

THIS 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)
Divine Office Week			
Mon 22nd August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	9.30am	St O	Michael Francis Speedy Recovery
Tues 23rd August	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention
Wed 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St T</u>	Funeral Mass: Bernard Henderson
Thu 25th August	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	10.00am	St T	Joan Eyles (A)
Fri 26th August	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	10.00am	St T	John Pope (LD)
NEXT WEEKEND	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 27th August	5.00pm	St O	Baby Jasmine RIP
	6.30pm	St T	Jack Cunningham (B'day Rem)
Sun 28th August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Michael Airey (A) Joyce Marland (LD)



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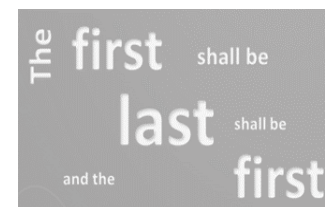
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## 21st Sunday Ordinary Time 21st August 2022

'The Last shall be the first...'

This Sunday's scripture bears testimony to the universal outreach of the Lord. Our God is one who desires to gather all people, from far and wide – north, south, east and west – and from lands that have never heard of the Lord.

God also wishes to reach those who are considered last, those who are overlooked. Today's readings reveal a Lord with priorities that differ from the norm.

The ones anticipating a place at the banquet will lose it, but those expecting no place at the feast will be offered one (**Gospel**). Those who have never seen or heard of God's glory will be the ones to see it (**First Reading**). Those experiencing suffering are to remember that they are that they are God's children and not forgotten (**Second Reading**).

This week may we, in response to all the Lord has done for us, go out into the whole of the world and proclaim the Good News through our lives (**Psalms**).

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.

**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 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.

**St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022:** The relics of St Bernadette will be in the archdiocese between 15-20 September, visiting St Mary's Chorley, the Anglican Cathedral and the Metropolitan Cathedral. There will be Masses, anointing of the sick, confessions and torchlight processions during this time. To view the whole schedule, visit: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/StBernadettesRelics->

### **New Programme of Day Retreats**

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella in Lostock Hall has launched a new programme of day retreats exploring a range of topics including prayer, scripture and other religious texts.

Our first retreat will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022, when attendees will be invited to explore John of the Cross' remarkable *Spiritual Canticle*.

If you are interested in attending this or any of our other retreats, please register your interest before Monday 29th August. A minimum of 15 people is required for the retreat to be offered.

Visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-programme-2022-2023/> for more information on upcoming retreats and how to register your interest.

**CAFOD** is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. With your support, the Church works with some of the hardest-to-reach and poorest communities overseas. We believe in tackling the root causes of poverty. This is why we ask please to add your voice and campaign with us to address poverty and injustice head-on. So, people sign our petitions, meet their MPs and contact big businesses, etc. to get lasting change, and we thank you for your commitment. Together we've helped bring historic breakthroughs like debt relief for whole struggling countries, diverting Government and World Bank support for fossil fuels to tackle climate change and getting large companies to behave more ethically. Please join in our next campaign about food [cafod.org.uk/food](http://cafod.org.uk/food) to help everyone not just to have life but "have it to the full," [Jn: 10:10].

### **Prayer for the Week: The Grail Prayer**

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all,

I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus,

who live and work and pray in me. **Amen**

