

THIS WEEKEND	1st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 12th January	10.00am	St O	Confessions
	5.00pm	St O	Leo Hunt, William Percy Arthur Moulding, Harry Haslam
	6.30pm	St T	Vera Conway, Dorothy Clarkson
13th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Bernard Hamilton
	9.30am	St T	Nigel Anthony Heath
	11.00am	St MM	John Arrowsmith
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 14th January	9.15am	St T	Shepherd + Newns Family
Tues 15th January			
Wed 16th January	9.30am	St MM	Tim + Lily O'Brien
Thu 17th January	9.30am	St O	Priests Intention
	7.00pm	St T	Teresa Nicklin
Fri 18th January	9.15am	St T	Joan Singleton
NEXT WEEKEND	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 19th January	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	6.30pm	St T	John Wilson
20th January	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Bernard Hamilton
	9.30am	St T	Kathleen Lering, Alan Ridehalgh
	11.00am	St MM	Mabel Farrell, Jack Brereton

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

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Baptism of the Lord 13th January 2019

‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you.’

In today's joyous readings we are reminded of God's kindness, compassion and love for all mankind; so much so that he sent his beloved Son, and poured out the ongoing gift of his creative Spirit upon us to redeem us.

The **First Reading** offers words of consolation and hope to God's people in exile. The Lord comes with power to restore and protect his people, like a shepherd who guides and nourishes them.

The **Psalm** is a meditation on the glories of God in creation, where he looks after all he has made. The psalmist also reminds us that God's spirit is the spirit of life, rebirth and renewal.

Paul's letter (**Second Reading**) tells us that through his life and his giving of himself, Jesus embodied the kindness and love of God. The life-giving gifts of the Holy Spirit were revealed and shared with all.

Today's **Gospel** describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus whilst he was at prayer, emphasizing the importance of both the Spirit and of prayer in Jesus's life.

This week, let us pray for an openness and understanding of what the Holy Spirit is offering us and asking of us.

The Romero Room this week:

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

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

6.30pm SVP Meeting. New members welcome.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm All Hallows Community Choir

Fridays: 1.30pm to 3pm Exercise Class will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi, followed by tea, biscuits and chat. All ages and abilities most welcome. Cost £3

ST MM + ST T : This weekend there will be a SPUC collection after most of the church services.

St. Mary Magdalen's Church. The One Voice Choir practice in the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:45p.m. We sing at various places locally and for a variety of occasions. We are always happy to welcome new members. Anyone interested, please contact Margaret Greer – Tel: 01772 745029.

St Mary Magdalen's school are looking for a lunchtime assistant. Please see the LCC site for the advert and to download an application form. Alternatively, contact the school office on 01772 742351.

Volunteering at St Mary Magdalen's School: The impact that our volunteers have in school is amazing and we are so grateful to the volunteers we have. We would however always appreciate more. If you feel that you would enjoy hearing children read, testing spellings or supporting in group work please contact us. We give lots of guidance and full induction so please do not think lack of experience would be a barrier, it really wouldn't. Please contact us if you think you could help. Thank you. Mrs Gallagher.

St Teresa's Baptisms: This weekend we welcome Abigail Caddens, Harper Caddens and Sophia Cianni.

St T Romero Room: Fridays: 1.30 to 3pm Exercise class led by expert Julian Vescovi followed by tea, biscuits and chat. All ages and abilities most welcome. Cost £3

St Oswald's: Bereavement tea and chat on 13th Jan 3.00-4.00pm everyone welcome.

St. Oswald's: Sunday 20th January following 8.30 am Mass. Tea and coffee and an opportunity to chat in the Parish Hall.

St. Oswald Caritas Group are planning a visit to the Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool on Thursday 21st. March 2019 with a conducted tour and mid-day Mass. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the Anglican Cathedral. The visit is open to members of all three Parishes. Full details will be published in the newsletter soon.

LOURDES Pilgrimage. Still places left. 20th October 2019 5days. Staying at the Eliseo 4* hotel, full board £575, extra for a single. Tel. Dorothy for details 01772 742927

SYNOD 2020: On Sunday 3rd February at 3.00pm, the Archbishop, at a special service in the Cathedral, will celebrate formally the calling of a Synod for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. This Service will begin an important period of time leading up to the Synod itself in October 2020. As the Archbishop himself said in his Pastoral Letter for Synod Sunday 2018 the Synod is the time when we choose the path to walk on. Everyone is welcome to come to this service. The Synod Members (Parish, Pastoral Area, and others) will be mandated to undertake their task and we will all be invited to pray with and for them and for the working of our Synod.

From Archbishop Malcolm McMahon desk: January 2019

January is a very hopeful month for it is a time for us to look forward to the year ahead and even beyond. The days lengthen, and our new year's resolutions fill us with determination to do better with the things of last year and to be creative in the months ahead.

What's more, the Christmas feast has reaffirmed our identity as brothers and sisters of the Prince of Peace, as daughters and sons of the highest God. That is really who we are.

So much of the last month's celebrations have been about confirming bonds of friendship by the giving and receiving of presents. Our families have been strengthened by the meals that we have shared and the parties that we have enjoyed. But underlying these has been an affirmation of what it means to be a Christian. And now the fuss is over and the decorations have come down, we can pause and think about what really matters.

Our value as human beings is not measured by the size of the gifts we exchanged, or the amount of alcohol we consumed, but by our loving relationships – not just with those we know intimately but with people who are outside the warmth of our families. You know who I mean: refugees, the homeless, the rough sleepers, and our neighbours who rely on food banks. Now Christmas is over, their need will be greater, so don't forget them. They too are God's children. Let us share our hope for the coming year with them.