

Parish of Ribbleton

St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) The Ascension (ASC) -Longsands (LS)

Wednesday 3rd August
18th Week of Ordinary Time

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus answered her,

‘Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish.’

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 31.1–7)

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all
the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.
Thus says the Lord:
The people who survived the sword found grace in
the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to
him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore
I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O
virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth
in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of
Samaria;
the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in
the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’
For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts
for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘Save, O Lord, your
people, the remnant of Israel.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 121)

The response to the Psalm is:

My help comes from the Lord

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R/**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R/**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night. **R/**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R/**

GOSPEL (Matthew 15.21–28)

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'

But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'

He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish.'

And her daughter was healed instantly.

Please pray for

*Our government and parliament:
for men and women of integrity and honour to lead and
guide our nation.*

A peaceful resolution for the war in Ukraine.

The peoples of Afghanistan, Yemen, and Ukraine

The peoples of the countries of East Africa

Morad Tahbaz, still held in Iran.

Those affected by the extreme heat and wildfires

Those working in our hospitals & emergency services .

The staff and residents of Bethany House

The families using the Community Pantry .

The children and young people of our parish.

*The 65 people in our parish,
diagnosed with covid last week.*

Those named on our prayer list.

*The person who is called to be our next incumbent, and
those who will select them.*

*Fr Chris, Capt. David and Linda,
our Parish Wardens and our PCC members,
as they serve our parish.*

The Diocesan prayer for Ukraine

Almighty God,
seated above all the affairs of humankind
and sovereign over nations and leaders,
hear our prayer for Ukraine at this time of war;
that lives may be spared,
that national boundaries be respected
and that forces of aggression be restrained.
Grant, Lord God,
peace in your world in our time.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,