

THIS WEEKEND		16th Sunday of the Year		Year A
Sat 22nd July	5.00pm	St O	Leo Hunt	
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	St T	For a Successful Operation	
Sun 23rd July	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Teresa Heatley	
	9.30am	St T	Mary Agnes Knox, Harry Moss	
	11.00am	St MM	30th Anniversary of Consecration (9th July 1987)	
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 4		
Mon 24th July	9.15am	St T	Holy Souls	
Tues 25th July St James	9.00am	St O	Exposition	
	9.30am	St O	Theresa Hosker	
Wed 26th July	9.30am	St MM	Paco Cambra	
Thu 27th July	9.15am	St T	Sid Simpson	
Fri 28th July	9.15am	St T	Alex Shaw	
NEXT WEEKEND		17th Sunday of the Year		Year A
Sat 29th July	5.00pm	St O	Nancy Williams	
	6.30pm	St T	Stella Melling	
Sun 30th July	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	People of the Parish	
	9.30am	St T	Newns + Shepherd Families	
	11.00am	St MM	Marguerita Bamber	

Confessions: 1st Sat of August at 10.00am at St T and on request.

Service of the Word + Communion:

St O: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri at 9.00am. St T: Tue 9.15am

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The 16th Sunday
23rd July 2017

God knows everything in our hearts



This coming week we are reminded that however hard we may find it to pray, the Lord always knows what we need to say. It is God's own Spirit that prays within our hearts. The **first reading** addresses God directly as the all-powerful one who cares

for everything he has made. Though he is the God of strength and justice, he is also lenient and merciful – and so we, too, must try to act with kindness, even when we are challenged. The **psalmist** praises the Lord's goodness and mighty deeds, yet again reminds us that he is slow to anger.

The **second reading** offers us great hope, for it assures us that we can hand over to the Lord any struggles we experience in prayer. St Paul tells of the indwelling Spirit of God, who prays within each one of us whether we can find the right words or not. Jesus tells three parables about growth in the **Gospel**. In the first, someone has sabotaged a field of good wheat by planting darnel (weeds). Yet Jesus invites us to think carefully and be patient. If we hurry to pull out the weeds we might end up sacrificing the whole crop, instead of allowing God to work in his own time. This week, perhaps I might ask the Lord for a deeper trust to share all things with him in my prayer, even those things I find it hardest to express – knowing that he already sees and understands.

St Mary Magdalen's: Saturday is the feast of St Mary Magdalen. Next weekend will see the unveiling of the new (old) stained glass installed into St Mary Magdalen's Church. Two light boxes will hold 4 of the roundels, continuing the link with the new and the old.

Bereavement Tea and Chat: The next afternoon will be **Sunday 30th July 3.00pm– 4.00pm** in St Teresa's Church. Please pass the information on to anyone who would find it helpful. It is not just the recently bereaved, all are welcome.

Parish Evangelisation Team: The recent meeting decided to extend the meeting room at St Teresa's. The room is in need of decoration, but the problem with the toilet and the kitchen being next to each other and the heating chamber being for storage means a more substantial plan is needed. Any extension should enable us to make use of the grounds at the back of the church and give us a room that would hold twice as many as at present. No decisions about what to do have yet been made. We have a set of plans that will go out to tender to give us a rough idea etc.

Summer Dates: A parishes outing to Cartmel on Tuesday 8th August. We will leave at 10.00am - and return by 6.00pm. Tickets from Fr Philip. £5.00 each. We have been given permission to celebrate Mass in the Priory at 12 noon as part of the day. There are 3 tickets only left.

Saturday August 19th: a Pilgrimage to Ladywell. We gather for Mass at noon followed by procession to the Shrine. Picnic then benediction at 2.30pm. If you need a lift please let us know.

SVP Mass with the sick: will be on Thursday 10th August at St Mary Magdalen's at 12 noon followed by refreshments. If you wish to go or if you know of anyone who wishes to attend, please contact either Catherine Jones (SVP President) by phone 740569 or email cathfjones07@yahoo.co.uk or Paul Kearney (SVP Secretary) 0780-1358197 pkearney2000@gmail.com We can arrange transport if needed.

St. Oswald's Caritas Thank you all very much for your extraordinary generosity in last week's collection. You gave the magnificent sum of £260-13 which will help enormously in enabling us to run the activities we have planned over the next few months. Thank you.

Living Faith: The 3 monthly booklet (July, Aug and Sept) with reflections for each day is now available in each church. Just £1.00 each.

Baptisms: At St Teresa's we welcome Jacob Riley, Maia Bamber and Alaina Cliffe

The SOC, St Oswald's Caritas, group meet every alternate Wednesday from 7.00pm - 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel. If you wish to find out more about what we are trying to do for the parish or if you wish to join us you are very welcome to come along - the next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th July. Alternatively, you can phone Steve on 01772 816310 or speak with him after Mass.

Exploring Carmelite Spirituality: Holy Madness! 'May we all be mad for the love of him who for love of us was called mad.' The day will discover the contemplative wisdom of St Teresa of Avila led by Gillian Coxhead. Sat 29th July 10.30 – 3.30pm £20 includes lunch. St. Joseph's Prayer centre, Formby, L37 1PH. Mobile: 07712 178670 E-mail: theprayercentre.stj@gmail.com

1st Communion 2018: A form will be available in 2 weeks for anyone who is not in one of our primary schools, but is going into Year 4 and wishes to make 1st Communion in 2018. The form must be returned no later than September 20th.

Peer Talk: Interested in emotional and mental wellbeing and a good listener? Peer Talk is looking for volunteers to help run a second peer support group for people living with depression in Preston. Training Day is on Saturday 29 July at the Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Preston, PR2 3YP, 10am – 4pm. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer or contact rosa@peertalk.org.uk