

THIS 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 Mary Crook (A)	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith	
Divine Office Week 3				
Mon 5th Sept	9.30am	St O	Valerie Goodwin (LD)	
Tues 6th Sept	9.30am	St O	Tom Steele (A)	
	No Mass	St T	No Mass	
Wed 7th Sept	No mass	St MM	No Mass	
Thu 8th Sept <i>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	St O	Gliceria de Torres (LD)	
	No Mass	St T	No Mass	
Fri 9th Sept	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	John 'Gerry' Pope (LD)	
	11.00am	St T	Funeral Service: Jean Kirby	
NEXT WEEKEND		24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 10th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Tom Sutton (A)	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners	
Sun 11th Sept	8:30am	St O	John Dewhurst B'Day Remembrance	
	9.30am	St T	Louis (Len) Westerbeek (A) Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Ronald Pope (A) Rev Trevor Cotter (B'day Rem)	




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23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 2nd September 2022

'True discipleship'

Our readings this week lead us to contemplate Christ's self-sacrificing love. We are asked to follow him, the Wisdom of God incarnate. The **First Reading** states bluntly that we have enough difficulty grasping the world around us, so how can we understand the mind of God? Only through the gift of Wisdom might we begin to do so.

The **Psalms** expresses confidence in the Lord. Despite the transience of life, may God give us 'wisdom of heart'.

Paul, in his letter to Philemon, appeals to him to welcome back a runaway slave. May he do this in a real spirit of Christian brotherhood.

(Second Reading)

The **Gospel** gives us Jesus's teaching on true discipleship. This requires total commitment and will affect our nearest and dearest. This week, may we consider our freedom as children of God, and not be enslaved by our desires.

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.

Next Weekend 10/11th September there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

Foodbank During September, the Churches Together foodbank would welcome donations of breakfast cereals, tinned fish and tinned soup. There is a high demand on this service and our offerings make a real difference to tens of families.

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.

SVP Rosary: The next rosary will be Thursday 15th and Thursday 29th September at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's church, everyone welcome.

Monday Morning Meet-Up: Fancy getting your week off to a start with a chat and a cup of tea/coffee? There may even be some biscuits! Come and join us in the parish centre, Queensway between 10.30 and 12.00 midday. All welcome.

Tuesday Evenings from 13th September : Each Tuesday, there will be a time of quiet prayer from 6:15 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Ian will be available for those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). At 6:45, we will have Evening Prayer just before the celebration of Mass. Everyone is 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.

St. Oswald's – Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard on Saturday 10th September between 10am-11am.

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->

Secondary and Primary online admissions are now open. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The deadline for applying for a school place for Secondary admissions is 31/10/2022 and Primary admissions is 15/01/2023. Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application.

Volunteers are requested to assist on **Friday 16th September** with the Tour of St Bernadette's Relics at St Mary's Chorley. Help is needed in the Parish Centre to serve refreshments, meet and greet, traffic control, general enquiries etc. They are also looking for donations of sandwiches and cakes as Pilgrims will be invited to go to the parish centre for light refreshments.

If you can help in any way, there are lists at the back of the church at St Mary's for you to sign up or alternatively please contact Kinga Grzeczynska at St Mary's
Tel: 01257 262537

Cursillo England & Wales: On the 24th September 2022, Cursillo England & Wales will be holding their 50th year anniversary celebration at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King from 10am -4pm. The day will include Mass celebrated at 12pm by Bishop Tom Williams, an exhibition, talks, witnesses and refreshments. All are welcome. For further information contact Jenny on 07947 271037 or email national@cursillouk.org

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,

May we say 'yes' to you so that the Spirit in our hearts will once again be set ablaze.

Spirit of Wisdom, guide our actions so they tell of God's love.

Spirit of Truth, open our eyes to see the world as it really is.

Spirit of Power, enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.

Spirit of Love, inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us. Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Amen

