

THIS WEEKEND	Third Sunday of Easter			Year C
Sat 30th April	2.00pm	St MM	Wedding: Adrian Brooks + Sarah Lavelle	
	5.00pm	St O	World Peace	
	6.30pm	St T	Susan Syrett, Parishioners	
Sun 1st May	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Lily Grant (A) John Grant (B'day Remembrance)	
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon, Theresa Benson James Michael Warner (A) James Robert Gregson, Margaret Kileen	
Divine Office Week 3				
Mon 2nd May	9.30am	St O	Special Intention	
Tues 3rd May	9.15am	St T	Patrick Lavelle (A)	
	9.30am	St O	Bernard Pope	
	11.30am	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Brian Wilson</i>	
Wed 4th May	9.30am	St MM	Deceased Cooper Family Theresa Benson (LD), David Laing (A)	
Thu 5th May	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Fri 6th May	9.15am	St T	Vincent Carey (S), Fran Unsworth—Speedy Recovery	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND	Fourth Sunday of Easter			Year C
Sat 7th May	5.00pm	St O	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
	6.30pm	St T	Mary Lee B'Day Remembrance	
Sun 8th May	8:30am	St O	Bernard Nevin	
	9.30am	St T	Margaret Challoner, Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon, John Connolly (A), Bill Power (A)	



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## Third Sunday of Easter 1st May 2022

'It is the Lord!'

In this Easter season, we see the strength of those who have witnessed the resurrection. Through them, we too witness the love of the risen Christ and power of his resurrection, even in times of terror and persecution.

In the **First Reading** we see the Apostles, despite the threat of persecution, bravely announcing that Jesus is risen.

The **Second Reading** transports us to a vision of heaven. The author of the Apocalypse shares a vision where the whole of heaven and all of creation bows before the 'Lamb that was sacrificed'.

Our **Gospel** passage relates how the risen Christ shows himself to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and how he challenges Peter to affirm his love three times.

The **Psalm** is a song of praise and thanksgiving that Christ himself and all his disciples sang.

Perhaps this week we, too, can praise the Lord for all the signs of resurrection around us, as we see the mystery of his Passion and resurrection in our world.

We also continue to pray for peace across the world, and especially for the people of Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

Face coverings are now optional for all those coming to a church service. Hand sanitising will remain in place as people arrive.

**Food Bank—May:** Donations of soup will be appreciated. Also tinned tomatoes, cartons of passata and tinned potatoes. It would also be good to build up a small stock of generally useful ingredients to offer those who like to cook from scratch, including (but not limited to) tinned fried onions, coconut milk, black pepper, garlic purée or garlic salt, tubes of chilli purée, and jars of spice paste of one sort or another. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Gift Aid:** Offertory envelopes for 2022 —2023 are now available for collection from outside the Romero Room. **Thank you for your continued support.**

**St Oswald's Gift Aid Envelopes:** Available in the porch before / after Mass.

**APF - Missio - Red Boxes ST MM + St T:** Over the next weeks, please would you bring your Red Box and leave it at the back of church. I will endeavour to count and return each box to the back of church within two weeks. If anyone has any questions then please contact Dennis Conlon on 07790520665.

**Ladies Association:** Tuesday 10th May 10.00am (after mass) Guided Tour of St Teresa's Church, Part 2, following on from our historical talk in April and presented by Jennifer. All welcome, all parishioners and friends. Scones, tea and coffee will be served. Please meet in the Romero room.

**SVP Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea-** The SVP are arranging an afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June at 1pm -3pm in St Teresa's Parish Centre. Please include your name, contact details and if transport is required on the list at the back of church, contact an SVP member or Catherine 740569. Numbers are limited to 60.

**SVP Rosary-** The next Rosary meets will be Thursday 5th and 19th May at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's. May is the traditional month to pray the Rosary. Everyone welcome.

**Metanoia Project's Drop In** for the homeless is looking for volunteers. The Drop In runs 6.30 - 8pm every Wednesday evening in St Wilfrid's Church. The volunteers assist in setting up and tidying away the space, providing refreshments, assigning the needed clothing or toiletries, as well as spending time listening and talking with the people, so they are reminded of and have an experience of God's love and mercy. If this sounds like a role you would like to give your time to or you would like any more information, please ring Jen 07957566741 or email [jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk).

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** (Our Lady queen of Peace) A special offer has been sent to me from Northern Star Travel. A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 5days, October 25th, staying at a 4\*hotel, half board. The cost is £450 sharing and £515 for a single. Flights from Manchester to either Dubrovnik or Split. This special price will be guaranteed until the end of May. If you are interested please ring Dorothy on 742927.

**Recent Deaths:** Theresa Benson and Andrew Leahy have recently died. Please remember them and their family 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 soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

**Silent Prayer:** A warm invitation to the parishioners of our three churches to consider the wonder and beauty of silent prayer. Praying through the heart to be one with God, is a deeply moving spiritual experience, which carries over into daily lives, giving a calm serenity and peace of mind.

Starting at 7:30 pm to 8:00pm on Monday 9th May and thereafter on the second Monday of each month, we will be meeting in St Teresa's Romero Room to discover the rewards of Contemplative Prayer. In contemplative prayer we seek to become the person we are 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.

Although we start our meetings at St Teresa's, further meetings can take place at St Mary Magdalene and St Oswald's so that we pray as one Christian Community.

**Priest's Relocation:** around this time we have priest's moving within the Liverpool Diocese. Therefore, priest's will be moving between parishes, and the Archbishop has begun to make those changes. **St. Mary Magdalen & St. Teresa's parish will be getting a new priest, in August, Fr. Ian McParland and St. Mary's in Leyland will be getting a new priest, Fr. Joe Bibby.** Please pray for the priest's and parishioners in those parishes which have priest relocations.

**Christian Aid Week is from May 15th - 22nd** but help is needed at all times, please. In the current situation, with conflict and climate change affecting so many countries of the world, Christian Aid is striving to save lives and give support to thousands of vulnerable families - supplying shelter, clean water and sanitation, education, agricultural and environmental resources, medical care and counselling.

Christian Aid works with partners in local churches and other community groups. It does not give money to governments.

If anyone is able to help with the work of Christian Aid by delivering envelopes for Christian Aid Week or holding a small Coffee Morning, Tea Party, Wine and Cheese Evening or other minor event at any time, please contact Cath Greenlees as soon as possible: 01772-613500; [cathgreenlees@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cathgreenlees@hotmail.co.uk)

**Liverpool Diocese Ukraine Appeal:** We have now raised over **£101,000** for **#Liverpool4Ukraine**. Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal. To keep up to date with our volunteer drivers who have left to take more goods to the Polish border follow us daily on the website: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>

#### **Prayer for the Week**

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our diocese hear your call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many; raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy sisters, brothers, deacons and priests, who will give themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. **Amen**

