

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

**31 July 2022**

Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase 'There are no pockets in a shroud' is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus. What Jesus makes us think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it: if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we 'make ourselves rich in the sight of God'!

**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: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2:21-23** - Vanity of vanities. A man who has laboured must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled. What does he gain for his toil?

**Psalms: 89** – O Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to the next / You turn men back into dust / You sweep men away like a dream / Make us know the shortness of our life / In the morning, fill us with your love.

**Second: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11** - Let your thoughts be on heavenly things - when Christ is revealed, you will be revealed in your glory with him.

**Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21** - Parable of the rich fool, who built extra barns to store his wealth, but died before he could use them.

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

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Antony of Padua, Stretford, and for Fr. Gerald Murphy, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Faithful Companions of Jesus. May the Lord be their refuge from one generation to the next.

**4. VISIT FROM A COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTER – 30/31 JULY 2022**

Sister Aurora Salgado de Abreu, a Comboni Missionary Sister, will be visiting the Parish to make the Mission's Annual Appeal this weekend. Collection baskets will be available at the back of each church.

**5. THE BISHOP'S FUND**

As the school summer holidays are upon us and the cost of living crisis has well and truly taken hold, many families across our diocese will be worrying about how they are going

make ends meet over the coming weeks whilst their children are not in school.

As such, we would like to remind you that **The Caritas Bishop's Fund** is available to parishes and schools to help individuals and families in crisis.

Please access further details and the application form here <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/caritas-bishops-fund>

**6. YOGA/CHAIR YOGA**

The final Yoga/Chair Yoga class for this summer, will take place this Thursday, 4 August, in the Parish Centre from 6.15pm – 7.15pm. Cost: £5.00 per session. Classes resume in September.

**7. CAFOD**

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. If you would like to find out more, please visit [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for your support.

**8. RESTORATION WORK AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH**

Restoration work has begun and will be ongoing for a number of weeks. It will entail removing the water damaged plaster on a number of the inside walls and Choir Loft. The work is necessary to maintain the appearance and upkeep of the Church. We apologise for any inconvenience. The builders have assured us they will keep any disruption to a minimum.

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 576; Offertory: 479; Communion: 538, 165; Recessional: 634.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 194; Offertory: 523; Communion: 605, 635; Recessional: 274.

**9. JOB VACANCIES**

**Diocese of Salford - Safeguarding Administrator**

**Appointment Type:** Full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, subject to review and consideration for a permanent post

**Working hours:** 35 hours per week with some flexible working required. Part-time hours could be considered.

**Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

**Salary, pension, and benefits:** £18,018 -£22,796 depending on skills & experience, 25 days holiday plus bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days, employers pension scheme if applicable.

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

**10. CARITAS JOB VACANCIES**

**Caritas Salford -Social worker x 2 (Caritas Schools Service)**

**Appointment Type:** Part-time, term-time only.

**Working hours:** 4 days a week.

**Location:** Schools across Burnley or Rochdale area

**Salary, pension, and benefits:** £17,883 -£21, 372 plus essential car allowance.

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/>

**11. SUNDAY SMILE**

A school religious inspector asked little Billy, "Who broke down the wall of Jericho?" Billy replied, "I don't know, but it wasn't me!"

Taken aback by Billy's lack of basic Bible knowledge, the inspector went to the school's Head and related the incident. "I know Billy and his family very well," said the Head, "and if he said he didn't do it, then I'm satisfied it's the truth."

Even more appalled, the inspector went to the Diocesan Head of Religious Education, and again related the whole story. After listening, the Diocesan Head replied, "I can't see why you're making such a great fuss out of this. Just get me three estimates and I'll get the wall fixed myself!"

**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**

**RIP:** Veronica Howarth, Walter Dardsly

**Birthday Mass:** Margaret Connolly, Mary Bertha Whitworth

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:  
Margaret Lawless, Janina Grobelnik, 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.