

THIS WEEKEND		23rd Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 8th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Thanksgiving for successful house move	
Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm	St T	Janet Murgatroyd	
	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
Sun 9th Sept	8:30am	St O	June + Leo Mercer Mary Alice + Ernest Crighton	
	9.30am	St T	Julie Finch Staff + Pupils at Browndedge St Mary's High School	
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Cotter	
	Divine Office Week 3			
Mon 10 Sept	9.30am	St O	Mass	
Tues 11th Sept	9.30am	St O	Michael Willers, John + Margaret Pope	
Wed 12th Sept	9.30am	St MM	Cecelia Goode	
	1.15pm	St T	<i>Funeral Service: Michael McGuiness</i>	
Thu 13th Sept	9.30am	St O	Jean Patten	
	12.15pm	St O	<i>Funeral Service: John E Threlfall</i>	
	7.00pm	St T	David Heys, Doreen Moss Anniversary Mrs Maddigan	
Fri 14th Sept <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.15am	St T	Teresa Nicklin	
	9.30am	St O	Thanksgiving for prayers answered	
NEXT WEEKEND		24th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 15th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners Intentions	
Our Lady of Sorrows	6.30pm	St T	Michael Willers,	
	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>St MM</i>	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
Sun 16th Sept	8:30am	St O	Bert + Barbara Sheepwah June + Leo Mercer	
	9.30am	St T	Matthew Noblet	
	11.00am	St MM	John + Imelda Huggins Golden Wedding Anniversary Daniel Huggins	

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

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Be opened!

Today's readings have some of the messianic joy that Jesus brings to all people, especially the poor.

The **First Reading**, from the prophet Isaiah, is full of hope and joy. He looks forward to deliverance from exile; people will be healed, creation revived with gushing water.

In response, **Psalms 145 (146)** is a prayer of praise to the God who feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and cares for the poor and down-trodden.

St James, in the **Second Reading**, clearly states that God chooses the poor, and that we too must not favour the rich and powerful at their expense. We are all equal in God's sight and must act accordingly. We are all heirs to his kingdom.

The **Gospel** recounts the healing of the deaf man with an impediment in his speech. His healing is not just physical; the whole person is opened to the Lord.

Let us try to spread some of the joy of Jesus around us this week. Perhaps in this way we can become more aware of any hidden prejudices we may hold in our relationships to others.

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.

Retiring collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

For those going to Lourdes 17th September : Travel documents will be sent directly to your address. We intend to arrive at the airport early. Please meet at St.Teresa's car park no later than 4.15am. Thank you .

St T and St MM SVP will have a special collection this weekend to support Kerala.

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. 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.

School Admissions for September 2019 have now opened. You must apply via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools Closing date for applications to secondary school is 31st October 2018 and primary 15th January 2019.

Lourdes Petitions: A box will be at the back of each of the three churches for a week from Saturday 8th September until the following Saturday 15th September. These will be taken to Lourdes to be placed in the grotto during our pilgrimage.

Due to attendance at the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress by Fr. Michael on Saturday 8th September confessions at St. Oswald's will not take place at the normal time. Please ring the presbytery to agree a time for individual confession.

St Oswald's Bereavement tea and chat Sunday 9th September 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Everybody welcome.

St. Oswald's 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

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. Oswald's Caritas Group - the next Lunch is on Friday 21st. September. We look forward to seeing all our regulars and if you have not been before then please give it a try and you too could well become a regular.

SVP Awareness Month which aims to raise the profile of the support the SVP provides to people in need.. The SVP visit people within our community, offering practical support as well as friendship, comfort and the love that comes from Jesus. We have an ageing population, where people living alone may rarely see anyone from week to week, so a regular visit from an SVP member is often a highlight. All SVP groups are supported by the Parishes and in this Parish, you are generous with your donations, donating items to the food bank and supporting the events we organise, all the money you give us goes towards helping people in need, most is spent within the Parish, a little goes towards National work and overseas. You may decide to join us in our work by becoming a Member we meet Monday evenings 6.30 pm or contact Catherine 01772 740569 or Paul 0780 1358197

Christian Aid Autumn Fair and Coffee Morning Saturday September 22nd 10.30am - 12.00 noon at St Andrew's Church Hall. Longton. Any donations including cakes, biscuits, preserves, bottles, books, DVDs, jigsaws and plants would be gratefully received. Items may be taken to St Andrew's Church Hall, Liverpool, Longton between 4pm and 5pm on Friday 21st, please.

There will be a selection of flowering plants for sale, and Fairtrade stall with crafts, food and Christmas cards. Tickets for a suggested donation of £1.50 include cream scone with jam or a selection of cakes and biscuits - with no charge for children. The morning will include a few children's activities. For further information please contact Cath Greenlees 01772 613500.