

THIS 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
<b>Divine Office Week 4</b>			
Mon 15th August	No Mass		No Mass
Tues 16th August	7.00pm	St T	Bernard Henderson (LD)
Wed 17th August	10.00am	St MM	Francis Nayler (LD)
Thu 18th August	10.00am	St T	Brenda Mulholland—Speedy recovery, Pauline Drake (LD) Margaret Kay (LD)
Fri 19th August	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention
	10.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Joyce Draper
NEXT WEEKEND			
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C			
Sat 20th August	5.00pm	St O	Alan Whipp (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Frank Gardner (LD)
Sun 21st August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Elizabeth + Samuel Oakes (A) Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Anne Pemberton (LD) Alex Duxbury (LD)



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## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 14th August 2022

**'The Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is his name.'**

The scripture for this Marian feast day reveals how the coming of Christ into our world through the poverty of Mary can change our lives. The radical message of the Gospel and the promise of resurrection can transform our own understanding of power and authority.

The **First Reading** portrays a vivid dream full of symbolism. It emphasises the turmoil and struggle for power surrounding the early church at the time. Although the language may seem strange to our generation, the themes of fragile beginnings, of power struggles rooted in evil motives, and of the overcoming of fear and sin through Christ, all hold an important message of hope for us today.

The **Second Reading** speaks of the sovereignty of Christ, who calls all people to the fullness of resurrection. Christ's kingdom is not based on selfish human notions of power and authority.

Today's **Psalm** is full of the imagery of royalty and power in praise of God's kingdom. However, the true nature of that kingdom is shown to us in the beautiful **Gospel** passage. A joyful meeting between two humble women, Mary and Elizabeth, is a revelation of the Gospel message. A new order of justice and mercy for all time will be proclaimed. The powerful will be brought low and the humble exalted.

Let us take responsibility for proclaiming and living out this Gospel message today. We pray for that true peace that only Christ can bring, remembering especially the people of Ukraine and all places where people are suffering.

*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 on the 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.

#### **Time to say Goodbye:**

I arrived here in September 2018 and a lot has happened in the 4 years I've been here. We have had our primary school children coming to weekday Masses on a regular basis. We have had, Synod 2020, and the weeks and months of stop/start in the beginning of 2019. We have had Covid-19 and the lock downs in 2020. Followed by the gradual opening up of churches and people retuning to Mass, with stewards, red tap, white ribbons, one way systems, etc, etc... My time here has definitely been an experience, with many happy memories. I will be moving on to St Margaret Mary's in Liverpool on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Fr. Ian McParland will be arriving here as your new parish priest on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Please pray for me, be assured I will be praying for you. Thank you for all your commitment and for your help and support during my time here at St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa.

May God bless you all. Prayers and best wishes. Fr. Roy.

**Medjugorje:** Please can I remind the Parishioners who are going to Medjugorje in October...The balance of your payment is due by the 30th August. I shall be sending some together on the 25th August but if you wish to send yours direct to Northern Star please enclose your invoice. Likewise please give me your invoice along with your cheque. Thank you. Dorothy 742927

**Lourdes:** We would like to thank everyone who supported us on our Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As a group, we were sad we were unable to go in 2020 and 2021 but were very grateful we could this year. At the back of each church there are big bottles of Lourdes water so please bring a bottle and take some home with you. Thank you again for all your support.

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#### **St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022:**

**\*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

#### **Prayer for the Week: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Almighty and everlasting God, You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory. Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

