

THIS WEEKEND	21st Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 25th August	5.00pm	St O	Frank + Frances Maskell
	6.30pm	St T	Elizabeth + Samuel Oakes Joan Eyles
Sun 26th August	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Nichole & Branden—For a healthy baby
	9.30am	St T	David Couperthwaite
	11.00am	St MM	Margaret Huggins, Jack Murphy
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	9.30am	St O	Patrick Conlon
	10.00am	St T	Julie Anne Ramsden
Tues 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Jack J Cunningham Lesley Hoover
Wed 29th August <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	St MM	Cecelia Goode
Thu 30th August <i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i>	9.30am	St O	Michelle Cornwell
	7.00pm	St T	Holy Souls
Fri 31st August	9.15am 9.30am	St T St O	Charles William Hardiman Theady Goonan
NEXT WEEKEND	22nd Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 1st September	10.00am	St T	Confessions + Exposition (ends at 10.30)
	5.00pm	St O	Stuart Dolphin
	6.30pm	St T	Liz Blackburn
Sun 2nd September	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	9.30am	St T	For the Parish
	11.00am	St MM	Sid Simpson

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

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### 21st Sunday of the Year

**26th August 2018**

**The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'**

This Sunday, we conclude five weeks of readings and teaching from St John's **Gospel** on the meaning of the Eucharist.



Jesus is the Bread of Life. For some of the disciples, this teaching proves too much and they stop follow-

ing him. The question that Jesus puts to the Twelve is also put to us today: 'What about you, do you want to go away too?'

A similar question was addressed to the tribes of Israel gathered at Shechem (**First Reading**). Joshua asks the elders and leaders of the tribes which god they want to follow. They recognise that it is the Lord, the God of Israel, who was with them throughout their slavery in Egypt, and throughout the hardship of their exile in the desert. The people of Israel reject the gods of their ancestors and of the other nations and become a single people committed to the one true God.

The **Psalm** we pray with today compares the experience of the one who turns to the Lord with humble trust with those who turn their back on the goodness that is offered to them.

The teaching from the Letter to the Ephesians (**Second Reading**) encourages us to see that Christian marriage is modelled on the love that Christ has for the Church. Christ feeds his Church out of love, because the Church is his body and we are its living parts.

As we come to prayer this week, may we have the grace to recognise that same love active in our lives, so that when we are asked by God, 'What about you ...?' we can respond with a willing and loving heart.

### The Romero Room this week:

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

**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.

No knit-a-bit or SVP meeting on Monday 27th August back 3rd September

**St T Bereavement Tea and Chat:** The next afternoon will be Sunday August 26th 3.00pm—4.00pm St Teresa's Church in the Romero Room. Please invite those who would find it helpful, all are welcome.

**Baptism St O:** This weekend is the Baptism of Louie Miro Chappell

**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.

**Ordo/Diary/Directory Orders:** If you want a 2019 Ordo or Diocesan Directory you need to fill a form in and put the money with it. Thank you. Forms are in the sacristies. Ordo/Diary £5.00. Ring Bound Directory £4.00 Standard Directory £3.50. Please return your order by the end August.

**St Teresa's Scout Group - Penwortham Farmers Market** Penwortham is held at St Teresa's Scout Hut, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS on the 1st Saturday of the month. The next market is Saturday 1st September 2018 The market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, Jams, Plants, Chocolate, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Crafts and much much more. 8th Penwortham Scouts use money raised from the market, to maintain and develop their scout hut facilities and buy new equipment, so support for the market is very much appreciated.

**St Oswald's Ladies** next meeting is on Monday 3 September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Chapel Lane. Jimmy O'Donnell is coming to reminisce along with items and songs of bygone years. This is Jimmy's third visit; he will be bringing different things this time, so there will be something to interest everyone, even if you have seen him before. Please come along to our 'Lancashire Memories'; everyone's 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 there are two ways of doing this, there will be sponsor form in each church and also you can do this 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.

Brendan Forde's family would like to express their thanks for the £500 received in donations which they gave to Patterdale Mountain Rescue.

**Kerala floods: an SVP appeal:** Terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there, however, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

### Saints and Sinners

When someone yields to temptation and breaks a conventional law,  
We look for no good in his make-up, *but God how we look for a flaw.*

No-one will ask 'how tempted?', nor allow for the battles he fought,  
His name becomes food for the jackals, *for us we have never been caught.*

'He has sinned!' we shout from the rooftops, we forget the good he has done.  
We centre on one lost battle and *forget the times that he has won.*

'Come gaze at the sinner,' we thunder, and by his example be taught,  
That his footsteps lead to destruction, *'cry we who have never been caught.*

I'm a sinner, O Lord, and I know it, I'm weak, I blunder and fall.

I'm tossed on life's stormy ocean, like a ship embroiled in a gale.

I'm willing to trust in your mercy, to keep the commandments you taught  
But deliver me, Lord, from the judgement *of saints who have never been caught !*

O guide me, O God from the gossip, from the people who really should not !