

THIS 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, Parishioners Norah McEnaney (A) Successful Operation (SH)	
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)	
Divine Office Week 1				
Mon 23rd Sept <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest’s Intention	
Tues 24th Sept <i>Our Lady of Walshingham</i>	9.30am	St O	Vocation to the Priesthood + Consecrated Life	
Weds 25th Sept	9.30am	St MM	Mr Free	
Thurs 26th Sept	9.30am	St O	Parishioners	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest’s Intentions	
Fri 27th Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	9.15am	St T	Successful Exam	
	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly	
	11.00am	St T	Funeral Service: Sandra Hague	
NEXT WEEKEND		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 28th September	5.00pm	St O	Shelia + Brian Pooley 60th Wedding Anniversary	
	6.30pm	St T	Eileen Murphy (A), Parishioners	
Sun 29th September	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Jack Grant (A), Maria Wrona Dewhurst Family	
	9.30am	St T	Newns + Shepherd Families John Masterson, Sabina McDonagh	
	11.00am	St MM	Philip Platt, Margaret Wilson	

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

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd September 2019

**Praise the Lord, who raises the
poor**

This week's readings challenge us to reflect on our attitude towards money. It should never displace our generous and just God from being at the centre of our lives.

In the **First Reading**, Amos attacks those who take advantage of the poor and attempts to enslave them. God will remember their evil deeds.

The **Psalm** calls us to praise the Lord who from the height of his throne in heaven bends down to lift up the lowly and set them in the company of princes.

The **Second Reading** stresses that God wants *everyone* to be saved. So we are to pray for all, especially for those with authority over others in business or government.

In the **Gospel** extract, Jesus tells us to be careful with money. Riches can rule us as a master would a slave, preventing us from using our God-given freedom to love and serve the Lord. Being faithful in small things helps us to focus on the 'genuine riches' in our lives.

This week, I might ask God to help me be more aware of the *real* riches in my life, and better able to love and serve the Lord through that.

FOR THOSE GOING TO LOURDES. Northern Star Travel, will send your travel documents direct to your address within the next 2 weeks. Please keep these safe with your Passport. A coach has been booked to take us to the Airport. It will leave St. Teresa's church at 4am..(sorry it's early) Please be on time! Fr. Roy will celebrate Sunday Mass in Lourdes. The cost per person is £15 return. Please pay Dorothy by 13th October. Any questions ring Dorothy 742927.

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

A family from El Salvador has joined our parish and St Mary Magdalen's School. They have been through a very difficult time and we would like them to know that they are very welcome in our parish. We would really appreciate help from Spanish speaking parishioners. If you feel that you could help then please contact Mrs Gallagher or Mrs Costello at St Mary Magdalen's.

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 T+ St MM 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 Ladies Association The next social evening will be Tuesday 8 Oct at 7-30 pm - A talk and film show on "Old Preston" presented by John Garlington Adm £1-50 to include refreshments. All Welcome

Now is the time to save a shoe box to fill for a child for Christmas: Can you knit a teddy (pattern available in Piety Shop) or make a teddy bag 10" x 13" with a draw string top

St. Teresa's Christmas Fayre (Sunday 24 November) Meeting for preparation - Monday 7 Oct at 7-30 pm in the Romero Room. If you would like to help on the day or have any new ideas please come along You would be very welcome.

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.

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 September 29th 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.

St T Bereavement Care Team Meeting following 7.00pm mass Thursday 3rd Oct.

Street Pastors & the homeless thank Knit-a-Bit for the lovely mittens , hats & scarves. It was very cold last Friday night & your gifts were gratefully received by the people sitting on the pavement & in the shop doorways. We were given quite a few hugs & “ God bless you” s in return.

SVP Awareness Month 2019 Love your Neighbour- Our Mini Vinnies, in the primary schools and our Youth SVP at All Hallows, design and make our Christmas cards, the Mini Vinnies made prayer cards for recently bereaved parishioners and helped at the Mass of Anointing. In school they help teachers tidy up, support their peers, collect used stamps, these have been sent to St Patrick's missions. Our youth SVP, at All Hallows have assisted in the distribution of food parcels made up of food donated at the school.

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.

St. Oswald's Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass: 21st September 5pm We will be welcoming the children and their families of our parish to enrol on to the sacramental programme at our family mass this weekend. Please pray for them as the children journey in faith towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in May 2020.

St Oswald's: Invitation to Serve at Mass. I am looking for a group of children, who have already made their First Holy Communion to help serve on the sanctuary at either the 5pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) or the 8.30am Sunday Morning Mass. Parents and their children are invited to a meeting on **Saturday 28th September 2019 at 10.30am** in the church to introduce the children to the skills of serving at Mass

St. Oswald Remembrance Garden: If you would like to donate any spring bulbs please label and leave bulbs in the green bucket located in the remembrance garden. There will also be a special collection on the weekend 28th/29th September to support the purchase of four benches for the garden.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group: The trip to Ladyewell and Barton Grange Garden Centre is now fully booked with 59 people attending. This is a very pleasing response and we wish to thank everyone and hope we all have a very enjoyable day. Lists of all those going will be on display in each appropriate Church this weekend.