

THE WORD THIS WEEK

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

27 February 2022

We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as “the proof of the pudding is in the eating”. Today’s scripture readings are all about this – the ways in which our words and actions will reveal who we truly are. There is a wonderful mosaic of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday – images and parables and similes that can sit in our heads and hearts, and make us think about the sort of people we are, and the words we use and the fruits we produce by them. And we should pray that we will always produce good, sound fruit, so that we may keep on working at the Lord’s work always, and so share in Christ’s victory over death itself.

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: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 - The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit.

Psalm 91 - It is good to give you thanks O Lord / The just will flourish like the palm-tree / Planted in the house of the Lord.

Second: I Corinthians 15:54-58 - Death is swallowed up in victory - thank God for giving us victory through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45 - Jesus shared short parables about seeing to your own goodness first - a sound tree produces sound fruit - for a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

3. SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE:

We are offering the Masses this weekend for the people of Ukraine and for God’s peace to reign in their country.

4. ASH WEDNESDAY – 2 March 2022: Pope Francis has announced Ash Wednesday as a day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine. Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows:

St Herbert’s: Mass at 10.00 am. St Herbert’s School children will be attending.

Corpus Christi School: Ash Wednesday Service (not Mass) at 1.45 pm

Corpus Christi Church: Mass at 6.00 pm.

5. STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross will take place on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at Corpus Christi and at 9.30 am on Fridays at St Herbert’s, beginning on Friday 4 March at St Herbert’s.

6. DEANERY STATION MASSES: There will only be two Deanery Station Masses this year: Tuesday, 8th March at 7.30 pm at St Mary’s, Failsworth and Tuesday, 5th April at 7.30 pm at St Herbert’s Church. Tea and coffee will be served after the Masses.

7. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: We pray for the people of the parish of Christ the King, Newton Heath, for Fr. Derek McCartney, their parish priest, and for their

parish primary school. May they always give thanks to the Lord.

8. BAPTISM: We would like to welcome to the Parish of Divine Mercy community Martha Joan Burgess and Agnes Dorothy Taafe Lamb, who were baptised at St Herbert’s Church last Sunday.

9. GIFT AID SCHEME – PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH:

The Gift Aid Scheme allows the Parish to claim back 25% or 25 pence in every pound donated by those who are signed up for Gift Aid envelopes. To join the scheme, you must be a UK taxpayer. It is a great way to boost the Parish finances and it does not cost you any more money than your weekly donation. It is free to sign up to and free to leave. To join, you just need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

Corpus Christi: There will be a short appeal from the pulpit for new Gift Aid members at Corpus Christi church this weekend. Please read through the coloured flyer carefully to see if you qualify to join our scheme.

St Herbert’s: A leaflet from the Diocese outlining the Gift Aid Scheme will be available at the back of St Herbert’s Church. If you have any queries or if you wish to sign up, Deborah will be happy to answer them after Mass or you can contact her via the Parish email address – enquiries@divinemercyoldham.org or by using the contact email form on the Parish website.

For those already signed up, if you have changed address, had change of circumstances or no longer wish to continue with the Gift Aid scheme, please contact: Ken Coop (Corpus Christi) or Deborah Kearney (St Herbert’s) via the Parish email address: divinemercyoldham@gmail.com or via the email contact form on the Parish website.

The new Gift Aid envelopes will be available for collection from both churches from Saturday, 19 March 2022. Thank you. Ken Coop and Deborah Kearney

10. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING:

The monthly coffee mornings start again on Sunday, 6 March 2022 after the 9.30 am Mass. All are welcome to join us for tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits.

11. WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

There will be a White Flower Appeal next weekend, 4/5 March 2022.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 1; Offertory: 366 ; Communion: 628, 133; Recessional: 558.

ST HERBERT’S: Entrance: 558; Offertory: 175 ; Communion: 715, 681 ; Recessional: 678.

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12. SOCIAL COMMITTEE – ST HERBERT’S FEAST DAY: On the 20th March, after 11.00 clock Mass, there will be a light lunch in the Parish centre to celebrate St Herbert’s Feast Day. Come along and catch up with friends you have not seen in a while. Please sign the form at the back of each Church if you will be joining us - this is for catering purposes. There is no charge although donations are welcome.

Social Committee - Future events

24th April - Parish of Divine Mercy Feast Day in St Herbert’s Parish Centre

20th May - Celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Celebration in St Herbert’s Parish Centre.

12th June - Queen’s Platinum Garden Party in the garden of Corpus Christi. Details to follow.

If you have any ideas for social events you would like to see in the Parish, please do not hesitate to send your ideas to the Parish e-mail address.

13. CHILDREN’S LITURGY DIVINE MERCY PARISH: Children’s Liturgy will resume in both Churches after the half term break later this month. **Corpus Christi** will resume on Sunday, 6th March at the 9.30 Mass during term time.

At **Corpus Christi** church, we aim to provide for 3 - 7/8 years old children. Children are met in church before Mass and taught in the presbytery. They are returned to Mass after the Homily. Parents are welcome to bring younger pre-school children and join the group to help them acclimatise. We provide all the materials for the activities and children will hopefully produce something to take away! In the meantime, at Corpus Christi, children will find puzzle and colouring sheets in a tray as they enter church. They can help themselves along with a bundle of crayons and clip board if needed.

Children’s Liturgy, St Herbert’s: I am hoping to restart Children’s Liturgy on 13th March, and thereafter on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in term-time, but I need more help. It may be as simple as helping set up/clear up, or you may feel you could offer support with preparing/ delivering the session. Whatever you can give will be welcomed and necessary if the Liturgy is to continue. Please see me after Mass or ring me on 07947 660389. Thank you in advance. Trish (Wildy).

14. SUNDAY SMILE

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. After that, everything else was Made in China.

Q: When was the longest day in the Bible?

A: The day Adam was created because there was no Eve.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	St Herbert’s: Requiem Mass at 12.30 pm for Lily Kearns (RIP) Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
ASH WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert’s: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am Corpus Christi School: Ash Wednesday Service at 1.45 pm Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 5.30 pm; Mass at 6.00 pm
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert’s: Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
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

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Special Intentions: Special Intention, Joan Nield, Sister Agnes, Giovanna, Cecylia Jakubowska

Lately Dead: Lily Kearns, Franca E Omoregie

RIP: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary: Richard Stack

Birthday Anniversary: Edie Stack (100th)

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:

Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, 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.



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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.