

THIS WEEKEND	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 6th August	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) Rachel Maduka
Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 8th August	No Mass		No Mass
Tues 9th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	7.00pm	St T	John Hunt (LD)
Wed 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	10.00am	St MM	Special Intention Paul Chadwick (LD)
Thu 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	10.00am 1.00pm	St T St O	The Church in Nigeria Funeral Mass: Mary (Kay) Taylor
Fri 12th August	10.00am	St T	William (Bill) Drake (LD)
NEXT WEEKEND	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Year C
Sat 13th August	5.00pm	St O	James & Philomena Mellows
	6.30pm	St T	Bernard Hothersall (B'day Rem) Parishioners
Sun 14th August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Sina Borg (LD) Deceased members of the Gould + Phipps families
	11.00am	St MM	Margaret Wilson Patricia Chadwick—God care at this sad time



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th August 2022

Jesus said, 'For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also'.

Today's readings remind us that God has chosen us all as his own. They also highlight the importance of our humble faith and trust in God, who calls us to 'joyfully take courage' in the world.

The **First Reading** recalls the night of the Passover, when the Jewish slaves put their trust in God and escaped the oppression of Pharaoh.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus teaches that while the Kingdom of God has, in one sense, already arrived, in another it is still to come: it is both a gift and a challenge to us. It is therefore vital that we are awake to meet the Master whenever he returns, committing our hearts to the unfailing treasures of his kingdom.

The **Second Reading** meditates on the history of Israel, inviting us to imitate people like Abraham and Sarah as models of faith. Faith is the virtue that enables us to keep watching and waiting for the Lord's presence in the ups and downs of our daily lives.

The **Psalms** celebrates all peoples: women and men who are chosen by the Lord, and in turn, place their trust and hope in him.

Perhaps this week we might take our prayer from today's theme:

*Father, please deepen our trust in you,
so we may live joyfully and with courage.*

We also continue to pray for peace across 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 SVP would like to thank the kind people who made donations amounting to £300. The money will be used in order to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

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: Thursday, 22nd September. This day is intended to be an opportunity for each person to spend some time in very pleasant surroundings reflecting on what Fr. John has spoken about and how it might apply to them. There are no discussions or questions, just a period of time when each person can consider themselves and their reaction to it. The setting is very pleasant both outside and inside and it offers an opportunity to simply escape from the everyday pressures of life and reflect on the things that matter to them.

We can provide tea/coffee and biscuits but you will need to bring your own lunch.

The coach will leave St. Teresa's at 9.15am, St. Oswald's at 9.30am. and we will leave the centre at 5pm.

Please add your name to the lists in each Church as soon as possible and put the £12 fee into the envelope provided with your name and contact number. Ignore the limit of 13 but we are limited to 40 persons overall.

Caritas Lunch Club is on Friday, 19th August in St Teresa's Social Centre at 12pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Monday 8th August 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".

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.

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
You can watch a video of Archbishop Malcolm talking about the relics here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fznzts6grVwI>

***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

The Search for Happiness short course : Our yearly course in Thomistic philosophy and theology, in partnership with CEPHAS, focusses on the Cardinal virtues this year. **The Search for Happiness** will offer a close study of the four pillars of the good life, reflecting on the necessary interior structures for responding justly to the challenges of the contemporary world. **Runs 26th – 29th August 2022.** Further information & booking: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-happiness/>

Live Simply Prayer of the Week

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.

Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. **Amen.**

ACCEPT
the work
of our hands

DEUT. 33:11