

# Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Seventh Sunday after Trinity

**Welcome** to everyone in church today and to those joining via Facebook.

*Please join us for refreshments, after church. At St Thomas', refreshments are in the Refectory today and, at St James', in the Hall.*

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**St Thomas 128**

**St James 359**

### **The Collect**

Generous God, to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow

### **First Reading *Ecclesiastes 2. 18-23***

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

**St Thomas 328**

**St James 334**

### **Gospel Reading *Luke 12. 13-21***

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set

me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

<b>OFFERTORY HYMN</b>	<i>St Thomas</i>	<b>285</b>
	<i>St James</i>	<b>490</b>

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	<i>St Thomas</i>	<b>295, 250</b>
	<i>St James</i>	<b>295</b>

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
 ever giving himself that the world may live:  
 may we so receive within ourselves  
 the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,  
 we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
 for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

<b>FINAL HYMN</b>	<i>St Thomas</i>	<b>354</b>
	<i>St James</i>	<b>373</b>

## **The Week Ahead & Information**

*Fr Andrew is covering services at St Peter’s, Darwen this morning*

<b>Today</b>	St Thomas’ coffee in the Refectory
	11.15 Holy Baptism of Freya at <i>St Thomas’</i>
	12.30 Holy Baptism of Alton at <i>St James’</i>

## **Monday-Saturday**

**Monday** 9.0 Morning Prayer on *St Thomas' Facebook page*  
10- Messy Church at *St James'*  
12.30

**Tuesday** 10am Eucharist at *St James'*

**Thursday** 10.0 Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

## **Next Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.15 Parish Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

10.45 Parish Eucharist at *St James'*

*No 3.30 services during August*

## **August break**

During August we're going to experiment with a reduced readings sheet, printing only hymn numbers and notices. Readings will be available after Sunday services for those who like to use them during the week.

## **In memoriam**

There will be a commemoration of the life of the late Tom Watson at Sunnybank Social Club on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. A bench will be dedicated in Tom's memory and a bowls competition will be held.

Refreshments provided – all welcome.

## **Thank you, Alec**

Alec Taylor retired from his role as Virger at St James' earlier this year after 33 years in post. To thank Alec, we'd like to install a bench in the churchyard. If you would like to make a donation as a 'thank you', please hand it to one of the wardens, or tell them you've used the card machine.

## **Pilgrimage**

Following on from the March pilgrimage to Norfolk to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, a 2-night pilgrimage is planned for 18-20 November. If you are interested in coming along, please speak to Fr David or Fr Andrew TODAY!

## **Well done St Thomas' MU**

We receive several notes of thanks from people finding themselves admitted at Royal Blackburn Hospital without the essentials. Often they're handed a toiletries bag filled and donated by the Musbury MU. This last week a further **40** bags were delivered to the hospital. THANK YOU to our members and all who help make this happen. It is SO much-appreciated!!

## **Defibrillator Appeal(s)**

Please see the fliers given out today for information.

## **Thursday Friends & Food Summer Fair**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30-4.30pm, St Thomas' Hall. All are welcome! We're raising money for St Thomas' defibrillator appeal. Afternoon tea included in a £5 donation. Nominal charges for other activities. Let us know you're coming and we'll make sure there's a Tea for you – Lin 07484 363902/Shirley 07946 596866. Donations for raffle/tombola/cake stall very welcome!

## **Heritage Open Days at St James', 9-11 September**

We're celebrating weddings and christenings this year. If you have a wedding dress from a wedding at St James', St Stephen's or St John's (or even maybe elsewhere), or a christening gown, we'd love to borrow them for the weekend, with a photograph or two of the actual event. More information soon, but please have a think and a look!

## **Raft Appeal**

Shelves are once again emptying at Raft as they help families and individuals across the Rossendale Valley. If you're able to help with donations to the food bank, you can leave them at the back of either of our churches. They're particularly looking for: pasta sauce, tinned meat (such as ham or corned beef), tinned meat meals, tinned potatoes, tuna, crackers, jam, cereal, porridge, sanitary pads, toothpaste, razors, shower gel, dog and cat food, household detergent and cleaning products, sunscreen...

## **Prayer Boards**

Please to add names of people who need our prayerful support, or places/situations which are on your mind and in need of God's love.

## **Prayers**

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

### **For your prayers**

For the sick: Ian, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Derek, Rachael, Mike, Stephen, Dorothy, Rachel, Ian, Beryl, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Alec, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Maureen

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*