

THE WORD THIS WEEK

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

26 JUNE 2022

There is a sense of urgency about discipleship – almost like emergency services responding to a crisis, in the Gospel today there is no time to wait for any normal human moments, no reason to delay: the hand must be placed immediately on the plough, the work must begin NOW! It can feel as though Jesus is being a little abrupt in this passage – even a little too intense! But it is a question of priorities: for the Lord, the work of salvation, or proclaiming the Gospel, brooks no delay. Perhaps this intensity is a valuable reminder for us – we can tend to “tame” Jesus and forget that he was passionately and totally dedicated to the Mission his heavenly Father had entrusted to him – even to the point that he left Nazareth to become a homeless preacher with nowhere to lay his head.

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: I Kings 19:16, 19-21 - Elijah calls Elisha to follow him - and allows Elisha to first farewell his family.

Psalms: 15 - It is you who are my portion and cup / Preserve me, God I take refuge in you / I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel / And so my heart rejoices / You will show me the path of life.

Second: Galatians 5:1, 13-18 - You were called to liberty, but take care to serve one another in works of love. The whole commandment is summarised as "Love your neighbour as yourself".

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 - Jesus takes the road for Jerusalem - those who he asks to follow him all have other things to do first.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

We pray for the people of the parish of the Sacred Heart and St. Francis, Gorton, and for Fr. Kevin Murphy, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. May they know in their lives the love which burns in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

5. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS FOR THE CHILDREN OF ST HERBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The First Holy Communion Mass for the children of St Herbert's School will take place at 11.00 am at St Herbert's Church this Sunday, 26th of June.

6. PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION 2022

The annual collection for Peter's Pence will take place this Sunday, 26 June 2022. Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry. Collections baskets will be available at the back of each church.

7. RELIC OF ST BERNADETTE VISITS SALFORD

Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel St, Salford M3 5LE

Tuesday 20th-Thursday 22nd September 2022

Throughout 2022, a relic of St Bernadette will travel from the Upper Basilica in Lourdes, crossing the English Channel to begin a much-anticipated tour of the UK, visiting every Catholic cathedral in the country. Salford Cathedral will host the relic from the 20-22 September 2022. This is a fantastic opportunity to venerate the remains of this beloved saint, and will be particularly meaningful to those who cannot make it to Lourdes in person.

Find out more about the visit:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/relic-of-st-bernadette-visits-salford/. More information will be provided in the coming months.

8. SEA SUNDAY – 9/10 JULY 2022

The collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, will take place during the weekend of 9 and 10 July.

9. YOGA AND CHAIR YOGA IN THE PARISH CENTRE

We are now incorporating Chair Yoga into the Yoga classes. Chair Yoga is an adapted form of yoga that makes yoga accessible to everyone. It allows you to modify your

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 234 ; Offertory:801;
Communion: 133, 165; Recessional: .
ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 169; Offertory: 681;
Communion: 538, 165; Recessional: 259.

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yoga practice based on your health, your mobility, and your current ability level. It offers a practice that includes seated poses on the chair and standing poses using the chair for balance and support. Yoga and Chair Yoga will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursdays at 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm. Classes are £5.00 per session. All welcome.

SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: Last Saturday our Sacramental children made their First Holy Communion at Corpus Christi Church. It was a lovely day and it was great to see the Church once again at full capacity with family and parish members sharing the children's special day. We would like to thank Fr Lawrence and the parish for their support in helping the children prepare for this special day.

This week our Reception children in Robin and Sparrow Class had their class assembly. It was beautiful to see how much they have grown in confidence since starting in September. The children led an assembly all about friendship and the importance

of being a true friend of Jesus.

St Herbert's: It has been a very warm week but that hasn't stopped the children enjoying the sunshine. We would like to say congratulations to Year 3 who make their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a multi-skills competition against all the Catholic schools in Oldham. They were brilliant and we are proud to say they came second. Well done! On Wednesday Year 4 went to the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Halle Orchestra and they had a wonderful time. What a wonderful experience for them!

SUNDAY SMILE

A man is praying to God and asks, "God, how long is a million years?"

God gives the answer, "To me it's about a minute."

The man then asks, "God, how much is a million pounds?"

God replies, "To me, it's a penny."

Feeling very confident the man then asks, "Please God, could you help me to win a penny?"

God answers the man's prayer promptly, saying, "Alright then, but you'll have to wait a minute."

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

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:	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: Jim Healy, Margaret Tite

Anniversary: Mary and Fred Adams, Peter Matthews, Angelina Mazza

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.