

THIS WEEKEND		24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 14th September	10.00am	St O	Confessions	
	5.00pm	St O	Robert Michael McClellan Harry + Pauline Haslam	
	6.30pm	St T	Special Intention AxB, John Wilson	
Sun 15th September	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Patrick + Patricia Gallagher Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Gerard Barry , Daniel Huggins	
Divine Office Week 4				
Mon 16th Sept	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
Tues 17th Sept	9.15am	St T	Bill Jackson	
	9.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	7.00pm	St O	Mass of Remembrance	
Weds 18th Sept	9.30am	St MM	Priest's Intention	
Thurs 19th Sept	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Fri 20th Sept	9.15am	St T	Teresa Nicklin	
	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly	
	11.45am	St T	Funeral: Theresa Gore	
NEXT WEEKEND		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 21st September <i>St Matthew Apostle</i>	5.00pm	St O	Eric Barker, Patrick Shevlin (A) Teresa Richards	
	6.30pm	St T	John Greer, Paul Free Norah McEnaney (A) Parishioners	
Sun 22nd September	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	John Nickson (A), Claire Elliott (A)	
	9.30am	St T	Maureen Needham, Matthew Noblet (A), Thomas Crook (A)	
	11.00am	St MM	Jim Mooney, Jo & Cyril Foster (Diamond Wedding)	

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

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2019

**There will be rejoicing in heaven over one
repentant sinner**

This week's readings invite us to rejoice in a God who longs to forgive us. No-one is beyond God's reach: we are loved sinners who are welcomed home with great joy, regardless of how far we have strayed.

In the **First Reading** the Israelites have lost faith both in Moses and in God himself, and are worshipping an idol – the golden calf that they have made. But God listens to Moses's pleading and forgives them.

The **Psalms** show that whatever crisis we may face in our relationship with God, his mercy ensures we can always find a way back to him.

The **Second Reading** speaks of the mercy of God from first-hand experience. Paul is the 'greatest of sinners', once set on persecuting the followers of Jesus, but now God's grace has filled him with love and faithfulness, and his response is one of gratitude and loving service.

In the **Gospel** extract, Jesus tells three parables about seeking the lost, and the joy when they are found. He compares God's unfailing mercy to a shepherd searching out the one stray in a flock of ninety-nine; to a woman who drops everything to look for a lost coin; and to the father who watches out for his 'prodigal' son and runs out joyfully to meet him. (Though this last parable isn't included in the text of the Prego, it is well worth savouring its wonderful message if there is time.)

This week, let's ask God to help us become ever more deeply aware of his love and compassion, and his desire to forgive the penitent sinner. Wherever and whatever our circumstances, God will always seek us out.

The Romero Room this week:

Sundays: After 9.30am Mass tea and coffee.

Mondays: Knit a Bit: 10.00am until 12 noon.

Mondays: 6.30pm SVP Meeting. New members welcome.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm All Hallows Community Choir

Directory Orders: If you want a 2020 Diocesan Directory you need to fill a form in and put the money with it. Forms are in the sacristies. Ring Bound Directory £4.00 Standard Directory £3.50. Please return your order by Sunday 15th September 2019. Thank you.

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

St Teresa Church Closes for maintenance: On Monday 23rd September till Thursday 26th September, St Teresa's church will be closed for maintenance. The Mass 7.00pm on Thursday evening will be as normal. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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). Training/shadowing is also available. If you are interested, please call Andrea on 07734776946

St Teresa's Exercise Class on Friday 27th September. The first session will start at 1.15pm. The classes will be led by Tricia, a fully qualified fitness and yoga teacher. All ages and abilities welcome. Cost £3 including tea, biscuit and chat.

BBC Songs of Praise Sunday 15th September. 1.15 pm

Songs of Praise was filmed in Lourdes a short while ago, during the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage. This will be shown on BBC1 this Sunday. May be worth watching or see it on 'catch up!'

Food Bank: During the month of September, the foodbank would like donations of: Tinned fish (mackerel, sardines, tuna, salmon), Tinned peas/carrots/potatoes, Tinned fruit, Tinned custard/rice pudding. Many thanks for the generous donations received over the summer and thank you for your continuing support.

SVP Awareness Month 2019 -Love your Neighbour- Spreading the Gospel

Our meetings give members the opportunity to pray together, we say the rosary or have a spiritual reflection and learn from each other. In our prayers each week we say, let us remember the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ: 'When two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them'. Prayer gives us the help we need to do God's will and spread the message of the Gospel to our brothers

and sisters. The parish SVP have numerous Special Ministers, each week they distribute Holy Communion to parishioners in their own homes, and residents in care and Nursing homes. We conduct an ecumenical service at Penwortham Grange for residents every month and Eucharist services at Garth prison. We have recently had our annual Mass of anointing, each week we remember in our prayers those who have requested prayers for numerous reasons and recently deceased parishioners and their families.

St. Oswald's: Sunday 15th September: Tea, coffee and toast will be served in the parish hall following the 8.30am Mass

St Oswald's Cemetery tidy up. There is another opportunity to help on Sunday 15th September 12 noon – 2.00pm. All welcome.

St Oswald's Mass of Remembrance. Tuesday 17th September 2019 7.00pm. At this Mass we will remember all our loved ones who have died and in particular those from our parish who have died during the last year.

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 - The next lunch is on Friday 20th. September serving from 12 - 1pm. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. This will be the first time this Year 6 Faith in Action Group will be helping. It's always a bit more special when the children are present.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group trip to Ladyewell and Barton Grange Garden Centre on Thursday 3rd. October. The response has been very pleasing with over 40 going so far so please note that the lists will close on Tuesday 17th. September. After this date lists will be displayed in each Church showing those who are going with a 'P' next to all those who have paid. If you have not paid yet please do so using the envelopes and placing them in the collection baskets at Mass. The coach will leave St. Oswald's by 9-20am and pick up at St. Teresa's at approximately 9-40am. and arriving at Ladyewell by 10-30am at the latest. We intend to return between 5-00pm and 5-30pm. Fr. Michael and Fr. Roy will concelebrate Mass in the Martyrs' Chapel at 11-15am. We will transfer to Barton Grange at 2-00pm. You can either take a packed lunch to eat at Ladyewell or purchase food at Barton Grange.

Secondary and Primary online admissions are now open. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The closing date for Secondary admissions is 31/10/19 and Primary 15/1/20. St Teresa's open afternoon/evening event is Wednesday 16th October. Two sessions 2-3pm & 5-6pm.