the appropriate box on the attendance lists We will travel there by coach with a cost of £10 per person. There will be lists to sign at the back of each Church and envelopes for the money. Remember to give full contact details - If you want any other information or have a question just contact me on 01772 816310 (call Guardian is in operation). All covid guidelines will be strictly followed. This is an opportunity to have an enjoyable day out at a time we all need one so please sign up as soon as you can - places are limited. Thank you, Steve.

Christian Aid Autumn Coffee Morning: Saturday October 9th 10am - 12 noon St Andrew’s Church Hall, Longton. Free entry. Items for stalls may be brought to the Hall on Friday Oct 8th between 4pm and 5pm. Further details: Cath Greenlees: 613500

Prayer of the Week Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make Me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness joy.
O Divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved. as to love
For it's in giving that we receive



And it's in pardoning that we are
pardoned
And it's in dying that we are
born...
To eternal life . Amen