

THIS WEEKEND	14th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 7th July	10.00am	St T	<i>Confessions + Exposition (ends 1030)</i>
	5.00pm	St O	Mary Jane Ainsworth, Julie Finch
	6.30pm	St T	Ken Blanchard
Sun 8th July	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	8:30am	St O	Jack Mould
	9.30am	St T	George Howarth, Derek Oldham
	11.00am	St MM	Wynne Sait
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 9th July	9.15am	St T	Vera Conway
	9.30am	St O	Daily Mass
Tues 10th July	9.30am	St O	Holy Souls
	7.00pm	St T	School Leavers
Wed 11th July <i>St Benedict</i>	9.30am	St MM	Sid Simpson
Thu 12th July	9.30am	St O	Mrs Frances Diggins
	6.30pm	St O	School Leavers
	7.00pm	St T	Eileen Hayden
Fri 13th July	9.15am	St T	Liz Blackburn
	9.30am	St O	Daily Mass
	1.30pm	St MM	<i>Wedding Service: Siobhan O'Donnell + Simon Egerton</i>
NEXT WEEKEND	15th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 14th July	10.00am	St O	<i>Confessions + Exposition (ends 1030)</i>
	5.00pm	St O	Desmond Roberts
	6.30pm	St T	Julie Anne Ramsden
Sun 15th July	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	8:30am	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	9.30am	St T	J + T Halliwell
	11.00am	St MM	Peter Hammond

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

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th July 2018

'My Grace is Enough'



In today's readings, Ezekiel and St Paul provide us with valuable lessons in discipleship. Like Jesus, their work for God brings them into situations that they would not choose for themselves and which appear to meet with failure.

Ezekiel, in the **First Reading**, was living at the time of the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians (597 BC) and the subsequent exile of the Israelites. God made Ezekiel his prophet and messenger to serve those exiled and gives him his Spirit, but God does not promise Ezekiel success in his mission.

Today's **Psalm** is a song of petition in a time of persecution, made in a spirit of confidence and trust in God's mercy.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul faces not only opposition from without, but also weakness from within – a thorn in the flesh. He grows in understanding that he is not to depend on himself, but rather on Christ's power, where divine grace works best through human weakness and humility.

Like Ezekiel and Paul, Jesus, in today's **Gospel** story, also had to cope with opposition and rejection from his own people in Nazareth. They struggle to believe because they think they know him and his family. They are convinced that he could not be anyone special. This amazes Jesus.

This week, I may want to pray for the times when I face life's challenges and desolations, that I might be given greater wisdom and trust in the Lord.

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.

Tuesdays: A new choir is starting at 7.30pm. **All Hallows Community Choir**
No experience required. We will be learning to sing for pleasure songs in a variety of styles - musical theatre, popular, classical and Church music.

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.

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.

The Churches Together **One Voice Choir** invite you to a fund-raising concert at St. Teresa's church on Fri 20th. July at 7:30pm. The programme will include a variety of choral items – old and new, serious and fun – as well as organ music. Donations are invited on the evening and all funds raised will be for the Romero Room, where refreshments will be available at the end of the concert.

The Lourdes Youth Group There will be a petition box at the back of each church will go after Mass this weekend.

Baptisms St T: This week we celebrate the baptism of Beau Holden, Jack Murphy and Mya Marsden-Cartwright

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

St. O Lunch Club - Friday - 13th July between 12.00 and 1.00pm. This will be the final time this year's group of young helpers from St O will be attending as they will soon be leaving. Their involvement has been a great success and they have been a credit to the school. We wish them all a very successful future. We look forward to seeing you all and in particular, anyone who has not been before. If you need a lift just contact Steve on 816310.

Bereavement tea and chat at St Oswald's on Sunday 8th July 3.00 -4.00pm, everyone welcome

Wedding: Congratulations to Siobhan O'Donnell + Simon Egerton who are getting married at St MM on 13th July.

St Oswald's Red Boxes: many thanks for your generosity and for returning your RED BOXES . You gave more than £500. They are available for collection and we will empty them again next December.

Longton Open Gardens and Art Exhibition will be on Sun July 8th. There will be light lunches in the WI on School Lane from noon - 1.30pm; gardens will be open from 1.00pm - 5.30pm. Proceeds will be shared between 4 development charities. Fliers listing the gardens are available in church and programmes, priced £5 per person, are available from Cath Greenlees: 01772 613500.

Cycle ride for John Nickson from Manchester to Blackpool with St Catherine's on July 8th, in memory of John. Link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dominic-swarbrick>

Baptisms St O: This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Bella Maughan.

Afternoon Tea in a Mug! To raise money to treat frontline emergency response personnel that have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Sun July 8th 12noon till 4pm at 2A Birchfield Much Hoole. For further details please contact Lea Miller 07970633160

Celebration Mass to Mark the Retirement of Mr Riding after 12 years as Head of All Hallows. A Mass will be held on Wed 18 July at 7.00 p.m. in the Sports Hall. In order for us to be able to gauge the numbers attending, entrance will be by ticket only – no charge. There will be a buffet and drinks reception following the Mass. If you would like to attend, please contact the School Office on 01772 746121 and tickets will be sent out to you.

St Teresa's APF - Mill Hill Red Mission Box holders. We are trying a new system for this summer's collection and would ask **ALL BOX HOLDERS** to bring in your box over the next couple of weeks and leave it in the Sacristy for counting. Your box can be re-collected in two weeks. Please contact Dennis Conlon (743909) new Local Secretary/Treasurer for assistance.

St T Ladies Association: Tuesday 10 July commencing 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre - "Gardening with herbs and Companion Planting" by Marguerite Hughes. All Welcome. Admission £1.50 to include refreshments.

What do we mean by 'Carmelite Spirituality'? A Day with Fr Matt Blake OCD & Gillian Coxhead. Saturday 28th July 2018 10.30-4pm (Mass 10am) Light lunch provided suggested donation £20. St Joseph's Prayer Centre. Blundell Avenue, Formby, Liverpool. L37 1PH For bookings Tel: 07712 178 670 / 01704 875850 E-mail: theprayercentre.stj@gmail.com