

THIS WEEKEND		24th Sunday of the Year		Year A
Sat 16th Sept	5.00pm	St O	Pat + Tom Sutton -Thanksgiving for Diamond Wedding Anniversary Special Intention	
	6.30pm	St T	Imelda Bagot	
Sun 17th Sept	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Allan Whipp	
	9.30am	St T	Matthew Noblet, John Hood	
	11.00am	St MM	Richard Hall + Mary Ward	
WEEKDAY MASSES		Divine Office Week 4		
Mon 18th Sept	9.15am	St T	Sid Simpson	
	9.30am	St O	Leo Hunt	
Tues 19th Sept	9.15am	St T	Roy Whiteside	
	9.30am	St O	Patricia + Roger Holdcroft	
Wed 20th Sept	9.30am	St MM	Gerry O Neil	
Thu 21st Sept Feast of St Matthew	9.30am	St O	For the Parish	
	12 noon	St MM	Funeral Service: Kathleen Atkinson	
	7.00pm	St T	Thank you Fr Philip	
Fri 22nd Sept	9.15am	St T	Liz Blackburn	
	9.30am	St O	Ada Dumican	
NEXT WEEKEND		25th Sunday of the Year		Year A
Sat 23rd Sept	5.00pm	St O	David Herd, Eric Barker	
	6.30pm	St T	Gould + Phipps Families	
Sun 24th Sept	8:30am	St MM	Latin Extraordinary Form Mass	
	8:30am	St O	Joan Webster	
	9.30am	St T	Thomas Crook	
	11.00am	St MM	John Greer	

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

Web Sites: [www.ssmmt.org.uk/](http://www.ssmmt.org.uk/) [www.saintoswaldslongton.co.uk/](http://www.saintoswaldslongton.co.uk/)

Web Cam: <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

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### 24th Sunday

### 17th September 2017

#### The Lord is Compassion and Love

Our faith is based on a living covenant with the God of compassion and love. Christ invites us to be drawn deeper into the flow of this eternal covenant of love.

The **First Reading** from the book of Ecclesiasticus urges us to let go of anger, hate and resentment. True forgiveness from our heart will set us free from these destructive urges.

Today's **Psalm** is a song of thanks and celebration of God's healing love. God crowns us with a compassionate love that liberates us from fear and guilt.



St Paul, in his letter to the Romans (**Second Reading**), teaches us that as Christians, the life we live has a profound impact on others. We belong to the Lord both in life and in death.

The challenging parable on forgiveness in today's **Gospel** reminds us that God has an immense capacity to forgive us our sins. It is only if we choose not to forgive that we will cut ourselves off from the flow of compassion and love that comes from God.

In this coming week, let us pray for each other that we might have the grace to be set free from anything that holds us back from fully embracing God's forgiveness.

**Retiring Collection** this weekend for Home Mission Sunday. To support the work of evangelisation.

**Keep this date:** On Saturday 21st October **Fr Daniel O'Leary** will be leading a parish day. This is for all 3 churches. He is a renowned speaker. If you are a minister, reader, welcomer, bereavement team, catechist, in any of our 3 churches please put that date in your diary. All parishioners are welcome. Tickets will be available next weekend. The title of the day is: 'An Astonishing Secret - We are loved unconditionally by God, no matter what!' We start at 10.30am and finish by 3.00pm. Lunch included!

**St Oswald's "Summer Raffle"** The draw will take place on Sun 17 Sept at the "Afternoon Tea" event to be held in the Parish Hall from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Tickets, £5.00 on sale after Mass at St O or contact Bernadette Wilson 614198.

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

**Open Church:** St Teresa's Church is now open each weekday (Mon - Fri).

**Knit-a-Bit**, a new group brought to you by the SVP. Can you knit? Maybe you like to natter. Either way come and join us at St Teresa's Parish Centre each Monday, starting on **September 18<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am – 12 noon**. Everyone welcome. You don't have to knit, you can come and chat. Experienced knitters, beginners, crochet experts, embroidery buffs - all welcome. SVP will provide your morning tea and coffee and transport to St Teresa's. If you need a lift please contact Catherine on 01772 740569.

**St O Steering Group:** Thank you to those who came. We discussed the cemetery, daily Mass times, Christmas times, having the Church open, a parish bereavement group. A list of the group members is in the porch - ask them about what went on.

**Weddings 2018:** If you are hoping to get married in any of our churches in 2018 now is the time to let us know. We need at least 6 months notice.

**Parish Evangelisation Team:** Meets at St Teresa's: Wed 27th at 8.00pm.

**Faith in Action:** The Archbishop will be presenting awards to last years Year 6 on Thursday night (21st) at St Mary's Leyland at 7.00pm.

**Anointing of the Sick in Mass at St. O'S:** Tuesday 26th Sept at 12 noon in the Church. The Mass will include the Sacrament of the Sick. Please bring a relative or friend along for support and if you need transport the Caritas Group will provide it. There will be refreshments for everyone afterwards in the Parish Hall. If you need any help please contact Steve on 01772 816310. *Eucharistic Ministers and other Parish Visitors:* PLEASE invite those you visit. **What is the Sacrament of the Sick?** The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is no longer the Last Rites! Through the apostle James, Jesus commanded us: "Are there any sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (cf. James 5: 14-16).

**Who is the Sacrament for?** for those "whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age". In addition, a sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. The sacrament is appropriate for those suffering with mental health issues (e.g. depression, dementia), and those trying to overcome addiction. If you are unsure, talk to Fr P or Fr M.

**St T Christmas Fayre:** There is a meeting on Tuesday 19th at 7.00pm in the church meeting room to have a think about what we can do to make the Fayre the best it can be - all ideas and people welcome.

**St Teresa's School:** Open Day for parents wanting a school place in Sept 2018 for their child will be held on Mon 16th Oct: 2-3pm + 5-6pm. Details of the 'Tinies' preschool sessions will be given out at this event.

**Living Faith:** the Oct to Dec issue is now available in each church. Just £1.00 for a daily reflection for 3 months.

**Bereavement Team Training:** See poster for Diocesan Course in Aintree. This would be helpful for anyone from St O, as we want to set up a bereavement team there as soon as possible.

**Baptism at St T:** This weekend we celebrate with Gabriel Sutcliffe, Arabella Vas Moulding and Katie Brown.

**St MM Eucharistic Ministers:** Please collect your new rota today and look carefully at the new way of doing the rota.

**St MM + St T Bereavement Team:** There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th September in the Church Meeting Room.