

THIS 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)
Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 31st October	9.30am	St O	David Kellet (LD)
Tues 1st Nov Solemnity of All Saints—Holyday of Obligation <i>(Mass Book p194)</i>	9.30am	St O	Margaret Ashley (A)
	10.00am	ST MM	For the Parish
	6.15pm	St T	Adoration + opportunity for Confession concluding with evening prayer
	7.00pm	St T	Ken Blanchard
Wed 2nd Nov	9.40am	St MM	Recitation of the Rosary
	10.00am	St MM	Funeral Mass: Peter Scott
Thu 3rd Nov	9.30am	St O	Bernard Pope, Pious List
	10.00am	St T	Pious List
	7.00pm	St O	Parish Remembrance Mass
Fri 4th Nov <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am	St O	John Dewhurst (A) Pious List
	10.00am	St T	Matilda McGuinness, Pious List
NEXT WEEKEND	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 5th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Patrick Kelly (Unwell) Pious List
	6.30pm	St T	Pious List
Sun 6th Nov	8.30am	St O	Michael & Gay Devane Golden Wedding Ann. Pious List
	9.30am	St T	Private Intention (PR), Pious List
	10.00am	St O	Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass
	11.00am	St MM	Mary Gardiner, Pious List

St Mary Magdalen + St Teresa Offertory Collection 15th/16th Oct: £771.46



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31st Sunday Ordinary Time 30th October 2022

**'The Son of Man has come to seek
out and save what was lost'**

(Parish Mass Book P157)

The readings for this Sunday once again celebrate God's boundless love for each and every one of us. No matter how far we go astray, God continues to seek us out and welcome us back.

The **First Reading** reminds us that God has created everything in love. Nothing exists or survives without God's *imperishable spirit*. It is because of the depth of God's love that our faults and failings can be forgiven, and we can rely on God to guide us away from evil.

The **Psalms** is a wonderful hymn of praise to the God we acknowledge as King of our hearts. God will raise us up to life when we fall.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul urges the Thessalonians – and ourselves – to continue to focus on doing what good the Lord asks of us. It is through our lives that God's name will be glorified.

The **Gospel** story of Zacchaeus reiterates that salvation awaits anyone who repents of their sinful ways. Just as Jesus urges Zacchaeus down from the tree, so, too, he calls each one of us. All we need do is seek his presence, and, acknowledging our faults and failings, welcome him into every aspect of our lives.

This week, as we continue to pray for an end to hostilities throughout the world, we ask that the Lord will help us to hear and respond to his invitation and welcome him joyfully into our lives.

*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.*

Holyday of Obligation—Solemnity of All Saints 1st November: Mass Times St Oswald's 9.30am, St Mary Magdalen 10.00am and St Teresa 7.00pm

Parish Forum: All parishioners are invited to an open parish meeting this Tuesday 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.

St MM SVP Rosary -the next rosary will be Thurs 3rd Nov and 17th Nov at 11am

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: Please can all boxes be returned by 8th Nov wrapped in Christmas paper (lid wrapped separately) secured with an elastic band and labelled for who it is suitable.

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 (by end of December)

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.

Foodbank: November foodbank. This month we are requesting plain biscuits (digestives and rich tea), microwave rice and instant noodles. All donations greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Coffee morning, 14th November, 10am at St Teresa's Parish Centre. All welcome to a presentation by Beautiful Hands, a charity that supports Alison, a local nurse/midwife, in Laos, Southeast Asia. Alison works with SFE in helping to improve the health and survival rate of mothers and babies. Come along to hear about her work and how we support this project. Presentation to start at 10.15am. Free to attend but donations welcome. Hope to see you here.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Applications are now open for the annual youth pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage which runs from 20th - 29th 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

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.

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

Christmas Coffee Morning: Sunday 27th Nov 10.00am—12.00 (after Mass) Coffee + mince pies—save the date more details to follow.

St. Oswald's Remembrance Mass on Thursday 3rd 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 Oswald's Blessing of Graves: Sunday 20th November at 2pm. There will be a short prayer service starting in the church followed by the blessing of graves in our cemetery.

St Oswald's: The Sacramental Programme for St. Oswald's will be starting with an Enrolment Mass on Sunday 6th 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

South Ribble Fairtrade Christmas Market: Friday Nov 4th and Saturday Nov 5th 10am - 4pm both days, St Andrew's Church Hall, Longton. There will be a wide variety of Christmas fare, including Advent calendars, Christmas cards, Christmas Tree biscuits, dried fruit, nuts and dates and also chocolate, sweets and cookies and a selection of crafts, including Palestinian olive wood, socks, stocking fillers - and much more. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day. For further details, please contact Cath Greenlees: 01772 613500

Penwortham Farmers Market: Sat 5th November 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, Wine, Gin, Fudge and hot coffees. On nice days it's all outside, if the weather is not so great then some of the stalls are inside. There is tea and coffee served inside with breakfast barmes and cakes available from the stalls. With a variety of craft stalls, the Market makes for an interesting Saturday morning shopping experience and is a great asset to the daily life of Penwortham.

Prayer for the Week – Holy Souls

All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore.

It is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Grant that all who have gone to their rest in Christ may share in the joy of his Resurrection.

The Lord bless them and keep them.

The Lord make his face shine upon them and be gracious to them.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon them and give them peace.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

