

THIS WEEKEND		28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 9th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	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	
Divine Office Week 4				
Mon 11th Oct	9.30am	St O	John & Teresa Gilleran Salvatore Vivace	
Tues 12th Oct <i>St Wilfrid</i>	9.15am	St T	Arthur Proctor (RIP)	
	9.30am	St O	James & Philomena Mellows, Frank Ward (A)	
Wed 13th Oct	9.30am	St MM	Fr Brendan Rice	
Thu 14th Oct	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	2.30pm	St T	<i>Funeral Service: George Collinson</i>	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Fri 15th Oct <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.15am	St T	Mary Jenkinson (RIP)	
	9.30am	St O	William Hough (A)	
	10.30am	St MM	Requiem Mass: Michael Coyne	
NEXT WEEKEND		29th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 16th October	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Berenice Knights	
	6.30pm	St T	Olivia & her friends on their First Holy Communion	
Sun 17th October	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Gerry Smith B'day Remembrance Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Ruby McKinless, Gerry Smith	



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th October 2021

The word of God is alive and active!

The readings this week give us an opportunity to step back from the busyness of our everyday lives to consider more deeply the riches we have been given, and what it is we truly value.

In the **First Reading**, the *spirit of Wisdom* has come to the writer through prayer. Beside her, everything else that might be valued on earth seems worthless, and pales into insignificance.

The **Psalms** revels in the joy that comes from knowing the love of God, and witnessing to God's glory. It is through constantly pursuing *wisdom of heart* that we will be sustained in our service of the Lord.

In the **Second Reading** the author of the letter to the Hebrews likens the word of God to a sword that can penetrate every aspect of our lives. Living and acting in accordance with the word draws us ever closer to the God who knows and loves us through and through.

These themes of wisdom, selfless values, and service to the Lord are drawn together in the **Gospel** story of the rich young man, whose attachment to wealth prevents him from truly following Jesus. Through this encounter, Jesus teaches that whatever we leave behind to follow him will be far surpassed by the treasures we will inherit in heaven.

During this week, we might pray for the gift of ever greater wisdom to help us recognise and seize every opportunity to show our love of God through the good we do each day.

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, the Diocese has now issued some suggested guidelines, as a way forward for each parish in the Archdiocese. * 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.

Craft + Gift Fayre in St Teresa’s Parish Centre. Saturday and Sunday 6th/7th November 10.00am—4.00pm. Lots of stalls with an ideal chance to do Christmas Shopping. Pop in after the Farmers Market of after Mass.

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

St Mary Magdalen’s Bingo Tuesday evenings 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.

Churches Together in Penwortham (CTiP) are holding their AGM on Monday 18th October 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church on Liverpool Rd. CTiP run the Penwortham Foodbank at Kingsfold Community Centre.

Please could we encourage parishioners of St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa to come along to support this important ecumenical work.

Recent Deaths: George Collinson, Michael Coyne and Jean Rose 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

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. If you wish to 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.

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.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Jesus

Help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly,

that my life may only be a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in

contact with may feel Your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine,

so to shine as to be a light to others; The light, O Jesus will be

all from You; none of it will be mine;

It will be you shining on others through me. **Amen**

