

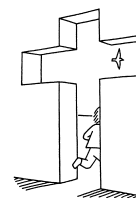
THIS WEEKEND		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 27th August	5.00pm	St O	Baby Jasmine RIP	
	6.30pm	St T	Jack Cunningham (B'day Rem)	
Sun 28th August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Michael Airey (A) Joyce Marland (LD) Frank Roberts –Speedy Recovery and then to return home	
Divine Office Week 2				
Mon 29th August <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	St O	Thanksgiving for prayers answered (PF)	
Tues 30th August <i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i>	9.30am	St O	Parishioners' Thanksgiving	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Wed 31st August	10.00am	St MM	I Cotton (LD)	
Thu 1st Sept	9.30am	St O	John Pope (LD)	
	10.00am	St T	Funeral Mass: John Pope	
Fri 2nd Sept	9.30am	St O	Peter Smith (LD)	
	10.00am	St T	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 3rd Sept <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	5.00pm	St O	Patricia Mary Becconsall (LD)	
	6.30pm	St T	Don Goodwin (B'day Rem) Parishioners	
Sun 4th Sept	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Gerry Pope (LD) Peaceful Death of Repose of the Soul	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith	



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22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

28th August 2022

**'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart'**

The readings for this Sunday speak of humility, and help us think about the order of things in the kingdom of God.

The **First Reading** advises us to be gentle, humble and attentive, warning against pride. God is the source of whatever strength and goodness we have. By behaving humbly we will find the Lord's favour, which is all that finally matters.

This theme is echoed in the **Gospel**, where Jesus teaches us how to live according to his vision of a good society. Everyone is invited and welcomed equally, for we share a common humanity. By caring for and putting others first, 'repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again'.

The **Psalmist** sings of God's care for those on the margins, rejoicing at God's generosity to his people, bringing them new life.

The author of the **Second Reading** urges the Hebrews, and us, to remain faithful. Jesus, as mediator, has instituted a new covenant for his followers, and we can each celebrate our identity as a child of God and 'citizen of heaven'. There is no need to be afraid: we are not alone but part of God's family.

Let's rejoice, and like the psalmist, sing our praises to the Lord for his generosity. May we be attentive and gentle in all we say and do this week, always responding to God's call.

We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

*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.

From Fr Ian: This is my second weekend in Penwortham. I'm still living among boxes but I am settling in well to life in no. 34. Thank you all for your welcome to the Parish. It has been wonderful to celebrate Mass with you in these two beautiful churches. I have met with Georgina and the staff in our parish centre and Kate, the chaplain, and Ben, the deputy head, of All Hallows' School. This Thursday, there will be an extra Mass at 9am for the Staff and Governors of our two primary schools to ask God's blessing on the new academic year. So, not a bad start!

Request for 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.

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.

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: The lists will be closed after Mass on September 4th in order to give final numbers to the Convent.

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.

On Thursday, 22nd September 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 at 12-00pm on Friday 16th September at St Teresa's. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ladies Association: Chat and Coffee get together— Tues 13th September 10.00am in the Parish Centre. Come and enjoy scones and coffee. Everyone welcome.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022: To view the whole schedule, visit: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/StBernadettesRelics->

Penwortham Farmers Market, which is held at St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS, will take place on Saturday 3rd September 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, Fresh Fish, Jams, Plants, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Italian Wine from family run vineyards, Gin, Fudge and a variety of craft stalls. The Market is now well established and is an important feature of a vibrant Penwortham. It is run by volunteers from Teresa's Scout Group and all monies raised goes towards maintaining the Scout HQ and buying new equipment. The Market makes for an interesting Saturday morning shopping experience and is well worth a visit.

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

"Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2022, Pope Francis calls us to use the season to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray together in "the great cathedral of Creation". He warns that we are reaching "a breaking point" and must act decisively so that "we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope."

Prayer for the Week

We see you, God of light and life, we see you in the rising sun,
the golden fields of new daffodils and the feel of a spring shower.
Help us to see your light reflected throughout creation.

God of compassion,
you are there with those people who are facing the effects of a changing climate and are affected by floods, droughts and famine.
Show us how to be there with them too.

God of truth and justice,
you hear those people around the world who struggle to make their voices heard.
Open our ears and the ears of those in power to hear
the cries of those living in poverty.

God of hope,
we see you in people who refuse to give up who will
not lose faith and keep on fighting for your earth and
for your people.

Lift us, so that we may never lose hope. **Amen.**

