

THIS WEEKEND	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 12th February	5.00pm	St O	David & Teresa Muir (A) Claire Armstrong (Ill) Jack Grant B'Day Remembrance
	6.30pm	St T	Jason Nickford (A)
Sun 13th February	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon (LD) Paddy Killeen B'day Remembrance
<b>Divine Office Week 1</b>			
Mon 14th Feb <i>St Cyril, St Methodius</i>	9.30am	St O	Bert & Barbara Sheepwash
Tues 15th Feb	9.15am	St T	For Rachael (Major Op today)
	9.30am	St O	John Fiddler (A)
Wed 16th Feb	9.30am	St MM	Don McManamon
Thu 17th Feb	7.00pm	St O St T	No Mass Priest's Intention
Fri 18th Feb	9.15am	St T	Grace of God to protect me and family
	9.30am	St O	Elsie Wilson LD
NEXT WEEKEND	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 19th Feb	5.00pm	St O	Roy Allen
	6.30pm	St T	The Repose of the Soul of Margaret Rainford
Sun 20th Feb	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith (RIP) Donald McManamon (LD)



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## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th February 2022

*'Happy are those who  
trust in the Lord'*

The theme of this Sunday's readings can be summarised in two words: Happiness and Trust.

Looking for happiness has always been at the core of people's preoccupations. In the **First Reading**, Jeremiah tells his audience that they need to make a clear choice: they either trust only in people, or only in God. With striking images from nature, Jeremiah contrasts dry, wild wastelands with a luxurious tree growing by the waterside.

Using similar imagery, the **Psalms** makes the same point: trusting in the Lord will bring happiness. It starts with a 'beatitude' which is also at the core of the **Gospel**, this year read in Luke's version. Luke's Beatitudes are shorter than those in Matthew's Gospel, and also include warnings for those who have made the wrong choices: *'Alas for you ...'*

For Paul in the **Second Reading**, it is Christ's resurrection which is the source of our hopes and happiness. If he had not risen, we would have remained the most unfortunate of all people.

So our prayer this week may well centre around the choices we have made, do make, and will make, as we try to find happiness – not just for ourselves, but also for those around us or for the world at large.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church. Face coverings will remain in place for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.) Hand sanitising will remain in place as people arrive.

**Foodbank request:** During the months of January and February, the foodbank would welcome donations of Weetabix, or shops' own brand of same. (No other cereals are needed at the moment) along with tinned meats e.g. curries, stews and Fray Bentos pies. Many thanks as always for your generosity.

**The SVP Rosary Group**– SVP Rosary- The Rosary on 24th February has been cancelled due to a funeral at 12noon. The next Rosary will be 10th March at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's. Everyone welcome.

**The Synod Action Group** of St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa's parish have produced a Parish action plan. The plan outlines some actions that the group identified from the proposals put forward to the Synod, from these proposals several actions have already been put in place with more to come. Please take a look.

**St Oswald's Y4 Sacramental Programme:** Preparation for the children who are currently in Y4 will be starting their preparation after half term leading to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent and their First Holy Communion on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**Y4 Sacramental Programme:** Any Catholic children living in our parishes and not attending our schools ( St Oswald's, St Mary Magdalen's and St Teresa's) who wish to make their First Holy Communion should make direct contact with Fr. Roy or Fr. Michael for further information.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Any young person currently in year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. To register they should visit [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website. **Registration will close on 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Gospel Faith Sharing group.** We will begin a weekly Faith Sharing group on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm** in St Teresa's church, taking the Gospel for the following Sunday as our focus. All welcome

The **Synod Action Group** of St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa's parish will meet on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm** to explore our response to Pope Francis' call to the **Universal Synod 2023**. All parishioners welcome to join us in the Romero room. See [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023) or [vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk) for further information.



**St Teresa's Webcam:** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>  
Or by scanning the QR code left. If the picture 'freezes' then please refresh the screen to resume watching.

**A Lenten Journey:** During our Parish Synod 2020 reflections, we asked ourselves how to become the Church God is calling us to be. In preparation for our journey from Lent to Easter...A Journey in Prayer, each Monday of Lent, 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Romero room at St Teresa's starting Monday 7th March, there will be an introduction to contemplative prayer. In contemplative prayer we seek to become the person we are being called to be, not by thinking of God but by being with God. Simply to be with God is to be drawn into being the person God calls us to be.

**Winckley Square Convent School, Preston:** The annual reunion for past pupils is to be held on Saturday 26th Feb 2022 at Our Lady and St Edwards Parish Hall—4 Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, PR2 9UE from 1.30pm-3.30pm. All Welcome. Please tell your friends.

#### **Donation box for local rough sleepers and people in need**

Responding to suggestions made by parishioners during the Synod, the Synod Support Group will put boxes at the back of the churches to collect items requested by St Wilfrid's Metanoia Project and Tuesday Drop-in for local rough sleepers and people in need. The items of greatest need are:

- \*Deodorants
- \*Shampoo
- \*Men and ladies' shower gel
- \*Men's boxer shorts (brand new) preferably large
- \*Ladies' briefs (brand new)
- \*Men's medium and large tracksuit bottoms
- \*Ladies' leggings small and medium

**Lent Retreat 2022:** Journey through Lent with Ignatius of Loyola and see how his struggles and achievements form part of the common human search to understand self and live a fulfilling life.

It is 500 years since a cannonball shattered his dreams of fame and fortune and forced him to re-evaluate life. From the comfortable life of Spanish nobility he opted for a simple lifestyle of service to those most in need and devotion to Christ.

Each day of Lent:

- An episode in the life of Ignatius
- A reading from Scripture
- A picture to ponder
- Music to inspire
- A short reflection

For further details visit <https://www.onlineprayer.net/ignatius/>

#### **Prayer of the Week - Racial Justice**

We are encouraged to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti – on fraternity and social friendship*:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. **Amen.**

