

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS YEAR C

2 January 2022

The Prologue of St John has a special place in Christian theology and for centuries was recited at the end of the Mass as summing up the whole work of redemption. It begins with God's creation by the Word and ends with the completion of the purpose of creation through the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. In the centre comes the incarnation which enables and invites those who accept Christ to become children of God. In John's Gospel Jesus reveals to us who God is and says that he is the true light of the world. And this light is here among us. So, let us continue to share with all the grace and light of Christ.

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, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: Ecclesiasticus / Sirach 24: 1-2, 8-12 - The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

Psalm: Psalm 147 - The Word was made flesh and lived among us / O praise the Lord Jerusalem / He established peace on your borders / He makes the word known to Jacob

Second: Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18 - Before the world was made, God chose us to be his children.

Gospel: John 1: 1-18 - In the beginning was the word ... John came, sent by God as a witness for the light ... no one has even seen God, only the Son who is nearest the Father's heart.

3. HAPPY NEW YEAR

May I take this opportunity to wish all parishioners and their families a very happy, healthy and holy New Year.

4. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St. John Bosco, Blackley, for Father Emanuel, their parish priest and Fr Clement, Assistant Parish Priest. We pray for the sisters of the Cross and Passion and for their parish primary schools. May Mary, Mother of God, confirm them all in their mission.

5. LADIES' EVENING

The Ladies' Evening, which was due to take place on the last Friday in January, has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

6. DIOCESE OF SALFORD VACANCIES

Re-advertisement: Parish Development Coordinator (with responsibility for Synod)

Appointment type: Full-time, permanent (35 hours per week. Some evening and weekend work will be required).

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP;
Salary: £26,000 - £28,000; **Closing date:** 12 noon on Friday 14th January 2022

The Diocese of Salford are looking to recruit a suitably qualified individual to play a key role in coordinating the Diocese's Synodal Journey. To achieve this, the post holder will be required to assist the Bishop, clergy and lay-people of the Diocese to discern carefully together what the Spirit is saying to the Church across the diocese and agree on common goals and actions for the coming years.

Chancery & Tribunal Senior Administrator (replacement role):

Appointment type: Permanent, full-time or part-time (35 hours per week full time, or 30 hours per week will also be considered). **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP; **Salary:** £26,000 - £28,000 per annum; **Closing date:** 12 noon on Friday 14th January 2022

For further information and to apply, please visit
www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

7. CAFOD DECEMBER AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

8. CORPUS CHRISTI PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: January – December 2022

PINK booklets of envelopes are now available at the back of church. They start in January next month and are aimed at

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 193 ; Offertory: 723;
Communion: 365, 536 ; Recessional: 651 .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 526; Offertory: 536 ;
Communion: 614, 739; Recessional: 135.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

non-taxpayers. Please pick up a free pack of envelopes at the back of church, if you do not pay tax on your wages, pension or savings. Please take a pack for anyone who can't attend regularly during the pandemic. GIFT AID envelopes will be issued in March.

8. ST HERBERT'S CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week is Cleaning Team B. Thank you.

9. SEASONAL SUNDAY SMILES

The priest concluded his sermon by mentioning that New Year was the perfect time for parishioners to make new resolutions and decisions, and perhaps change their way of life. On his way out, one man thanked the priest for his advice and told him that on the previous New Year's Day he had stolen a calendar from a local shop and had got twelve months.

The church choir performed a beautiful cantata at the New Year's Eve Mass. It ended with a soprano solo because they wanted to end the year on a high note.

What was the parish priest's New Year's Resolution? To exorcise more!

10. WORDSEARCH

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WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY: FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

Both churches closed.

Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm

St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am

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Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm

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

RIP: Maureen Theresa Reedy, Bernard Kearns, Daren Edward Veevers

Birthday Anniversary: Jayson Oseiwe Abhulimen

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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