

THIS WEEKEND	15th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 14th July	<b>10.00am</b>	St O	Confessions + Exposition (ends 1030)
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Desmond Roberts, Paddy Keenan
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Julie Anne Ramsden
Sun 15th July	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	J + T Halliwell
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Peter Hammond
Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 16th July Our Lady of Mt Carmel	<b>9.15am</b>	St T	Special Intention
	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Daily Mass
Tues 17th July	<b>9.15am</b>	St T	Catherine Alexander
	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Richard Bibby
	<b>2.15pm</b>	St MM	School leavers
Wed 18th July	<b>9.30am</b>	St MM	Cecila Goode
Thu 19th July	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Daily Mass
	<b>7.00pm</b>	St T	Gordon Booth
Fri 20th July	<b>9.15am</b>	St T	Harry Moss, Arthur Bunce Hector Battarbee
	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Elizabeth + Richard Grimshaw
NEXT WEEKEND	16th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 21st July	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Leo Hunt
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Deceased members of the Cooke + Rogerson families
Sun 22nd July	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	People of the Parish
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Joe Russell 80th Birthday
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Fr Philip Inch, Patricia Wilkinson

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

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### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**15th July 2018**

**Before the world was made, he chose us'**



This Sunday we are drawn to reflect on choices. Before the beginning of all things, God chose us in Christ to be part of the unfolding of his blessing of creation and humanity.

In the **First Reading**, Amos the shepherd tells of how he was not from any of the 'brotherhood of prophets', yet it was he who was chosen to move beyond tending trees and sheep to tending the people of Israel. The **Psalm** is a song of God's abundant blessings. It trusts in the love and tenderness of God to bring forth faithfulness, justice and peace.

The **2nd Reading** is taken from the start of the letter to the Ephesians. It is a poetic call for the Christian community to bless God, the source of all blessings. Christ is the head and the heart of the community. We are chosen in Christ! We are alive within and through Christ. It is Christ who unites us to each other and to all of creation. Being blessed in this way we can set out into the world to spread the Good News.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus sends out the 12 he has chosen, to proclaim his message, respond to the needs of the people, and offer healing. He instructs the disciples to take next to nothing for their journey.

As we go out into the world this week, may the way that we live our lives be an act of praise. Let us remember that we are chosen, that we are not alone, and that we can draw strength from knowing we are sisters and brothers in Christ. We may be rich or poor, but in Christ we can be sure we have everything.

**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:** at 7.30pm. **All Hallows Community Choir**

**Thursday:** 7.30pm: Camino Talk

**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. **Friday evening:** One Voice Choir Concert.

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

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

**Lourdes Young People:** set off on Thursday for the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine. They will take our prayers with them, we send our best wishes for a safe journey and a great and enjoyable pilgrimage.

**Baptisms St O:** This weekend is the baptism of Florence Watling.

**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. If you would like to attend, please contact the School Office on 01772 746121 and tickets will be sent out to you.

**End of Term:** We wish all those in our schools a happy last week of term as they look forward to the holidays. Thank you for a great year and for all your hard work. May God Bless you all.

**Sunday 15th July:** This is the 1st anniversary of Fr Michael's ordination to the priesthood. It is also the day when, at the 9.30am Mass, Molly Cornwell will be baptised, confirmed and celebrate her 1st Communion. Thank you to Patricia Wilson for helping her on this journey.

**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.

**What do we mean by 'Carmelite Spirituality'?** A Day with Fr Matt Blake OCD + Gillian Coxhead. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:theprayercentre.stj@gmail.com)

**Camino Talk:** 19th July 7.30pm at St Teresa. All welcome. This is the talk by Patricia Wilson that was postponed in Lent due to illness.

**Malta DVD:** On Thursday 26th July there will be a premier of the 2018 Pilgrimage DVD - St Teresa's on Tour! This will take place in the Romero Room at 7.30pm.

**Tabor Retreat Centre:** Spirituality of Summer: Sat 21st July. 10.00pm - 4.00pm cost £20. See web site: [xaverians.org.uk/tabor-preston/activities/](http://xaverians.org.uk/tabor-preston/activities/)

**Clergy Comings and Goings:** Fr Habila is on holiday in our community in the next few weeks. If you see him say hello! Fr Michael is taking his summer break next week, he will be back on August 14th. By then Fr Philip will have left (2nd August), Fr Kevin Prince will be helping out during August. Fr Roy Cooper will arrive in the week beginning Sept 9th. Fr Michael will become PP at St Oswald's on August 14th 2018.

If you have recently requested a Mass on July 26th for a couple on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary please contact the Parish Office or Fr P as we cannot read the names. (If you are requesting Mass intentions please write legibly in capital letters.)

**Romero Room Opening Mass:** Thank you to Bishop John Rawsthorne for his inspiring sermon at the opening Mass for the Romero Room. Thank you to all who came and especially to those who helped in any way. A great night was had by all - pizza + champagne! Archbishop Oscar Romero: Pray for us.