

THIS WEEKEND	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 24th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Mollie Abbott LD, Mary Simmonds (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Deceased members of the Bell Family
Sun 25th Sept <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	8.30am	St O	John Nickson (A)
	9.30am	St T	Tom Crook (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners Fr Xavier Ho (B'day)
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 26th Sept	9.30am	St O	Mollie Abbott LD
Tues 27th Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	6.15pm	St T	Exposition, Confession + Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	St T	Anne Rieble (LD)
Wed 28th Sept	10.00am	St MM	Barbara Foy
Thu 29th Sept <i>St Michael, St Gabriel St Raphael</i>	9.30am	St O	Jack Edward Grant (A)
	10.00am	St T	George Collinson (A)
Fri 30th Sept <i>St Jerome</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	10.00am	St T	Jean-Marie Martin (RIP)
NEXT WEEKEND	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 1st Oct <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	5.00pm	St O	Robert Michael McClellan
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners
Sun 2nd Oct	8.30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Lynn Yates Millie + Ted Worden
	11.00am	St MM	Gerard 'Gerry' Smith (RIP)



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26th Sunday Ordinary Time 25th September 2022

'It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever'

Our faith in the Lord calls us to act with justice and integrity at all times. The readings this Sunday present a stark call to wake up from complacency and comfort, so that we may focus our lives on the Lord and respond with compassion and love to the needs of the poor.

The prophet Amos (**First Reading**) warns all those who revel in fine living and the safety of material things. There is a false sense of security, and they have no care for those less fortunate than them.

In contrast, the **Psalms** sing of the faithfulness and justice of the Lord, who feeds the hungry, sets prisoners free, heals the wounded and comforts those who mourn.

In the **Second Reading** we are reminded to centre our lives on Christ, and in so doing be filled with faith, love, patience and gentleness.

The **Gospel** parable echoes the warnings of the prophet Amos, and here the powerful teaching of Jesus tackles head on the perennial challenge of wealth and poverty. The wisdom of the prophets speaks of an eternal truth that Jesus embodied in his Gospel values, actions and teaching. Jesus also speaks as a prophet: for some, the truth of his Gospel and Resurrection will not be enough for them to let go of their reliance on material wealth and security.

This week, let us pray for each other that we will have the grace and strength to remain centred on Christ. May our prayer life lead us to respond with compassionate action to the needs of our less fortunate sisters and brothers across the world.

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.

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 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 St Teresa; 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!

All Hallows Community Choir: We will be meeting again on Tuesdays at 7.30 - 9.00pm beginning at the Parish Centre, St Teresa's. New members are very welcome (no need to be able to read music/no auditions)

Ladies Association: For our next meeting we will be making Pom Pom Christmas wreaths (following the success of the hanging Christmas Puddings). There will be two sessions to finish these: Tuesday 11th October and Tuesday 8th November. Both commencing at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome to join in the fun.

Shoe Box Appeal: "Send a Smile" to a child in poverty. Fill a shoe box with an appropriate gift—toiletries, toys, clothes, stationary and practical gifts eg: mini sewing kit, string, plasters etc.

Can you Knit a Teddy (pattern available from the Piety Shop) or make a draw string teddy bag 10" X 13" with a draw string top?

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

Walking Treasure Hunt:

Saturday October 8th 10am - 4pm and Sunday October 9th 11.45am - 4pm

The Treasure Hunt will start and finish at All Saints' Church, Station Road, New Longton: cost £5.00. Children must be accompanied. Small prizes for the best answers. For further details, please contact Cath Greenlees Tel:01772 613500

Penwortham Farmers Market: 1st October 9am—1pm on St Teresa's Car Park, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS. 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 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.

St Teresa Parish Centre: holds many events, highlights include: Mondays 10am-12pm Knitting Group, Mondays 1pm-4pm Indoor Bowling, Wednesday 7pm—10.30pm Dance, Friday Disco Bears 9.30am —10.30pm (Disco Class for children).

The centre is also taking donations for the foodbank, with a table near the entrance where goods can be left.

Last week, hundreds of people gathered at the Metropolitan Cathedral as Archbishop Malcolm celebrated a requiem Mass for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In his homily, Archbishop Malcolm said: "St Paul recommends that when we are bereaved and in grief that we comfort one another. Comforting is at the heart of what of our gathering this to celebrate a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of our beloved late Queen Elizabeth II.

"The grief that we are experiencing at this sad time has rocked the nation. We all knew that Queen Elizabeth would one day die, as we all will in God's good time but there is always a distance between knowledge and feeling.

"We didn't know how bereaved, how devastated we would feel. In times like this we need to be together to gain strength – that is the root meaning of the word 'comfort' – being strong together.

"Queen Elizabeth had shown throughout her long life that she cared for us as a nation and as people and gave us strength to face our difficulties. She was never indifferent to the sorrows and troubles of the people in her care, and this showed by her frequent messages to the nation which despite her own immediate concerns and family troubles at times were always encouraging and uplifting.

"Because of modern media she was very near to us and we to her – maybe that is why we are feeling so desolate. We have not only lost our Queen, but we have also lost a mother."

Prayer of the Week - Harvest Thanksgiving

As a part of nature's wondrous cycle
Of new birth, growth, fruitfulness and death
We rejoice in the creation of new life,
For parenthood, the passing on of knowledge,
For understanding and the wisdom of years.
We are grateful for those who have gone before
Passing on to us our spiritual heritage.
May our lives blossom as the apple tree in Spring
May we become fruitful in thought and deed
And may the seed of love that falls to the ground
Linger beyond our time on this earth.
We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest,
And we bless each other,
That the beauty of this world,
And the love that created it,
Might be expressed though our lives
And be a blessing to others,
Now and always. AMEN

