

THE WORD THIS WEEK

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

9 January 2022

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast, not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: 'This is my Son, the Beloved'. On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 - Console my people ... Prepare in the wilderness ... go up on a high mountain and shout "Here is your God".

Psalm: Psalm 103 - Bless the Lord my soul Lord how great you are / Above the rains you make your dwelling / How many are your works / All of these look to you / You take back your spirit they die

Second: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 - God's grace has been revealed, making salvation possible - not because of our deeds, but because of God's compassion. We must wait in hope.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 - John declared "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit" ... Jesus is baptised ... the heavens open and the spirit descended ... "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you."

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Chad and for the Oratorian Fathers and brothers who serve them. We pray for their ministry at the North Manchester General Hospital and Her Majesty's Prison Manchester, and for their parish primary school. May God's favour rest on them.

4. ST HERBERT'S CLEANING ROTA

A church cleaning rota has been compiled by Barbara Mallinson. This will run from January 2022 to December 2022. A copy will be given to each member of each team and this will replace the weekly reminder in the newsletter. Thank you to all for volunteering your services.

5. ONLINE ZOOM RELAXING YOGA

A new six-week block of weekly yoga sessions will commence next Thursday. There are a few places available, so if you feel in need of a little relaxation time, why not join us on a Thursday evening from 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm on Zoom from the comfort of your own home.

Regular yoga practice creates mental clarity and calmness. It increases body awareness, helps relieve stress, relaxes the mind, centres your attention, sharpens concentration and aids in a good night's sleep.

The cost for the six-week course is £25.00 and it will run from Thursday, 13 January - until Thursday, 17 February inclusive.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Deborah via email on debkrny@aol.com for further information.

6. EMAIL CONTACTS

A facility has been set up for parishioners to register an email address so to receive electronic communications. If you would like to receive newsletters and other parish communications, please register your email by visiting: <https://divinemercyoldham.org/news>

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: ; Offertory: ; Communion: ; Recessional: .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 290; Offertory: 699 ; Communion: 284, 630; Recessional: 604 .

7. ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please send any items for the Newsletter to Father Lawrence using the Parish email address: divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com The deadline for receipt of items is 12 noon on Thursday.


8. SEASONAL SUNDAY SMILE

After hearing the story of the Three Wise Men for the first time, the little girl turned to her mother and said, “But mummy, if they were that wise, wouldn’t they have taken the Baby Jesus some nappies, talcum powder, and some rusks?”

As a result of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, a new carol is now appearing in our hymn books: We three kings of variant are.

9. WORDSEARCH

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WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed.
 - TUESDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
 - WEDNESDAY:** **St Herbert’s:** Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
 - THURSDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
 - FRIDAY:** **St Herbert’s:** Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
St Herbert’s Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon – Angela Mary Walker (RIP)
 - SATURDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
 - SUNDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
St Herbert’s: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am
- CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST**

MASS REQUESTS

- Missa pro populo**
- Lately Dead:** Angela Mary Walker, Tom Cathcart
- Anniversary:** Colin Prince, Jamie Kalthoeber, Ronald Heyes
- Birthday Anniversary:** Jean Ankers

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Brian Hughes, Angela Delph, Jack Clark, Jean Allen, Dorothy Buckley, Tony Mulherin, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Beryl Henderson, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Cath Carrol, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mrs Lewandowski, Mary O’Connor.

ARE YOU...

- New to the Parish?
- Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
- Can you help the parish or us you?
- Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.



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