

THE WORD THIS WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

14 May 2022

We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, 'love one another', is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) - it is the risen Lord's parting gift to his Church.

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: Acts 14:21-27 - Paul and Barnabas continue their travels - in each church, the appointed elders and commended them to the Lord. Eventually they return to Antioch and give an account of their work.

Psalm: 144 - I will bless your name forever, O God my King / The Lord is kind and full of compassion / All your creatures should thank you / Yours is an everlasting kingdom.

Second: Apocalypse 21: 1-3 - John saw a new heaven and new earth - the new Jerusalem ... now I am making the whole of creation new.

Gospel: John 13: 31-35 - I will give you a new commandment, love one another just as I have loved you.

3. RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has produced a leaflet entitled "Returning to Mass at Pentecost. An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales." Copies are available at the back of each church.

4. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

We pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Family, Denton, and for Fr. Christopher Dawson. May people know them to be disciples of the Risen Lord in the love they have for one another.

5. BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome into the Parish of Divine Mercy community Willow Alessandra Martin-Giblin, Lewis James Martin-Giblin and Robert Dennis Steward, who were baptised in the Parish last weekend.

6. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Dinner Dance

Thank you to those who bought tickets for the Parish dinner dance. Unfortunately, the dinner dance has been cancelled, but it will be rearranged in the future. All monies paid will be refunded.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Garden Party/Barbecue

Will take place in Corpus Christi Gardens on 12th June from 2.00pm to 5pm. Tickets £3. For further details, please see the posters at the back of either Church. Could the people who have put their names on the lists, please pay for their tickets and collect them (for catering purposes) as there are only a few tickets left. Thank you.

7. FINANCE – CHEQUES

The Parish now has one bank account and therefore we ask that any cheques to the Parish are made payable to the Parish of Divine Mercy and **not** to Corpus Christi or St Herbert's as was previously the case. Thank you.

8. PARKINSON'S UK OLDHAM BRANCH SPRING FAIR

The Spring Fair will take place on Sunday, 15 May from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm at St Herbert's Parish Centre. Free Admission and a variety of stalls. You will be very welcome and your support will be greatly appreciated.

9. DIVINE MERCY YOUTH CHOIR

The Divine Mercy Youth Choir will eventually be singing at St Herbert's Church on the first Sunday of each month and at Corpus Christi on the second Sunday of each month. If any young members of the Parish are interested in joining the choir, please contact Destiny or Fr Lawrence via the Parish email address divinemercyoldham@gmail.com or speak to Fr Lawrence after Mass. Thank you.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 133; Offertory: 443;
Communion: 628, 309; Recessional: 462.
ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 387; Offertory: 641;
Communion: 146, 343; Recessional: 492.

10. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week our sparrow class invited their families into their class for a stay and play session. It was lovely to have them visit the children and see them in their learning environment.

Our sacramental children made their first reconciliation last Saturday. It was a lovely morning for the children. They were a credit to us and their families. They demonstrated reverence throughout and were extremely respectful.

This week our Year 6 children took part in the SATs. It has been a very busy week for them and we are so proud of how hard they have worked. They look forward to their trip to Cornwall next week after such a busy week. Well done to every single one of them for their hard work and dedication this week.

St Herbert's: This week has been a hard week for Year 6 as they have been sitting their SATs test. They have approached them with smiles on their faces and we are very proud of them.

After the tests they have been doing a spot of gardening in our new habitat hub which will be opened and blessed by Bishop John next week. The whole school is preparing for this special visit.

We would like to say a big thank you to you all for the continue support with the food which you know goes to families that need our support. They and we really appreciate it. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

11. SUNDAY SMILE

The story of Creation as written by a child

In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord, thy God, is one," but I think He has to be much older than that.

Anyway, God made the world and then He said, "Give me some light," and somebody gave it to Him.

He split an atom and made Eve. Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors, yet.

Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars, either.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm.
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary 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: Josie Callaghan

RIP: Kathleen Kelly

Anniversary: Henry Skibinski

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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