

THIS 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), Margaret Huggins (A) Rev Trevor Cotter (B'day Rem)	
Divine Office Week 4				
Mon 12th Sept	9.30am	St O	Requiem Mass: Mollie Abbott	
Tues 13th Sept	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	6.15pm	St T	Adoration & opportunity for Confession concluding with Evening Prayer	
	7.00pm	St T	Queen Elizabeth II	
Wed 14th Sept	10.00am	St MM	Daniel Huggins	
Thu 15th Sept	9.30am	St O	Mollie Abbott (LD)	
	10.00am	St T	Little Olivia Pratt-Korbel	
Fri 16th Sept	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	Ian + Sam Collingwood	
	11.30am	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Kevin Shaw</i>	
NEXT WEEKEND		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 17th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Jean Henley, Roy Allen Wedding Anniv Remembrance	
	6.30pm	St T	John 'Gerry' Pope (LD)	
Sun 18th Sept	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Doris McCracken (RIP), Matthew Noblet	
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners	
Divine Office Week 1				
Mon 19th Sept	9.30am	St O	Margaret Roxburgh LD	
Tues 20th Sept	9.30am	St O	Ron & Nancy Pope (A)	
	7.00pm	St T	Anne Ribble (LD)	
Wed 21st Sept	10.00am	St MM	Priest's Intention	
Thu 22nd Sept	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	10.00am	St T	Funeral Mass: Jack Southworth	

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24th & 25th Sunday Ordinary Time 10th + 17th September 2022

Rejoice with me ... I have found my sheep that was lost!

The readings for this Sunday celebrate the boundless mercy God offers to us, regardless of our sins, and the joy that comes from repentance.

In the **First Reading**, the fragile faith of the Israelites has faltered, and they worship the calf they have created out of molten metal. Moses pleads the cause of the people, and God relents from destroying them, despite their lack of faith.

The **Psalmist**, recognising the depth of his sinfulness, trusts in God's mercy. He pleads with God to strengthen the spirit within, offering a 'humbled, contrite' heart.

The **Second Reading** recalls the multitude of sins the young Saul committed against the faith before his conversion. Despite this, when he repented of these sins he was shown great mercy, and was filled with the grace and love of Christ. We are reminded again that Jesus came into the world to save all sinners.

In the **Gospel** we hear Jesus's powerful teaching about seeking whatever is lost, and the joy that comes when it is found again. Here he speaks of a lost sheep and a lost coin, but the heart of his message is the joy of God's loving mercy, which is poured out upon us when we repent of our sins.

This week, let's keep in mind all those who are lost and searching for something – perhaps for a loved one who has gone astray; for forgiveness; for love or peace; or for meaning in life itself. We ask the Lord to be with all of us in our searching, and bring us the joy of finding what we seek.

*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.*

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

Next Weekend 17/18th September there will be a second collection for Home Missions

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

The SVP would like to thank the kind donors who recently gave a total of £120 to the SVP. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

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 St T; 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: 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.

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->

Christian Aid Autumn Bazaar and Coffee Morning: Water for Africa! Saturday September 24th 10.00am - 12.00 noon - St Andrew's Church Hall, Longton.

Medjugorje: Thank you to the Parishioners who have paid their balance in full. I have just received the Flight times from Northern Star Travel. I'm afraid it is early morning. Depart Manchester 25th October 06.05 EasyJet aircraft. Arrive Split Airport ...09.50 (local time) there's a transfer by coach from Split to Medjugorje. Our return flight to Manchester Airport 29th October. Depart Split Airport 21.45 Arrive Manchester 23.45 (late!!) The Power of Prayer will help us, There are advantages I suppose, extra time in Medjugorje and the clocks go back on Sunday 30th. Extra hour! I am Booking a coach from St. Teresa's to the Airport. 3am! Any enquires tel. Dorothy 742927

St O Cathy Roper a former parish member who had moved to the parish of St. Mary's Leyland has very recently passed away Please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in peace. Amen

Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in this country's liturgical calendar. Its main purpose is to celebrate the work of Catholic education and to enable it to continue to flourish with the support of the whole Catholic community. This year is the 175th Anniversary of the beginning of State funding for Catholic schools, and the founding of what is now the Catholic Education Service.

Catholic education is by far the largest charitable endeavour of the Church in this country: we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this endeavour would be impossible.

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued the following statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth:

'I am deeply saddened to hear the news about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I pray for the repose of her soul and for all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow. On 21 April 1947, her 21st birthday, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the then Princess Elizabeth dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth saying, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. Today we give thanks for that lifetime of service to our country and for her leadership of the Church of England during her 70 year reign. The celebrations we witnessed earlier this year for her Platinum Jubilee show how much respect and love people had for her. She will be remembered for her dedication, strength, warmth and her pride in our country.'

'May this good and faithful servant rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.'

Contemplative Prayer: Mon 12th Sept 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm in St Teresa's Romero Room, a warm invitation is offered to the parishioners of our 3 churches to experience the wonder 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"

Fri 23rd Sept	9.30am 10.00am	St O St MM	Priest's Intention Funeral Mass: Edward 'Jimmy' Marsh
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	6.30pm	St T	Deceased members of the Bell Family
Sun 25th Sept	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Tom Crook (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners