

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**

**29 May 2022**

This is an unusual "in between" Sunday - in between the Lord's return to the Father's right hand at Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper - a prayer full of concern for his friends - for us, the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Do not hold this sin against them" is a vision of what the Church must be - a community of love and mercy, always inspired (that is, guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus. The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and second coming: as we await the Spirit next Sunday, St John gives us the final vision of our destiny: "let everyone who listens answer 'Come!'"

**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 7: 55-60** - Stephen sees a vision of heaven thrown open and the Son of May at the right hand of God.

**Psalm: 96** - The Lord is king, most high above all the earth / The skies proclaim his justice / For you indeed are the Lord.

**Second: Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20** - John hears a voice "Very soon I shall be with you again ... these revelations come from Jesus."

**Gospel: John 17: 20-26** - Jesus prays to the Father for all the disciples and the people who will come to believe in him through their words - prays for unity and love - may they be completely one.

**3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE**

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Catherine of Siena, Didsbury for Fr. John Hitchen, their parish priest, and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. We pray for their parish primary school, The Barlow High School, and for Francis House Children's Hospice. May they be completely one, so that the world might believe in Jesus.

**4. WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Patrick Slater and Lauren Coyne who were married in our Parish on Friday. May they be blessed as they begin their married life together.

**5. CORPUS CHRISTI MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING**

The Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday, 5 June after the 9.30am Mass. Teas, Coffees, Soft drinks, Cakes etc. All welcome for a chat!!

**6. SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Garden Party/Barbecue**

The Garden Party/Barbecue will take place in Corpus Christi. Could the people who have put their names on the lists, please pay for their tickets and collect them (for catering purposes). Thank you.

**7. MASS TO CELEBRATE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PAPAL VISIT**

This month marks 40 years since Pope St John Paul II visited our diocese. On 31st May 1982, this much-loved pope celebrated Mass in Heaton Park and visited Nazareth House in Prestwich.

To celebrate this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on Tuesday 31 May 2022 at 7.00 pm there will be a Mass in Our Lady of Grace church, Prestwich, M25 1AS - the parish in which the Mass in Heaton Park took place. A reception in the parish hall will follow.

Bishop Tom Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, was one of the twelve priests ordained in the park, and will be the main celebrant, accompanied by Bishop John Arnold, Bishop Mark Davies and some of the other priests ordained that day.

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 110; Offertory: 641;  
Communion: 759, 360; Recessional: 529.  
**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 169; Offertory: 312;  
Communion: 628, 358; Recessional: 493.

**8. DIOCESE OF SALFORD VACANCIES**

The The Diocese is currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

- System Support Leader (Education)Heritage Project Manager
- Choral Director
- Safeguarding Officer
- Interim Safeguarding Coordinator
- Assistant Accountant

For more details on individual vacancies and how to apply, please go to: [Vacancies - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)

**9. SUNDAY SMILE**


During his sermon on Jesus’s teaching that we should love our enemies, the Vicar asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies. Everyone did so except for Mrs. Watson in the front row, who had just turned 95.

"Mrs. Watson", asked the Vicar, "how could you possibly live for 95 years and have no enemies?"

"That's easy," the elderly lady replied, "I just outlived them all!"

**10. WORDSEARCH**

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**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed.
- TUESDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Rosary 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

**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

**Missa pro populo**

**Lately Dead:** Mary Folan, Allan Sharp

**Anniversary:** Mary Coonan

**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.

**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.



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