


THIS WEEKEND	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 18th January	5.00pm	St O	Bernard Hamilton B'day Remembrance, Kathleen Chappell
	6.30pm	St T	Rick Wilson, Peter Connolly Parishioners
Sun 19th January	8.30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8.30am	St O	Michael Kelly
	9.30am	St T	Patrick + Patricia Gallagher PJ Kilbane (LD)
	11.00am	St MM	Mabel Farrell, Catherine Lee (LD)
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 20th Jan	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Tues 21st Jan	9.30am	St O	Bernadette Wilson
Wed 22nd January			
Thu 23rd January	9.30am	St O	Brigitte Price
Fri 24th January <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St O St MM	Parishioners Funeral Service: Michael Collins
NEXT WEEKEND	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A
Sat 25th January	5.00pm	St O	Helen Whiteside
	6.30pm	St T	Bernard + Mary Eland Parishioners, Jack Clarkson
Sun 26th January	8.30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass
	8.30am	St O	Bert + Barbara Sheepwash Violet + Harry Singleton + Family Bette Turner (A)
	9.30am	St T	Lily Grant, John Gallagher John Masterson, Danny Whittle
	11.00am	St MM	Paddy Killeen, Delaney + Reid Family

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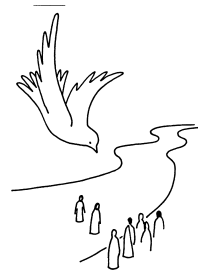
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th January 2020

**'It is not enough for you to be my servant ... I
will make you the light of the nations!'**

As we begin the New Year, whatever our mood or life-situation, our readings give us hope and comfort as we celebrate Jesus Christ's life of service and ministry.

In the so-called 'Servant Song', Isaiah writes of the mysterious servant of the Lord God. Christians have long identified him with Jesus, who was formed by God in the womb and sent into the world as 'the light of the nations'. **(First Reading)**

The words of the **Psalmist** would fit well on the lips of the Servant. He worships God with 'an open ear', and with a spirit that delights in generous service.

In the **Gospel**, we encounter not only Jesus as he begins his public ministry, but also John the Baptist, who witnesses to Jesus's baptism. John hears the voice of the Father and sees the Spirit descend and rest on Jesus: a revelation of the three persons of the Trinity.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul wishes the Corinthians the grace and peace of Christ; a grace that implies everything associated with God's free gifts to us in Christ.

We, too, like the Corinthians, have a calling to be holy and to lead a life of prayer. This week, we might pray for the grace of an 'open ear' and an open heart, and ask for continued faithfulness in our Christian ministry. this coming year.

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 **26th January 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's (on behalf of Penwortham Churches Together) will be holding a service for Week of Prayer for World Christian Unity at 4pm on Sunday 19th January, 2020. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Teresa's Ladies Association A.G.M on Tuesday 11 February 7-30 pm in the Parish Centre. Please come to discuss further meetings and have a chat over a cup of tea.

Holyland Pilgrimage: A coach has been booked for 8am, to Manchester Airport 13th Feb. Leaving St Teresa's church at 8.15 at the latest. The cost is £15 return per person. Please pay Dorothy BEFORE the 13th Feb. Don't forget the meeting, at 1.45pm on Sunday 26th January, Romero room.

RCIA: RCIA – St Teresa's, St. Mary Magdalen's and St. Oswald's

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church.

A course is being organised to take place over six evening meetings in the Romero Room at St. Teresa's during February and March for adults who are interested in being received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. If you are interested or know of an adult from our parishes that may be interested in being received into the church, then please ask them to contact Fr. Roy or Fr. Michael for further information.

Parish Workers Social Night: On Friday 7th Feb 2020 7.30pm there will be a barn dance and food for all parish workers. This is an opportunity for us all to get together and for the priests of the parishes to say thank you to all those who in any way help with the running of the parishes. This is for all 3 parishes. A list for signing your name and tickets will be available in the sacristy.

Thank you to those who donated to the White Flower Appeal over the last weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) £223 was raised. Thank you again.

St. Oswald's: Sunday 19th January: Tea and coffee will be served in the parish hall following the 8.30am Mass. It is a chance to have a chat and a catch up with other parishioners.

St. Oswald's Synod Meeting: Monday 27th January at 7pm A meeting will be held in St. Oswald's Parish Hall to discuss the third theme – **Prayer**. It is our opportunity to formulate parish proposals to be put forward to the Synod. Further information is on the Synod 2020 website.

Harrison's Kilimanjaro Trek: Alongside his annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Liverpool Archdiocese in July 2020, Harrison Newsham is also taking part in a charity fundraiser with Durham University for the charity COCO, by climbing the African mountain Kilimanjaro in July. He is asking if anyone would kindly donate to the cause. More information and a donation box are at the back of St Oswald's church.

CONFIRMATIONS 2020: Confirmations will be taking place in 2020 for Year 8 pupils who have **not** already been confirmed. If you (or your child) attends All Hallows this will be organised through the school.

Those in Year 8 and do not attend a Catholic school and want to be confirmed this year may sign up for the preparation day on 29th February 2020 via Eventbrite. Search for 'Animate Youth Ministries'

If you require more information, please contact Fr. Simon Gore on 01774 740461 or s.gore@animate.co.uk

Please see the poster in the church porch.

Does your daughter want to be a **Rainbow and a Brownie**? We have spaces for both in our local units and will welcome enquiries. Please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk, enter your daughter's details and a leader will contact you. You can email me for more information gwrdfieldhouse@btinternet.com

Diaconate: There is an information evening about the diaconate which Archbishop Malcolm is hosting this academic year for men who might be thinking of beginning the process of discernment and formation for the diaconate next September. After the Archbishop's talk about the ministry of deacons in our archdiocese, there will be an explanation of the process for formation and discernment, some serving deacons and their wives will share their different experiences, and there will be time for questions. This evening will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at St Joseph's, Wrightington, beginning with refreshments at 7.00pm and ending by 9.00pm.