

THIS WEEKEND	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 2nd July	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners
	6.30pm	St T	Catherine Bedworth, Mary de Rome
Sun 3rd July	8:30am	St O	Danny Patten (A)
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Private Intention (PT)
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 4th July	9.30am	St O	Teresa Gilleran
Tues 5th July	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	No Mass	St T	No Mass
Wed 6th July <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	No Mass	St MM	No Mass
Thu 7th July	9.30am	St O	Mary Jane Ainsworth (A)
	No Mass	St T	No Mass
Fri 8th July	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	No Mass	St T	No Mass
NEXT WEEKEND	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 9th July	5.00pm	St O	Greta & Thomas Digweed Vera Conway (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 10th July	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Bridgie McGowan (LD)
	11.00am	St MM	Hession Family Birthday Remembrance RIP



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd July 2022

The Kingdom of God is very near you!

We are called and sent to bring the deep peace of the kingdom of God into the world.

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) proclaims a joyful time of peace that flows like a river from the healing, comforting love of God, which is compared to the intimate, tender bond between a mother and a baby.

The same spirit of contented happiness is reflected in today's **Psalm** of jubilation, where the whole earth cries out with joy to the Lord.

The members of the Early Church community in Galatia are encouraged to be at peace with one another through Christ, who makes us a new creation in him. Christ is the source of all peace and unity in the world (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus sends seventy-two of his followers ahead of him. He is confident that they will have all they need for their mission through all they have learnt from following his way. He instructs them to bring his peace and healing into the communities that they visit.

In a world that cries out more than ever for the peace of Christ, especially for the people of Ukraine, this is our calling today. Jesus stands among us and sends us before him, to declare his peace and to heal and encourage people in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is very near. Let us pray that the whole Christian community will joyfully answer this call.

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.

Request for July's Foodbank: During July, the foodbank would like donations of tinned soup, tinned spaghetti/spaghetti hoops and microwaveable rice. Your donations are always gratefully received and are most welcome, thank you.

SVP Rosary -The next rosary will be on Thursday 7th July & 21st July at 11am, at St Mary Magdalen's church, everyone welcome.

The SVP are collecting stamps for St Patrick's Missionary society. Any old, foreign and recent stamps will be accepted, Please leave in either church for collection.

The SVP as a matter of course pray for those who are in an end of life situation, or those who are ill. We would be delighted to add to that list anyone in the parish who needs prayers for whatever reason.

If you want prayers to be said either for yourself, or for a member of your family, or for a friend of yours, please contact the SVP president Cath Jones on 01772 740569, or the SVP secretary Paul Kearney on 0780 1358197.

The weekly Gospel Faith Sharing Group will be taking a break over the summer and we will re-convene in late September.

St Oswald's: RED MISSION BOXES - We will be collecting these in June so please leave your boxes in the side chapel and collect them when they have been emptied. Thank You

Ladies Association: Tuesday 12 July in the Social Centre—talk and demonstration on Skin Care by Christine from Tropics. All welcome

Parish Get Together: Both parishes are invited to Fr Roy's leaving party, on the Thursday 14th July. Jacobs Join of cake and savouries would be welcome.

If you would like to donate to Fr Roy's leaving present then please leave your contribution in an envelope and put in the box provided at the back of church.

Latest news from Knit-a-Bit Since January this year we have been busy with several projects. Two of our ladies have been taught to crochet recently. A few weeks ago a selection of knitted jumpers and hats was handed over for delivery to Uganda. We are also working on helping out with midwives in Laos having listened to a talk in All Saints Church by a midwife from Preston who lives and works there. We are busy knitting booties, hats and cardigans for babies along with sewing PE sized bags for midwives to carry equipment on their visits. In total, we took 250 items for posting to these two countries. We also try to help out with postage costs and made a donation of £100. If you fancy joining us, call in any Monday to the parish centre between 10.00 and 12.00 midday. You'll be very welcome.

Pastoral Plan one year on: Updates on the pastoral plan by Fr Philip Inch is on YouTube and there is a full report along with an explanation of the pastoral plan for families with one for children also available to read and download.

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A Message from Mrs Gallagher: Most of you will know that I retire at the end of this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the parish for their support and prayers. Comments and emails about the great behaviour of our children in Mass have always been appreciated and made me very proud. I would especially like to thank parishioners who have volunteered in school and served on the governing body. The last eleven years have been very happy and rewarding and St Mary Magdalen's will always hold a special place in my heart. Diane Gallagher

Silent Prayer: A warm invitation to the parishioners of our three churches to consider the wonder and beauty of silent prayer. Starting at 7:30 pm to 8:00pm 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.



The for the tenth World Meeting of Families (WMOF) was **Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness.**

The World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1994. The week was organised and promoted by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. Although physically hosted by the Diocese of Rome, in 2022 the event was multi-centred and spread out throughout the world's Catholic dioceses.

Prayer for the Week - Families

Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony. May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them; We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the World.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church. Amen