

THE WORD THIS WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY

17 April 2022

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

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: 10:34, 37-43 - Peter gives Cornelius an eyewitness account of Jesus: his life and work, his death and his resurrection.

Psalm: 117 - This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad / Give thanks to the Lord / The Lord's right hand has triumphed / The stone which the builders rejected.

Second: Colossians 3:1-4 - Let your thoughts be on heavenly things - now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 - Mary of Magdala discovers that the tomb is open, she tells the disciples and they go to the tomb ... he saw and understood and believed.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE: EASTER REFLECTION

As we celebrate the joyful feast of Easter, let us enjoy and reflect on the risen Christ, who suffered death and conquered it. The Resurrection is the fulfilment of all God's hopes and promises of new life.

'if Christ is not risen, then all our believing is in vain'. (1 Corinthians 15:17).

As followers of Christ, we are called to spread the joy and good news of the Resurrection to others. This appears to be a challenging task, but faith and hope are God's gifts and, by accepting these gifts, God will always be with us, lighting the way. Having faith in the risen Christ gives us the strength to be ambassadors of our faith and endure challenges in our lives.

Let us pray

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Light our way so that we can spread the good news of the Resurrection to others.

We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. (Pope Francis)

4. HAPPY EASTER

Wishing everyone a very happy and holy Easter. May you be blessed with our Lord's love and peace.

5. GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As requested by the Diocese, the collection on Good Friday will be for the Holy Land.

6. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING

Coffee / tea will be served in the Parish Centre after 11.00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. All welcome.

7. CORPUS CHRISTI 'A' TEAM CLEANING DATES

The team will be cleaning the church on the following Monday dates this summer.

25th April, 9th May, 23rd May, 6th June, 20th June, 4th July, 18th July.

As a small team, we always love an extra hand if you are free on any of these dates. We start at 9.30am, after local school traffic has cleared, and finish by 10.15 with a cuppa & Liz's cake.

8. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES

There will be no lessons for children in the presbytery during the Easter holidays. We will restart on Sunday 1st May, even though it is a Bank Holiday weekend. A calendar of dates is displayed at the back of church. Many thanks for your support from both parents and the excellent children who have attended and enjoyed themselves.

9. RELAXING YOGA IS RETURNING TO THE PARISH CENTRE

Relaxing Yoga will be taking place again in the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings from 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm. The six-week block, which will run from Thursday, 28 April to 2 June 2022, costs £25.00 for the six sessions or £5.00 per session. The price includes use of a mat. Beginners welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Deborah via the Parish email address – divinemercyoldham@gmail.com.

10. NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Feast Day of The Parish of Divine Mercy is on **Sunday, 24th April**. Please come and join us in the Parish Centre to celebrate this special day. The African Choir from St Patrick's Church will be singing for us and a buffet will be provided. All we ask is a small donation on the day. Please sign the form at the back of Church. This is for catering numbers. We look forward to seeing you.

20th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration. A Parish

HYMNS

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

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 199; Offertory: 284; Communion: 492, 105; Recessional: 678.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

dinner dance with the Singing Pilot to Check out Michael McIntyre's Star of the Show (You Tube). Tickets will be on sale soon. We know you will have a fantastic night.

11. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

We pray for the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, the Christie Hospital and Trafford General Hospital and for Fr. Martin Dowd and Fr. Gavin Landers and the Chaplaincy Team. May they rejoice in the victory of Christ's Resurrection.

12. FORMATIONS SERIES: Fr Gerard Kelly – Personal Encounter with oration Series: Fr Gerard Kelly - Personal Encounter with Jesus

Wednesday 27th April 2022, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP and via Zoom.

Throughout Stage Four of our Hope in the Future journey, we will have several opportunities to explore our faith and role as missionary disciples through our formation series. On Wednesday 27 April 2022, Fr Gerard Kelly will lead a reflection about having a Personal Encounter with Jesus. Tea and Coffee will be available from 7:00pm.

Following the talk there will be chance to ask questions. To register, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/personal-encounter-with-jesus/

SUNDAY SMILE

Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while before she realised that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

The topic in the Sunday School class was Easter Sunday. "And what did Jesus do on this day?" the teacher asked the class. There was no response, so she gave her young students a hint, "It starts with the letter R." Immediately, one little boy blurted out, "He recycled!"



WEEKDAY CALENDAR

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| 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: FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY | 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
Special Intention: Geoffrey Pickup, Doreen Mazza, Jim Healy
Lateley Dead: Jack Clark
Anniversary: Mary Dooley, Barbara Lawson, Clare Drogan, John Flynn, George Chamberlain, Marie Healy
Easter Mass: Alice Thompson, Angela Davey, Fionnula Murden, Susan Johnson, Goulding Family, Elizabeth Wiseman
Birthday: Fr Bryan Cunningham
Birthday Anniversary: Tony Robinson, Bernard Nangle

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
David Roberts, Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, 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, 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.