

THIS 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)	
Divine Office Week 4				
Mon 9th May	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Tues 10th May	No Mass	St T	No Mass	
	No Mass	St O	No Mass	
Wed 11th May	9.30am	St MM	Theresa Benson (LD), All the Sick Deceased Clarke Family	
Thu 12th May	9.30am	St O	Violet Singleton (A)	
	12.30pm	St MM	Requiem Mass: Andrew Leahy	
	7.00pm	St T	Martin Joseph Russell (A) Margaret + Don Goodwin (BR)	
Fri 13th May	9.15am	St T	Margaret Roscoe	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		Fifth Sunday of Easter		Year C
Sat 14th May	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
Sun 15th May	8:30am	St O	Bill Turner (A)	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Donald McManamon An end to the war in Ukraine	



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# Fourth Sunday of Easter 8th May 2022

'I know them and they follow me.'

On this 'Good Shepherd Sunday', the Gospel verses are taken from the tenth chapter of St John. Here Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who brings life, love and protection to those within his flock.

In the **First Reading** we follow Paul and Barnabas to Antioch, where their message is rejected by the Jewish leaders. Undeterred, they turn their preaching to those termed pagans. To the joy of the disciples, these people readily hear and receive the message of eternal life offered by the Lord, fulfilling the commission given by Jesus himself.

The **Psalm** celebrates the joy, gladness and mercy that this eternal life promises to those who delight in being the Lord's people, the sheep of his flock.

The **Second Reading** recounts John's vision of heaven. Amid countless souls robed in the whitest of garments, we see Jesus as the Lamb, standing at the throne of God. We hear of the gifts of protection from hunger, thirst and sorrow which come to those who stand before God's throne.

Jesus, the shepherd himself, speaks in the **Gospel**, reminding us of the blessings of care and protection his sheep are promised — both now, and in eternal life, with Jesus and the Father.

This week, perhaps we can pray especially for those who, for whatever reason, may feel lost and without the protection of the shepherd they once knew. We also remember those who are searching for a flock in which to make their home.

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.

**Caritas:** There will be a Caritas Lunch Club at St Teresa's on Friday, May 20th starting at 12pm. Everyone welcome.

**Ladies Association:** Tuesday 10th May 10.00am 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 will be 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.

**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.

**Family Fun Day 15th May 2022 1.00pm—6.00pm @ St Teresa's Parish Centre, 34 Queensway.** All monies raised shared between St Catherine's Hospice, Lancashire, and Breast Cancer Research UK. Live acts, entertainment, donkey rides, goody stalls, tombola, sand art, slime making. Food and drink available including Hog roast/bbq, pizza, ice cream, cake soft drink and cask ales.

### **Prayer of the Week – Our Lady**

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. **Amen.**

