

THIS WEEKEND		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
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	
Divine Office Week 2				
Mon 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	No Mass		No Mass	
Tues 2nd August	7.00pm	St T	Peter Gavin (B'day Remembrance)	
Wed 3rd August	10.00am	St MM	Parishioners	
Thu 4th August <i>St John Vianney</i>	10.00am 12 Noon	St T St T	Zina Manial (LD) Requiem Mass: Paul Chadwick	
Fri 5th August	10.00am	St T	John Hunt (LD)	
NEXT WEEKEND		19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 6th August  <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	5.00pm	St O	Frances Duignan (A)	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
Sun 7th August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Mary Malone Irene Melling (LD)	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith (A)	



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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st July 2022

**There is more to life than wealth  
and riches**

Today's readings are about material things and our attitude towards them. Are they at the centre of our lives? The texts also suggest that what we *are* is more important than what we *have*.

Qoheleth, 'the Preacher', who wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes 300 years before Christ, gives a pessimistic view of the world. Is it worth working hard and worrying about our wealth, since we have to leave it to others after our death? He declares: 'All is vanity!' (**First Reading**)

**The Gospel** develops the same theme. The main problem with wealth is that it risks taking centre stage in our life, and displacing God from his rightful position. What really matters is making ourselves rich in the sight of God.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, develops similar ideas. As Christians, we should put aside our former preoccupations – in particular greed – and turn our thoughts to '*heavenly things*', for Christ is '*in everything*'.

As the **Psalms** encourages us, we ought to praise and thank the Lord in word and song rather than grumble and worry. We should listen to his voice *today*.

This week, I might want to make some time each day to listen to what the Lord is telling me about myself, and about my relationship with others and with money. I also pray for peace in the world.

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.

**COVID 19—There has been a recent increase in covid cases both nationally and locally, therefore, please consider wearing a face covering when in Church, especially if you are suffering from any coughs or colds.**

**Request for August's Foodbank.** During August the foodbank would like donations of tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid, long life fruit juice, cooking oil - and tinned soup is still appreciated. Your donations are always welcome, particularly during school holidays.

**SVP Stamp collection:** Please continue to collect for next year.

**SVP Rosary:** The next rosary will be Thursday 11th August & 25th August at 11:00 am St Mary Magdalen's church, everyone welcome.

**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 pickup 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

**Ladies Association: Change of Date**—Talk on skincare will now be Tuesday 9th August 10.00am in the Parish Centre. Presented by Christine from Tropics. Everyone welcome.

**Penwortham Farmers Market:** which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 6th August. The Market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, Fresh Fish, Jams, Plants, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Wine, Gin, Fudge and hot coffees. With a variety of craft stalls. The Market makes for an interesting Saturday morning shopping experience and is a great asset to the daily life of Penwortham.

**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

**Deanery Synodal Councils:** Catherine Jones has been nominated to be the parish representative for St. Mary Magdalen & St. Teresa; also Michael Boardman has been nominated for St. Oswald's. These councils will help us to embed the synodal way into the life of the parish, the deanery and the diocese.

**#Liverpool4Ukraine:** On the 26th July our six volunteer drivers arrived at the Ukraine border to deliver essential aid to Bishop Gregory. A video of COO Martin Miller interviewing Bishop Gregory Komar can be watched here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQd5XrNT5a8&t=3s> This trip would not have happened without the generous donations from our parishioners, we are still welcoming donations. More details can be found here: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support)

### Prayer of the Week

Father, here I am. I know you are always with me. I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say. For my part I give you this day—all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings—all I am and possess. With Mary, mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month. **Amen**

