

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

**16 January 2022**

The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people. It is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

**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 62: 1-5** - The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

**Psalm: Psalm 95** - Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all peoples / O sing a new song to the Lord / Proclaim his help day by day / Worship the Lord in his temple

**Second: I Corinthians 12:4-11** - There is a variety of gifts but always the one spirit - the same spirit working in all.

**Gospel: John 2:1-11** - The wedding at Cana - my time has not yet come - do whatever he tells you - the first of the signs given by Jesus - he let his glory be seen.

**3. SYNOD**

Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission**". We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission using the QR code or following this link: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2).

Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

**4. HOPE IN THE FUTURE**

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Patrick, Manchester, and for Fr. Jim Clarke, their parish priest. We pray for St. Joseph's Mission to the Deaf, for the Sisters of Our Lady of Evron, for the Presentation Sisters, and for the

Missionaries of Charity Brothers, as well as the parish primary schools.

May they use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them for the building up of God's Kingdom.

**5. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

There will be a meeting for volunteers who are or wish to be involved in delivering lessons to primary age children during the Sunday family Mass. Children would normally go straight into the presbytery before Mass and return after the homily for the Eucharist. The meeting will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January after 9.30 am Mass in the presbytery with a cuppa and biscuit.

We hope to restart the classes for primary school children some time this term when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, it is a good opportunity for the Catechists to meet and get prepared beforehand.

If you wish to help out and are new to our parish, give your name & telephone number to one of the welcomers please. We'll contact you before the meeting.

**6. IN PREPARATION FOR LENT: YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

*Theodore House, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, BB7 9PZ: 26 - 27 February 2022*

Join other young adults from across our diocese with a weekend of prayer and reflection to help us better prepare for Lent. The cost of the retreat is £40 (this has been partially subsidised) and will include bed, breakfast, lunch, and evening meal.

To find out more and register your interest, please email [salfordyoungadults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:salfordyoungadults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 439; Offertory: 362 ; Communion: 165, 759 ; Recessional: 529 .

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 736; Offertory: 641; Communion: 256, 560; Recessional: 378.

**7. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi**

The children have been working extremely since returning after Christmas and this week we took time in our busy schedules to look after our mental health and reflect on what is important for our mind and body. We were very lucky to welcome DRUHM into school. They are an organisation who help people find their own BEAT and rhythm in their everyday life. They use the power of the DRUHM to connect to people, break down barriers and give people confidence. The children had an amazing time. Please pop over to our social media and website to see what we got up to.

This week our 2022 cohort of sacramental children started their journey on the sacramental programme. Unfortunately, our first session had to take place on zoom, but that did not stop our children and parents from their amazing engagement throughout the session. We look forward to following them on the next stage of their sacramental journey.

**8. ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

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

**9. SUNDAY SMILE**

A minister addressed his congregation, "Next week I intend to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon better, I would like you all to read Mark Chapter 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17 as suggested. Every hand in the church went up. The minister then gave a big smile and said, "But Mark only has sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying!"

**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  
**St Herbert's:** Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon for Brian George Motteram (RIP)
  - 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
- CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

**Missa pro populo**

- Lately Dead:** Angela Mary Walker, Martin Haigh, Irene O'Neill
- Anniversary:** Caroline Fanning (First Anniversary)
- Birthday Anniversary:** Shawn Joshua Abhulimen

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

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



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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.