

THIS 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
Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 11th July <i>St Benedict</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	1.45pm	St O	Requiem Mass; Patricia Booth
Tues 12th July	9.30am	St O	Desmond Roberts (A)
	7.00pm	St T	Eileen Hayden (A)
Wed 13th July	10.00am	St MM	Parishioners
Thu 14th July	9.30am	St O	John Mair (LD)
	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention
Fri 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	10.00am	St T	Laura Chapman
NEXT WEEKEND	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 16th July	5.00pm	St O	Christopher Cooper B'Day Remembrance
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 17th July	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Peter Hammond (A)



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th July 2022

'And who is my neighbour?'

Today's readings celebrate the nearness of the Lord to us. Created through God and for God, we are drawn ever closer by peace and reconciliation. Not only that. We are also called to become like the Lord in our service to all. The **First Reading** commands us to love, and gives us the means to do it. The law, or word, is not beyond our reach but is as close to us as our very hearts. And the help and compassion of the Lord for the poor and needy can be seen by our service. It is through this that, hearts will revive (**Psalms**). The **Second Reading** makes clear that all is possible by Christ and his cross. He holds everything in being from the beginning and, even now, is drawing us together in deeper unity. Finally, the parable of the Good Samaritan (**Gospel**) gives us a concrete example of what this service, this command to love, this deeper unity without bias or prejudice, looks like. Let's pray, this week, that we might have renewed confidence, trust, and hope in the Good Samaritan who comes close to us in our need, that we might go out so that God's desires for all people might be seen by our loving response. We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer as a result of conflict and violent attack.

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.

Next Weekend 16th/17th July there will be a second collection for Provision for Priests in Retirement.

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

SVP Rosary -The next rosary will be on Thursday 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. O red Mission Boxes - Please collect your empty boxes from the side chapel. Many thanks for your generosity. Anthony Chappell

Ladies Association: Tuesday 12 July 10.00am 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 4.00pm—8.00pm with the presentation taking place at 5.00pm. 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.

Knit-a-Bit: 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.

Caritas Day of Reflection, Thursday, 22nd September 2022.

This is our next venture and anyone from each of the 3 Parishes is invited to attend.

We are strictly limited to a maximum of 40 people attending. We are running a Coach and politely ask that everyone attending uses it (no cars). The cost is £12 per person covering the cost of the coach and use of the venue. We will be providing tea/coffee/biscuits. You will need a packed lunch.

The venue is St. Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby. Fr. John will lead the day. He is very experienced at running days of reflection. There will be no group work or question/answer sessions. He will be available for private consultations if required. This promises to be a thoughtful and prayerful day beneficial to all present. Lists and envelopes will be available in all 3 Parishes on the 23rd/24th July.

Confirmations 2022 On 13th and 15th July those in year 8 and above from our deanery will be celebrating Confirmation at St. Mary's Parish Church, Leyland. It is an important step in their sacramental and spiritual journey. Please remember all our young people and their families in your prayers.

Contemplative Prayer: This coming Monday 11th July 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm in St Teresa's Romero Room, a warm invitation is offered to the parishioners of our three churches to experience the wonder and beauty 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. It is in our daily lives and especially in our relationships that we notice the fruits of Contemplative Prayer in what St Paul called the "harvest of the spirit"

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022: In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. For the full national itinerary and more information please go to the Catholic Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/> Archdiocese of Liverpool

***St Mary's R.C. Church:** Mount Pleasant, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2SR

Arrive: 8:30pm Thursday 15 September until 10:00am Saturday 17 September

***Cathedral Church of the Risen Christ:** James' Mount, Liverpool, L1 7AZ

Arrive: 11:00am Saturday 17 September until 2:30pm Saturday 17 September

***Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King:** Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ

Arrive: 3:30pm Saturday 17 September until 7:00am Tuesday 20th September

Afghanistan Crisis Appeal: Christian Aid is supporting the appeal for emergency relief after the earthquake in Afghanistan where approximately 1000 people have died, including many children, and over 360,000 have been affected. The money will help to provide emergency shelters, water and food <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Pope's July prayer intention: 'For the elderly'

"We elderly people often have a special sensitivity for care, for reflection, and affection. We are, or we can become, teachers of tenderness. Let us remember, grandparents and the elderly are the bread that nourishes our lives; they are the hidden wisdom of a people." *Pope Francis*

Prayer for the Week

All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God.

For you have called us to serve you and one another in love.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health.

Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

