

THIS WEEKEND		21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	5.00pm	St O	Frances Duigan	
	6.30pm	St T	Maureen Kilbane, Parishioners	
Sun 25th August	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8:30am	St O	Violet + Harry Singleton + Family	
	9.30am	St T	Louis Westerbeek Snr (A)	
	11.00am	St MM	Margaret Huggins Anniversary	
Divine Office Week 1				
Mon 26th August	9.30am	St O	Edmund Turner	
Tues 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	9.15am	St T	Peggy Roe	
	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly	
Weds 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	9.30am	St MM	Michael Airey (A)	
Thurs 29th August <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	7.00pm	St T	Jack Cunningham	
Fri 30th August <i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i>	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intentions	
	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly	
	2.00pm	St MM	<i>Funeral Service: Louise Hindley</i>	
NEXT WEEKEND		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 31st August	5.00pm	St O	Gertrude + William Harvey	
	6.30pm	St T	Michael Conlon, Maureen Kilbane, Andrew Roddy (A) Susan Keenan	
Sun 1st September	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>	
	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Charles William Hardiman, Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Gerry Palmer	

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

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August 2019

Strong is his love for us!

Today's **Psalm** places the truth of God's love for all of humanity at the centre of this Sunday's liturgy.

The prophet Isaiah in the **First Reading** speaks of a time when the Lord will gather all people to himself. God's love is so strong that people of every nation, race, and belief – and even those of no faith – will be counted as his children.

But we are reminded in the **Gospel** to be careful; to avoid being complacent about our own faith and religious practice. There are no limits to where the spirit of God is at work, and God has no favourites. There is an urgency in Jesus's teaching here that links directly to Isaiah, for he speaks of a time when all will be gathered into God's kingdom feast, but those who take their faith for granted may find themselves shut out.

This spiritual teaching may seem harsh, but the **Second Reading** from Hebrews explains that our spiritual and temporal trials can only be understood when we are aware of the truth of our relationship as daughters and sons of God. God's love for us is strong, and God only wants what is best for us.

At a time when there is much division and animosity within political life and between nations, races and religions, let us pray that we, who belong to a community united by prayer, may by our words and deeds be a powerful sign of God's strong love for all of humanity.

The Romero Room this week:

Sundays: After 9.30am Mass tea and coffee.

Sunday: St Teresa Tea and Chat 3.00—4.00pm

Tuesdays: 7.30pm All Hallows Community Choir

St Mary Magdalen Fairtrade: Teas, coffees, cocoa, ginger cookies, chocolate covered raisins, & chocolate bars available.

St Teresa: No Knit a Bit or SVP meeting on Monday 26th August (Bank Holiday) back 2nd September

St Teresa Tea and Chat: If you would like some company, have a need to chat or want an hour out then you are welcome to Tea & Chat on Sunday August 25th 3.00—4.00pm in the Romero Room. Whatever your reason for coming we will be pleased to see you and you'll be assured of a warm welcome.

Knight of St Columba: The Knights of St Columba Penwortham Council are to display their Fraternal Cross during mass on Thursday 29th August at 7 pm at St Teresa's. The mass will allow us to refocus ourselves to the commitment we have made to helping others spiritually and socially. All are welcome to join us.

St Teresa + St Mary Magdalen Children's Liturgy: The team are recruiting members of the parish to help deliver Sunday sessions (dates are flexible and maximum of one per month). DBS clearance will be provided. Training/shadowing is also available. If you are interested, please call Andrea on 07734776946

Food Bank: As August is school holiday season and children are at home, the foodbank is in need of: Tinned fish, Cereals (Weetabix), Tinned veg (peas, carrots, mixed veg), Pasta sauce and curry sauce, Tinned spaghetti hoops, Tinned macaroni cheese and Plain biscuits.

Penwortham Farmers Market: Is held at St Teresa's Scout Hut, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS on the 1st Saturday of the month. The next market is Saturday 7th Sept 2019. The market sells local produce which includes Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, Fresh Fish, Jams, Wine, Plants, Chocolate, Cakes, Pies, Veggie Curries, Soaps, Crafts and much much more.

St Oswald's Bereavement Team: Thank you for the retiring collection donation last week of £258.00 supporting the work of the bereavement team in our parish.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group Walking Treasure Hunt Last Sunday: There was good support and all the adults and children who took part said they had enjoyed it.

We would like to thank everyone for making the afternoon both different and a bit special.

'Small Steps Every Day': Patricia Wilson will be giving her illustrated talk about her walk along Camino de Santiago. Some of the parishioners may have heard Patricia's talk already, but everyone is invited along to St Oswald's Parish Hall on Monday 2 September at 7.30 pm

St. Oswald's Remembrance Garden, Maintenance: The garden has now been cleared but we are looking to co-ordinate general maintenance and future planting. For those who have 'green fingers' and may wish to help please email Richard Soothill at discoversooty@hotmail.co.uk or leave a message on 07779490669.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group. We are organising a visit to Ladyewell (Fernyghagh) on Thursday 3rd. October. Parishioners and friends from all three Parishes are invited. The visit to Ladyewell will include Mass in the Martyr's Chapel with Fr. Michael and there will be plenty of time to visit the Museum, Reliquary and Holy Shop, the Well and the gardens. Tea and coffee will be provided and you will need a packed lunch. During the afternoon the coach will transfer us to Barton Grange Garden Centre where there is plenty to see and a large café. The coach will leave St. Oswald's at approximately 9-30am and pick up at St. Teresa's at approximately 9-45am. Returning for approximately 5--00pm. The organisation will be the same as for the Cathedrals' visit in March and more details will follow in forthcoming Newsletters. The lists to sign are at the back of each Church as from this week-end and the envelopes for payment will be available next week-end. The cost is £10 per person.

Family Groups: There will be an open, informal meeting to find out more about Family Groups and how this Ministry of Welcome can support a parish community. Family Groups are made up of people of all ages and circumstances who simply commit to meet regularly and get to know each other better. The groups are linked by a common faith bond but are not exclusive to Catholics. Family Groups do not replace other groups in the parish but help their members develop genuine friendships and support networks and to build a sense of community in the parish and a sense of parish in the community. Leaders from Family Groups that have recently been set up in our Archdiocese will share their experiences of the rewards and challenges they have encountered setting up these groups. If you think this is something that could benefit your parish, please come along to: **LACE, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm** to find out more. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Faulkner on 522 1047 or email s.faulkner@rcaol.co.uk