

THIS WEEKEND		12th Sunday of the Year		Year B	
Sat 23rd June	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Bernice Knights		
	6.30pm	St T	Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy and Our Lady		
Sun 24th June	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass		
	8:30am	St O	Bert + Barbara Sheepwash		
	9.30am	St T	Brian Ollerton		
	11.00am	St MM	Deceased members of Garry + Conlon families		
Divine Office Week 4					
Mon 25th June	9.15am	St T	Teresa Nicklin		
	9.30am	St O	Eileen Sharples		
Tues 26th June	9.15am	St T	Charles William Hardiman		
Wed 27th June	9.30am	St MM	Esther Maduka		
Thu 28th June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	9.30am	St O	Weekday Mass		
	6.15pm	St T	Tony Fishwich		
Fri 29th June <i>St Peter + St Paul</i>	9.15am	St T	Julie Ramsden		
	9.30am	St O	Rita Kenrick		
	11.15am	St MM	Rita Southworth		
NEXT WEEKEND		13th Sunday of the Year		Year B	
Sat 30th June	5.00pm	St O	Kathleen Bilsborough Peter Cassidy		
	6.30pm	St T	Lawrence Porter Catherine Bedworth		
Sun 1st July	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass		
	8:30am	St O	For the Parish		
	9.30am	St T	Michael Hankinson		
	11.00am	St MM	In Memoriam Timothy + Ellen O'Brien		

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

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The Birth of John the Baptist 24th June 2018

Testify to the light

John the Baptist is the only saint whose birthday is observed by the Church. Today, in the **Gospel**, we celebrate that birth and the joy it brought. We also remember John's identity and mission as he is named – just as God calls each one of us by name even before we are born, and invites us to respond to his call.



As a forerunner of the Lord, John was not given his father's name, but that given by the angel – even before his birth he was chosen to be a bearer of light to the nations (**First Reading**).

The **Psalm** affirms that I, too, am chosen to go out testifying to the light. I am moulded and fashioned for this purpose.

I can trust the Lord. It is *his* promise and *his* work in me (**Second Reading**). God will choose people after his own heart to bring the message of salvation to the ends of the earth.

Let us pray this coming week that we, too, might live according to the gift of salvation, asking the Lord for strength to be faithful to the name by which he has called us, as we try to spread light to others.

Holy Day: Friday 29th June is a Holy day of Obligation, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul when all Catholics are obliged to go to Holy Mass. Mass will be celebrated: Thursday - vigil at 6.15pm at St T. On Friday 29th Mass at 9.15am at St T, 9.30am at St O and 11.15am at St MM.

The Romero Room this week:

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

Mondays: Needles + Pens: 10.00am until 12 noon. **6.30pm SVP Meeting.** New members welcome.

Tuesdays: A new choir is starting at 7.30pm. **All Hallows Community Choir** are looking for any new members. No experience required. We will be learning to sing for pleasure songs in a variety of styles - musical theatre, popular, classical and Church music. We have provided the entertainment at a number of weddings and functions over the years and we perform annually at the All Hallows Christmas Carol service and Summer concerts.

Thursday: L'arche Preston leaders day.

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.

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

Romero Room Fund Raising: Thank you to those who purchased the bottles last weekend. £655 was raised!

New Altar Servers: We would welcome any Year 4 children to serve.

The Romero Room: The **official opening** is Thursday 12th July. Bishop John Rawsthorne will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm and then bless the Romero Room. There will be refreshments (pizza and champagne) after Mass in the Romero Room, on the patio and on the lawn! All invited.

St Teresa Gift Aid: Letters showing the amounts donated to the Gift Aid scheme Tax 2017/18 are ready for collection by the Lady Altar.

Fr Michael can be contacted for St Oswald's parish business on: longton@rcaolp.co.uk

Thank you for the donation in memory of Helene Makysmow.

St O Council Tax: Thanks to Clare (and Fr P) in the office who sought a re-branding of St O Presbytery. We received just over £10,000 this week in rebate because of overcharging since 1993.

Readers at St T and St MM, please collect your copy of the new rota from the sacristy.

St T Bereavement Tea + Chat: The next afternoon will be Sunday June 24th 3.00pm - 4.00pm St Teresa's Church in the **Romero Room**. Please invite those who would find it helpful, all welcome.

The Lourdes Youth Group There will be a petition box at the back of each church for 3 weeks.

Baptisms St T: This week we celebrate the baptism of Samuel Dawson, William Wright and Sienna Peppard.

A **New Road Sign** at the top of Queensway is to be installed to give the directions to St Teresa's Church. Would anyone like to help pay for it. The cost is £489.

Needles and Pens invite you to "**The Great Get Together Coffee Morning**" supporting the Jo Cox foundation and the issues of social isolation and loneliness on Monday 25th June 11am-12noon in The Romero Room. SVP can provide transport if required contact Catherine 740569. Everyone welcome.

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers at St Teresa's: If Sunday is the 1st of the month and Sat is the 30th or 31st the Saturday will be week 5 and Sunday week 1. The weekend after will be week 2, then week 3 etc. for everyone (so Saturday week 1 is omitted for that month). Sat 30th June is week 5. Sun 1st July is week 1. Sat 7th July is week 2. Sunday 8th July is week 2.

Congratulations to Jane Couperthwaite and James Fuller who were married on Saturday 23rd at St Peter's Church, Stoneyhurst.

Mass for the bereaved: Many thanks to all our bereavement team and all who came to the Mass and provided such a moment of comfort for all those who have had funerals in St T or St MM in the last 12 months.

Fr Philip will be on a 6 day silent retreat next week.

Living Faith Booklets: available in each church, just £1.00 for 3 months.