

THIS WEEKEND	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 17th August	5.00pm	St O	Allan Whipp
	6.30pm	St T	John Wilson, David Helm
Sun 18th August	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Bert + Barbara Sheepwash
	9.30am	St T	Mary Crook, Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Jill Webster (nee Hardman) Joan Campbell (Get well)
Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 19th August	9.30am	St O	Mary Gill
Tues 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	9.15am	St T	Teresa Nicklin
	9.30am	St O	Bernadette & Maurice Wilson
Weds 21st August <i>St Pius X, Pope</i>	9.30am	St MM	Priest's Intention
Thurs 22nd August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	9.30am	St O	Michael Kelly
	7.00pm	St T	Samuel + Elizabeth Oakes (A)
Fri 23rd August	9.15am	St T	Priest's Intention
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
NEXT 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	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8:30am	St O	Violet + Harry Singleton + Family
	9.30am	St T	Louis Westerbeek Snr (A)
	11.00am	St MM	Margaret Huggins Anniversary

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

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th August 2019

**'I have come to bring fire to
the earth!'**

Today's readings help raise our morale in the fight against evil. Jesus Christ, who came to bring fire on earth, gives us courage and hope to persevere in challenging times.

In the **First Reading**, Jeremiah advises the authorities to surrender to the Babylonians and put their trust in God. This unpopular message stirs the leaders, who try to kill him. In the persecution he suffers for speaking out so fearlessly, he foreshadows Christ himself.

The **Psalm** is a song of confidence and makes much of personal trust in God, the One who comes to our aid.

The **Second Reading** is a stirring appeal to a Christian community to persevere on their road of faith. The author argues that the witness of all those who have gone before them, as well as the example of Christ himself, means there is no reason to lose heart.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus shows his human anxiety at the prospect of facing the 'baptism' of death, and also reveals he has already encountered opposition in his work. There are many who don't find the 'good news' helpful. This will cause division as sinful humanity fails to seek the ways of reconciliation and true peace that he preaches.

This week, let's pray for the grace of courage – to allow God's life to deepen within us, and also within all of our sisters and brothers.

The Romero Room this week:

Sundays: After 9.30am Mass tea and coffee.

Sunday: St Teresa Tea and Chat 3.00—4.00pm

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

Mondays: 6.30pm SVP Meeting. New members welcome.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm All Hallows Community Choir

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

LOURDES FINAL PAYMENTS: Just a reminder that all final payments are due by August 20th. Dorothy will be sending 'invoices and cheques' together (cheques make payable to Northern Star'). If anyone wants to pay Direct to N.ST. they are free to do so. A coach will be booked from St. Teresa's church to the Airport (a small fee) We have an early flight 7am! Any questions ring Dorothy 742927

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.

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.

St Oswald's : Sunday 18th August: There will be tea and coffee served after 8.30am Mass in the parish hall. All welcome !

St Oswald's Retiring collection weekend 17th/18th August: To support the work of St Oswald's Bereavement Team.

St. Oswald's Caritas Group Walking Treasure Hunt takes place this Sunday starting from 1- 30pm and finishing by 4-00pm. Entries are £2 per family with additional question sheets also £2. All correct answer sheets will be entered in a draw with the winner receiving a beautiful wicker picnic hamper filled with fresh vegetables and fruit. There will be a small award for all under 14s who complete the course. Start and Finish are in the Parish Hall where Refreshments will also be available. Remember that you will need a pen or pencil and perhaps a hard surface for writing the answers down. Everyone from all three Parishes together with family members and friends is invited to what, hopefully, will be an enjoyable event.

Wanted for the Homeless Drop-in at St Wilfrid's church run by Metanoia Project, Men's clothes and shoes especially men's trainers, jeans (32 or 34 in waist) Toiletries, sleeping bags etc. Please see poster at the back of Church. Contributions should be taken to St Wilfrid's church where there is a blue collection box in the church porch, or ring Helen on 07790342187.

Marriage Enrichment: The REFOCCUS Marriage Enrichment Inventory is designed to help a couple focus on key topic areas and enrich their marriage through rediscovery of the depth of a couple's love and desire to continue to grow together. Visit <https://www.foccusinc.com/refoccus-inventory.aspx>

Sponsored Walk for Christian Aid: The Wye Valley, Tintern Abbey and the Forest of Dean On August 12th I am planning to start a Sponsored Walk of approximately 70 miles from Ross on Wye to the Forest of Dean. Proceeds will go to Christian Aid. Donations may be made, please, to: Christian Aid c/o Mrs C Greenlees 16 Franklands, Longton PR4 5PD. Thank you very much for any support you are able to give. Cath Greenlees: 01772 613500 cathgreenlees@hotmail.co.uk