

THIS WEEKEND	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 1st Oct <i>St Teresa of Lisieux</i>	5.00pm	St O	Robert Michael McClellan
	6.30pm	St T	Sheila Walsh ( Seriously ill)
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) Soul of Lisette Rebeino (RIP)
<b>Divine Office Week 3</b>			
Mon 3rd October	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Tues 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am	St O	Mollie Abbott (LD)
Wed 5th October	10.00am	St MM	Nancy Pope (A) SVP Festival Mass
Thu 6th October	9.30am	St O	Arthur Bunce (A)
	10.00am	St T	Jack Cunningham (A)
Fri 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am	St O	Frank Ward (A)
	10.00am	St T	Tony Hayden (LD)
	11.00am	St T	<i>Funeral Service:</i> Elsie Flynn
NEXT WEEKEND	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 8th October	5.00pm	St O	Patrick Shevlin (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Anne Rieble (LD), Parishioners
Sun 9th October	8:30am	St O	Brian Cox (LD)
	9.30am	St T	For an elderly sick couple
	11.00am	St MM	Geraldine Hays (LD)

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Offertory Collection 17th/18th Sept: £959.06



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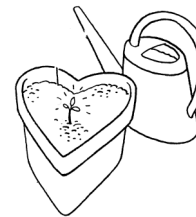
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# 27th Sunday Ordinary Time 2nd October 2022

### The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'

This Sunday's readings invite us to think in terms of trust and faithfulness. They remind us to be patient.

Habbakuk (**First Reading**) feels the Lord isn't listening when he asks why nothing is being done about the violence and outrage he sees. But the Lord reassures him that whatever the surrounding circumstances, the upright person will remain faithful, trusting in God.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus teaches about faith and service when the apostles ask him, 'Increase our faith!' He moves them away from considering faith as a quantity, to putting into practice what faith they do have. Jesus uses the size of a mustard seed to demonstrate the power of that faith. In the parable following, he then cautions the disciples about knowing one's place in God's plans, rather than having an attitude of 'what's in it for me?' Our relationship with God is to be one of total and unconditional love and service.

St Paul tells us that the gift of faith in Christ is the Spirit of power, love, and self-control. Armed with this Spirit, we are 'never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord', even if it means going against the tide, or enduring hardship. (**Second Reading**)

The **Psalmist** urges us, 'O that today you would listen to his voice!' We are to come before the Lord with open hearts, giving thanks and praise.

Let's pray for a deepening of our own faith and trust in God, and for guidance to use our precious God-given gifts with a servant's heart. We also remember those 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.

**No Mass** on Tuesday evening at St Teresa's as Fr Ian is visiting St Teresa's School Year 5 at Castlerigg in Keswick and will do the same for St Mary Magdalen's School Year 5 on Thursday.

**This weekend** we keep the Feast of one of our parish patrons, St Teresa of Lisieux. We thank God for her wonderful example of simple trust and her understanding of giving our heart to God and the service of God's people.

**CAFOD** Family Fast Day is on Friday 7 October: Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Our CAFOD reps will speak about the Harvest Fast Day at the end of Mass this weekend. Envelopes will be available at the back of church and there will also be a **second collection at masses on 8th/9th October.**

**Please** remember in prayer those who have died recently - Elsie Flynn and Dennis McKee - and their families.

**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:** Thursday 29th September at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's church. The Rosary will be recited at 9:40am before Wednesday morning Mass in St Mary Magdalen's Church during October, the Month of the Rosary

**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.

**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:** Pom Pom Christmas wreaths. There will be two sessions: Tuesday 25th October and Tuesday 8th November. Both commencing at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Lots of wool is needed, if everyone could bring some—3 colours and 2/3 balls of each colour. Please donate any if you can. £5 charge for all other items required. Please Tel: Sue 741633 or Jennifer Tel: 742741 to book as it will be helpful to know the number of people wishing to attend. All welcome for a fun session with coffee and scones.

**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?  
Please leave at the back of church.

**St Mary Magdalen:** We would like to restart the choir at St MM for the Sunday 11am Mass and wish to invite parishioners to join our (currently) small group. We would sing on the first Sunday of each month and practice twice a month. There will be a short get together after Mass on the 16th October where new members would be most welcome. Please come along and help us get started again and we can make our mass even more special with your musical prayers.

**Secondary and Primary** online admissions are now open. [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) The deadline 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

**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.

**Medjugorje:** The departure date is coming closer! Travel Documents will be sent to you, direct from Northern Star. Euros are widely accepted in Medjugorje and of course Bosnian Mark, Croatian Kuna, all major bank cards too, even dollars can be used. The Rep. suggests we take Euros.

The coach will leave St.Teresa church approximately at 03.05. The luggage weight for the hold is 15kg. Hand luggage 5kg. The price for the coach, return, is £23 each ( includes tip) please pay Dorothy, either before we go or afterwards, but not on the coach. Thank you.

**St. Oswald's – Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Confessions will be heard on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October between 10am-11am or by arrangement.

**St O: Bill McMahon** has now started his third year of four in training to become a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese. He received the Ministry of Lector, a stage towards diaconate, from Archbishop Malcolm last week. We wish him well in his further studies with our support and prayers.

#### **Prayer of the Week Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness joy.

O Divine master grant that I may

Not so much seek to be consoled as to console

To be understood, as to understand.

To be loved. as to love

For it's in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it's in dying that we are born...to eternal life. **Amen**

