

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

22 May 2022

As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and the Spirit who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem! From this side, Pentecost is about promise: the Lord at the Last Supper promises that He and the Father will be "at home" with all who keep his words - and it is the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will remind us of these and all his words. We believe that all Scripture is "inspired" - the word of the Spirit - so as we listen or proclaim this Sunday let us look for the fulfilment of the promise made by the Lord.

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 15:1-2, 22-29 - The church chose Judas and Silas to accompany Paul and Barnabas to Antioch to resolve a problem.

Psalm: 66 - Let all the peoples praise you O God / O God be gracious and bless us / Let the nations exult and be glad.

Second: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23 - John is shown a vision of the holy city, which is lit by the radiant glory of God.

Gospel: John 14: 23-29 - Jesus said "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word ... I have said these things, but the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send will teach and remind you. My peace I bequeath to you - I am going away.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Mary and St. John Fisher, Denton, and for Fr. Peter Kinsella, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for St. Thomas More College, and for the Sion Community. May they know Christ's gift of perfect peace.

4. BAPTISM

We welcome into the Parish of Divine Mercy community Harry Patrick McDonagh who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

5. PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENT RECEIVED BY MRS JANE RODDY: 30 YEARS AT ST HERBERT'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs Roddy started her employment at St Herbert's RC primary Chadderton in September 1991. Initially employed as a nursery nurse, she progressed to being a teacher qualifying in 2003. She completed her NQT year and has remained at school since.

As well as being a teacher, Mrs Roddy is a true ambassador of the school and is also an active member of Divine Mercy Parish at St Herbert's Church. She is involved in all activities supporting school and parish, she is a member of the parish organisational committee, serves as a Eucharistic minister,

reader and more recently acted as a steward during the pandemic.

For a person who has dedicated so much to our school and parish, I believe that it is only right that her dedication is recognised and it was with great honour that, on behalf of the Board of Governors and all the members of our school community and parish, I was able to present Mrs Roddy with a Papal Blessing Parchment signed by the Apostolic Nuncio that recognises and thanks her for the 30 years of dedication to catholic education and parish life. Paul Devine, Chair of Governors.

6. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Garden Party/Barbecue

The Garden Party/Barbecue 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. 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 divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com or speak to Fr Lawrence after Mass. Thank you.

8. MASS TO CELEBRATE 40TH 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 40th anniversary, on Tuesday 31 May 2022 at 7pm 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.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 234; Offertory: 557;
Communion: 470, 358; Recessional: 96.
ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 96; Offertory: 366;
Communion: 456, 462; Recessional: 156.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

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.

9. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi

This week, our Year 6 children have had an amazing time exploring the sights of Cornwall. Their behaviour was impeccable and they have been a credit to us as a school. They have been busy making traditional Cornish pasties, surfing the waves, taking walks on the beach and they also enjoyed a trip to the seal centre and the Eden project. They have had a very busy week indeed.

This week in school we held our half term Wellbeing Wednesday. We were very lucky to have the Shakespeare Company in school who performed 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children and staff absolutely loved it! They laughed from start to end.

This week has also been British Values week in school where the children enjoyed learning all about our British Values and more importantly about the special Platinum celebrations been held this year for HRH Queen Elizabeth II. The school has been decorated in red, white and blue and it has been a lovely week. We had popular English meals on the menu all week, and had a lovely afternoon tea to end all the celebrations.

10. SUNDAY SMILE

Q. What did Adam say to Eve when handing her something to wear?

A. "Take it or leaf it."

Q. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A. Not at all – just an apple!

In the Garden of Eden, Adam blamed Eve. Then Eve blamed the snake, and we all know that the snake didn't have a leg to stand on!

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:	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon for Phyllis Mary Ford (RIP)
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: Rita Baxendale

Anniversary: Michelle Stott, John Michael McDonnell

Birthday Memory: Peter Matthew

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.