

THIS WEEKEND	22nd Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 1st September	<b>10.00am</b>	St T	Confessions + Exposition (ends at 10.30)
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Stuart Dolphin
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Liz Blackburn
Sun 2nd September	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	For the Parish
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Sid Simpson
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>			
Mon 3rd Sept <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	St T St O	Deceased Priests + Religious Funeral Mass: Mary Joan Clarkson
Tues 4th Sept	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	St T St O	Holy Souls School for Pupils and Staff
Wed 5th Sept	<b>9.30am</b>	St MM	Parishioner Intentions
Thu 6th Sept	<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	St O St T	Anne Knowles Sharon Forde
Fri 7th Sept	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	St T St O	Anthony Hoban Clodna Johnson
NEXT WEEKEND	23rd Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 8th Sept  Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>10.00am</b>	St O	Confessions + Exposition (ends at 10.30)
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Thanksgiving for successful house move
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Janet Murgatroyd
Sun 9th Sept	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	June + Leo Mercer Mary Alice + Ernest Crighton
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Julie Finch Staff + Pupils at Browndedge St Mary's High School
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Fr Cotter

**Confessions:** 1st (St T) and 2nd (St O) Sat at 10.00am.

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## 22nd Sunday of the Year

**2nd September 2018**

**You must do what the Word tells you.**

After several weeks of reading St John's Gospel, we return once more to hearing St Mark. The focus this week is on the Law, and the tensions

that can exist between the Commandments of God as fulfilled in Jesus and human traditions.

Of course, in the first place the Law was a gift from God to help us show wisdom and understanding, leading to our own happiness (**First Reading**). The **Psalms** describes the person who will live in the presence of God. As God's children we must accept and submit to his word, not just in what we say, but also in what we do (**Second Reading**).

However, if the Law becomes a God in itself and leads the follower to be obsessed with its human interpretations, then the focus is no longer on the Lord at the centre of our life, and a change of heart is needed (**Gospel**).

This week, then, we might want to pray particularly for a greater balance in our lives between the Lord and his Word and a legalistic approach to life and its human institutions.



### **The Romero Room this week:**

**Sundays:** At 9.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy. **After Mass** tea and coffee.

**Mondays: Needles + Pens:** 10.00am until 12 noon.

**6.30pm SVP Meeting.** New members welcome.

**Fridays:** At **1.30pm** Exercise Class. This class will cost £2.00 and will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi. All ages and abilities will be catered for.

**2.30pm until 3.30pm** there will be a gathering for tea, biscuits and chat. Open to all.

**For those going to Lourdes 17th September :** Travel documents will be sent directly to your address. Please keep these with your passport. Seats have not been allocated, so Please 'check-in ' AT THE DESK' with the person or persons you wish to sit with. The plane is fully booked, so therefore we intend to arrive at the airport early. Please meet at St.Teresa's car park no later than 4.15am. Thank you

**St. Teresa's Ladies Association:** Can you knit a teddy for a sick child in the poor Countries for Christmas. If you do not knit can you sew a Teddy Bag (any material) Bag to be 10 inch by 13 inch when finished with a draw string top. These would be gratefully received. Knitting pattern and any finished products can be left in St. Teresa's Piety Shop.

**St. O** tea and coffee will be available in the parish hall after the St. O 8.30am mass, initially, on the 3rd Sunday of each month. (First T&C morning Sunday 16th September) We need a team of volunteers to help! Please see Fr. Michael

**Little Church** at St Oswald's will start on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**St. Oswald's Remembrance Mass:** There will be a Remembrance Mass for all deceased members of our parish family at St. Oswald's on Tuesday 25th September at 7pm followed by tea in the parish centre. We continue to remember those who have died. They always remain close to our heart.

**St. Teresa's Ladies Association:** Tuesday 11 September at 7-30 pm in the Social Centre - "Colour Confident" by Rosie Huckle from Colour Me Beautiful. Admission £1.50 to include refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Mike Boardman a parishioner of St Oswald's is taking part in a Memory walk in aid of Alzheimer's Society on the 9th of September in Liverpool. If you would like to sponsor him either see the sponsor form in each church or online through Justgiving and entering MichaelBoardman10 and then the amount. It is a charity that affects most of us one way or another. Thank you.

**SVP Awareness Month:** We are currently praying for our brothers and sisters in Kerala, desperately in need of refuge and support following the recent flooding of their communities in southern India. The SVP in England and Wales is channelling donations directly to local volunteers on the ground, so that they can get funds and materials to those people who have been injured or displaced by the floods. Our volunteers are also liaising with parishes to provide emergency shelter for people who have been displaced.

**St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa SVP will have a special collection on weekend 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to support Kerala.**

**St O** please note change in Mass times for Monday + Tuesday

### **Prayer for Back to School**

As the children leave for school, I pray they might open their hearts and minds to their teachers and their text books and see learning not as a chore but as an unending adventure.

Keep them from distractions and help them to focus their attention on what is truly important. Help them to see homework as a necessary exercise of the mind and not as a nightmare deadline.

May they discover in school the special talents and skills they have to spur them on into a future of wise possibilities. Help them to grow in knowledge that is tempered by wisdom and humility.

May they not be afraid to ask questions or to honour the great mysteries of life.

May they find friends who are loyal and cherish them. And may they always be kind to all their classmates in a spirit of love and respect especially from those who are very different from them.

Send your Spirit to watch over them with peace and protection that they might nourish and nurture the best that is in them.

May they use this time in school to prepare for the future when they will take our place in the circle of time and make their special contributions to the repair and replenishment of the world. So be it .

*Frederic A Brussat*