

THIS WEEKEND		17th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 23rd July	5.00pm	St O	Jim Lowery	
	6.30pm	St T	Pauline Smith (A)	
Sun 24th July	8:30am	St O	Boardman & Eyles families	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	For Lucy on her 1st B'day, Lucy Fitton, Pat O' Leary (LD) Gerard 'Gerry' Smith Rachel Karney (recovery to full health)	
<b>Divine Office Week 1</b>				
Mon 25th July <i>St James</i>	9.30am	St O	Good Recovery (MD)	
Tues 26th July	9.30am	St O	Celia Goode & Irene Taylor	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Wed 27th July	10.00am	St MM	Maurice North 80th B'day + Get Well	
Thu 28th July	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention	
Fri 29th July	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention	
<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>		<b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Year C</b>
Sat 30th July	5.00pm	St O	John Harrison (A)	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
Sun 31st July	8:30am	St O	Malcolm Campbell (A)	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Marguerita Bamber (B'day Remembrance) Nellie McIntyre (Ld) For the Holy Souls—James Fly	



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## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th July 2022

### 'Ask, and it will be given to you'

The readings for this Sunday remind us again of the boundless love God offers to those who believe. Our faith in God will be rewarded more than we can imagine, if we but ask in prayer.

God's mercy for the sinful people of Sodom and Gomorrah is revealed in the **First Reading**. Abraham pleads with the Lord not to destroy them, even though few good people remain there. Abraham's persistence and belief in God are an example for us of the power of prayer.

The **Psalms** similarly speaks of God's constant faith and mercy. The psalmist offers praise and thanksgiving to the God who hears the cry of the people in distress.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul reminds the community in the city of Colossae – and ourselves – that Christ's sacrifice on the cross has brought everlasting life and forgiveness for all our sins.

As Jesus teaches the disciples in the **Gospel** how to pray to the Father, he also encourages us to believe that we can ask God for anything, and that our faith will be rewarded simply because of the immensity of God's love.

In the week ahead, we might renew our efforts to take every opportunity to show our faith and trust by placing the needs of those who are suffering before the God who loves us all. We particularly remember those who are suffering in war and conflict in Ukraine and beyond.

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 microwavable rice. Your donations are always gratefully received and are most welcome, thank you.

**SVP Stamp collection:** A parcel weighing 1.9Kg has been sent to St Patrick's Missionary Society, Stirling. Fr Kyran sends his thanks to all the stamp collectors. Please continue to collect for next year.

**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

**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:** We are quickly approaching our Day of Reflection on Thursday 22 September at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby. I know that Fr John, who is leading the day, has made very thorough preparations. We have agreed that there will be no question and answer sessions nor any work groups. We intend it to be a very personal day where each individual can find quiet places to reflect or just enjoy the peace and quiet. If you decide to make it a silent day of reflection for yourself we trust that others will respect this. We're planning to end the day with the Celebration of Mass. The lists are at the back of each church. There is a limit of 13 people for each list. Please make sure you complete the envelopes correctly. The coach will pick up at St Teresa's at 9.15 am and about 15 mins later at St Oswalds. We will leave the Convent at 5 pm. We sincerely hope that everyone enjoys the day. Thank you from Steve and the Caritas Group.

**SPUC:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children needs volunteers to help with telephone calls and admin each week at our Preston office. Our Office is located at Lockside Office Park, Unit 10, Lockside Rd, Preston PR2 2YS. Please email: [caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk](mailto:caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk) or call 01772 258 580

**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 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** The schedule for the Lourdes pilgrimage has been uploaded onto the Diocesan website for people at home to follow:  
[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2542](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2542)

### Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them as they grow older. May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. **Amen**

