

THIS WEEKEND	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 22nd October	5.00pm	St O	Mollie Abbott LD Bernadette Berenice Knights (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Andrew Pye
Sun 23rd October	8:30am	St O	Bernard Marmion (LD)
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Pat Taylor (LD) Arthur (A) + Win Varetto Thomas + Teresa Jones (A)
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>			
Mon 24th October	9.30am	St O	Julia Fallon LD
Tues 25th October	9.30am	St O	Damian Bunce (A)
	6.15pm	St T	Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with evening prayer
	7.00pm	St T	John Griffiths (LD), Jack Doyle (LD)
Wed 26th October	10.00am	St MM	Funeral Mass: Eileen Rigby
Thu 27th October	9.30am	St O	Andrew Watson (A)
	10.00am	St T	Prisoners + their families
Fri 28th October <i>St Simon, St Jude</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
NEXT WEEKEND	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 29th October	5.00pm	St O	Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life
	6.30pm	St T	Anne Graham: successful eye treatment, Pat Taylor (LD)
Sun 30th October	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Repose of the soul of Seán Gaghan
	11.00am	St MM	Pat Taylor RIP (LD) Donald J McManamon (B'day Rem)

**St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Offertory Collection 8th/9th Oct: £792.91**

The average weekly attendance for St MM + St T between 18th Sept and 9th Oct was 314 people



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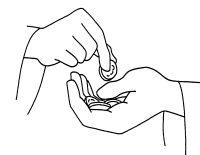
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# 30th Sunday Ordinary Time 23rd October 2022

**God be merciful to me, a sinner!**

Honesty and humility seem to go hand in hand, and our readings this week show how essential these attitudes are to our prayer.

In our **First Reading** we learn that God listens with special care to the humble. In his justice, he is no respecter of 'personages': those of undue importance or elevated status.

The **Psalm** picks up this theme. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted. He hears the cry of the poor.

St Paul, in his letter to Timothy, faces the court alone (**Second Reading**). But he knows the Lord is at his side, and it is the Lord who gives him power to proclaim the message. Paul is full of thanksgiving for God's continuous care.

Our **Gospel** is the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee is full of self-righteousness, but the humble tax collector, who acknowledges his sinfulness, goes home 'at rights with God'.

This week, may we be confident – as we come to prayer in all our sinfulness – knowing that the Lord, in his mercy, will always hear us.

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.

### There will be no Mass at St Teresa's on Friday 28th October

#### **There will be a second collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday**

Donation envelopes are available to give by credit/debit card and these envelopes can be returned directly to Missio. Donations can also be made by phone, call 020 7821 9755 in office hours or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and to Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). Local Missio contact for St Teresa's and St Mary Magdalen's is Dennis Conlon on 07790520665. Thank you.

**Parish Forum:** All parishioners are invited to an open parish meeting on Tuesday 1 November at 7:30pm in the parish centre on Queensway (immediately after the holyday Mass in St Teresa's Church). Please send any items for the agenda to the parish email address and then you can present that item at the meeting. Tea and coffee will be served.

**November Pious Lists:** November is the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray particularly for those who have, gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith. Mass will be offered each day for their intentions. If you wish your deceased loved ones to be included in these Masses please take a pious list envelope, write their name(s) on a piece of paper and hand it in at Mass or post it in the presbytery letter box together with your donation. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

**Blessing of Graves Service:** There will be a blessing of family graves and lighting of candles at Hill Road Cemetery **Saturday 5th November 11am**. Suggested candle donation £2 with monies going to CAFOD.

**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. **SVP** Rosary -the next rosary will be Thursday 3rd November and 17th November at 11am, St Mary Magdalen's. Everyone welcome.

**The SVP** would like to thank the kind donors who recently gave a total of £250 to the SVP. The money will be used to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

*To clarify, the new water urn in the parish centre was funded by a grant from LCC, no SVP donations were involved in this purchase. Thank you for your continuing support.*

**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:** Meet on Tuesdays at 7.30 - 9.00pm 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. 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 gifts. The boxes will then be delivered to International Aid for distribution abroad.

**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 Choir:** We 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.

**St. Oswald's Remembrance Mass on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm.** We will be remembering in particular all our parishioners that have died in the last year but everyone in the parish are welcome at the Mass to remember their loved ones at this time of the year.

### St Teresa Parish Centre

**'Warm and Cosy'** : During the winter months the parish centre will be open every Monday between 1.00pm-3.30pm . The centre will be welcoming people to enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits and have free use of TVs and wi-fi in a safe space.

**New Hot Water Urn:** Thank you to those who have kindly donated towards the parish centre urn.

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

**St Oswald's Blessing of Graves: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.** There will be a short prayer service starting in the church followed by the blessing of graves in our cemetery.

**Foodbank:** During October the Churches Together foodbank would welcome donations of tinned fruit, rice pudding, ready-made custard and biscuits. Our donations continue to support many needy families and individuals.

**Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Applications are now open for the annual youth pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage which runs from 20<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023 is open to young people aged between 15 and 22. The cost for each young person is £600. If you have any questions, please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader and Deputy Headteacher of All Hallows, Penwortham at [lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk)

**St Oswald's:** The Sacramental Programme for St. Oswald's will be starting with an Enrolment Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November leading to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and then First Holy Communion in May 2023. The parents of the children in Y4 at St Oswald's have already received this information but if there are any baptised Catholic children in Y4 or above attending other schools who wish to join the programme then their parents should contact me as soon as possible. Fr. M

**St Oswald's:** Dear parents, I am looking for a group of children, who have already made their First Holy Communion in Y5 & Y6 to help serve on the sanctuary at either the 5pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) or the 8.30am Sunday Morning Mass. There is often a concern of not knowing what to do. Guidance and support will be given by members of the parish. A meeting will be arranged to explain and organise the new group of servers. It will then allow your child to deepen their knowledge of the Mass. Fr. M

**Prayer for the Week - 'You shall be my witnesses' – The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ**

**World Mission Sunday** is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

"Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church". **Pope Francis**

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise you and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labours and that in every place your servants call upon your name, for the kingdom and the power are yours for ever and ever. **Amen**