

THE WORD THIS WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

6 February 2022

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus' - there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice, also, the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

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 6: 1-8 - I saw the Lord seated on a high throne, his train filled the sanctuary ... whom shall I send? Here I am, send me.

Psalm: Psalm 137 - Before the angels I will bless you O Lord / I thank you Lord / All the earth's kings shall thank you / You stretch out your hand and save me

Second: I Corinthians 15:1-11- I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 - The miracle of the great catch of fish ... do not be afraid, from now on you will catch people.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Anne, Higher Openshaw, for Fr. Chris Lough, their parish priest, for their parish primary school and for the Presentation Sisters. May we follow the Lord's invitation to each of us to follow him.

4. HOPE IN THE FUTURE – SYNOD

The Bishop has invited us all to respond to the request that we all contribute to the discussion about how we can journey together as missionary disciples and share our thoughts on the future direction of the church. Bishop John encourages us all to do this by responding to the Synod conversation. For more information and a link to respond online please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk. For those who do not wish to access it online Copies of the questionnaire are available at the back of each church. You are asked to respond by Tuesday 1st March. Alternatively, completed questionnaires can be left in the box at the back of each church by **Sunday, 20 February**. These will then be forwarded to the Diocese by 1 March.

5. CARITAS SUNDAY

If any parishioners wish to donate to the Caritas Sunday collection, they can donate in several ways:

Text SUNDAY to 70580 to donate £10

Visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-sunday-2022/> to set up a direct debit or make a one off donation.

Cheques can be made payable to Caritas Diocese of Salford, marked **FAO Rachel Taylor: CARITAS SUNDAY** to: Caritas House, Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, Manchester M4 4FA. Please include your full name, address and postcode, and whether you wish to gift aid the donation. Rachel Taylor can be reached on 0161 817 2285 during office hours.

6. MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BW
Sunday 13th February 2022, 5.30pm

We are delighted to announce the return of our regular Mass for Young Adults. The Mass will take place on the second Sunday of every month at St Augustine's Catholic Church, Grosvenor St, Manchester. Our next Mass will be at 5.30 pm on Sunday, 13 February, and will include a guest speaker and a social event following the celebration of the Mass. All are very welcome to attend. For any further questions, please email Alex at SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

7. 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 and continue each Sunday until 10th April, Palm Sunday. St Herbert's will resume on 13th March at the family Mass. More details about each churches provision will be provided in forthcoming newsletters.

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.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 234; Offertory: 641; Communion: 681, 656; Recessional: 376.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 333; Offertory: 362; Communion: 480, 511; Recessional: 376.

8. FORMATION SERIES: LOCAL REALITY OF THE CHURCH IN SALFORD WITH BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 7:30pm – 9pm Cathedral Centre and Via Zoom Throughout Stage Four of our Hope in the Future journey, we will have a number of opportunities for you to explore our faith and role as missionary disciples through our formation series. *On Wednesday 9th February 2022, Bishop John Arnold will be leading a session called The local reality of the Church in the Diocese of Salford; Blessings and Challenges.*

Register here - www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/the-local-reality-of-the-church-in-the-diocese-of-salford/

9. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi

We have had a busy four weeks since returning after Christmas and the children are working extremely hard. This week in RE we have had multi-faith week, and we have been focusing on Islam. We have explored the religion of Islam in more detail and it has been lovely

to have many of our children sharing their experiences and educating us. Also, this week, many classes celebrated Chinese New Year. It has been lovely learning about a culture different to our own and comparing many similarities and difference to our own celebrations. *Kung Hei Fat Choi*

10. ST MARGARET'S SCOUT GROUP

St Margaret's Scout Group are back up and running after Covid 19 and are open to take new members. Beavers 6/8 yrs old, Cubs 8/11 years, Scouts 11/14 yrs. Meeting Monday evening at church hall, Chapel Road. For further details ring Sue Whitehead: Tel: 0161 345 9485 or mail Suzie.whitehead1@outlook.com

11. SUNDAY SMILE

he latest studies show that atheists are more likely to own cats than Christians. This is probably because owning Christians isn't legal, anyway!

A Christian restaurant has just opened in Manchester. It's called 'The Lord Giveth'. We understand that they also do takeaways!

What do Christians say before eating a salad? Lettuce pray!

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
- 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

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CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

- Missa pro populo**
- Special Intentions:** Leo & Doreen Mazza, Lily Kearns
- Lately Dead:** Theresa Dunne, Kathleen Bennett, Brian Hughes, Frank Constable
- RIP:** Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Anniversary:** Daivd Curry, David Fenton, Walter Wiseman, Jennie Wiseman
- Birthday Anniversary:** Mary Coonan

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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