

THIS WEEKEND	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 23rd October	5.00pm	St O	Confirmation Candidates of the Parish
	6.30pm	St T	Dorothy Elizabeth Hardiman
Sun 24th October <i>World Mission Day</i>	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Anne Sumner (LD), Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Kath Evans (LD), Gerry Smith, Arthur (A) + Win Varetto, Oliver Dunne (LD)
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>			
Mon 25th Oct	9.30am	St O	Arthur Bunce (A) Damian Bunce (A)
Tues 26th Oct	9.30am	St O	Andrew Watson (A)
	11.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Catherine Robinson
Wed 27th Oct		St MM	No Mass
Thu 28th Oct <i>St Simon + St Jude</i>	9.30am	St O	A sick person
Fri 29th Oct	9.30am	St O	Patricia Kenworthy—Birthday Wishes
NEXT WEEKEND	Solemnity of All Saints		Year B
Sat 30th October	5.00pm	St O	Bernard Pope
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners, Fr Brendan Rice
Sun 31st October <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	8:30am	St O	David Ian Nicholson LD
	9.30am	St T	Ken Blanchard (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Maurice North—Stroke, speedy recovery, Kath Evans (LD)



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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th October 2021

*'I will comfort you as I gather you and lead you back'*

The readings this week challenge us to reflect both on the ways we might be blind, and on the gift of new vision that is freely offered. In the **First Reading**, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of a God who gathers his people to heal them.

The **Psalm** sings of these and other wonderful works: 'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading**) shows that the high priest is one called by God to deal gently with the people, because he himself knows weakness.

And in the **Gospel**, Jesus calls Bartimaeus, a blind beggar of Jericho, to him into discipleship. Though blind, Bartimaeus already has insight into who Jesus is and, when he hears him pass by, shouts in desperation even when told to be quiet. For Bartimaeus, Jesus is now 'Master', and his relationship with him brings healing and new life.

Let's pray, this week, that we might recognise the great things the Lord works for us, and that our hope lies in God, who calls to us through our weaknesses and limitations.

**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.

**This weekend** there will be a second collection for APF World Missions.

### **Sunday 24 October 2021 - Today is World Mission Sunday**

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need.

Pope Francis calls us to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News with all peoples. By supporting Missio through your prayers and donations, you:

\*help missionaries share the love of Jesus \*train tomorrow's Priests and Sisters

\*give hope to the world's poorest children \*create a vibrant Catholic Church for the future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

**November Pious Lists:** November is the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray particularly for those who have, gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith. Mass will be offered each day for their intentions. If you wish your deceased loved ones to be included in these Masses please take a pious list envelope, write their name(s) on a piece of paper and hand it in at Mass or post it in the presbytery letter box together with your donation.

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

**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 or after Mass.

**Ladies Association:** The next meeting will be Tuesday 9th November 10.00am after Mass in the Parish Centre. We will be making Christmas Pudding Hanging Decorations (all material provided) whilst enjoying our coffee and scones. Everyone welcome.

*Please note all Christmas shoe boxes to be left in church by 9th November.*

**St Teresa + St Mary Magdalen**—Both Piety shops have Christmas cards now on sale.

**St Mary Magdalen's + St Teresa Synod Group:** If you have any suggestions for Parish events then please place your idea's in the basket at the back of church.

**Confirmations 2021** On 28<sup>th</sup> October Bishop Tom Williams will be celebrating Confirmations for those in Year 8 and above from our Deanery at St. Mary's Parish Church, Leyland. It is an important step in their sacramental and spiritual journey. Please remember all our young people in your prayers.

**The SVP** Rosary Group will next meet on Thursday 28th October at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's church. Next months dates are Thursday 11th and 25th November.

**St Mary Magdalen's Bingo** Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

**St. Oswald's Caritas Group— Bents Garden Centre Visit:** We are very pleased with the support shown for our Christmas shopping trip on Wednesday 10th November. We will have to stop taking requests to attend very soon as we are almost full. Consequently the lists will be collected from the Churches early on Wednesday morning 27th. October. Please add your name before then if you wish to come with us and remember to tick the box for the restaurant if you want to eat there. On Wednesday 10th November the coach will leave St. Teresa's Church at 9-15am. picking up at St. Oswald's at approximately 9-30am. We plan to return to St. Oswald's by approximately 5-00pm. We will determine the time we start the return journey on the coach with the driver whilst we are going to Bents. If you have not paid yet please do so before we travel. We look forward to a very enjoyable day with everyone. Thank you for your support, Steve.

**A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal** for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

**Secondary and Primary online admissions** are now open. [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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 - Peace Between People of All Faiths**

Father of all goodness, mercy and love.

You call people of all Faiths to live and work together for the coming of your Kingdom on earth.

Make us instruments of your peace and cultivate in us the fertile seed of your healing love. Create in us the spirit of understanding, acceptance, and respect for one another, irrespective of our differences.

Stir within our hearts a renewed sense of reverence for all life.

Give us the vision to recognise your spirit in every human being and help us to break the cycle of violence by realising that peace begins with me. Amen.