

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

24 July 2022

When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do! The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason) but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.

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: Genesis 18:20-32 - Abraham's negotiation with God about saving Sodom and Gomorrah if there are only a few just men found there.

Psalm: 137 - On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord / I thank you Lord with all my heart / I thank you for your faithfulness and love / The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / You stretch out your hand and save me

Second: Colossians 2:12-14 - You have been raised up with Christ through your belief in the power of God .. he has brought you to life with him.

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13 - Jesus teaches the disciples to pray the "Our Father" ... knock and the door will be opened ... ask and it will be given to you.

3. 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. She will be speaking at the weekend Masses (30/31 July 2022).

4. COLLECTION OF USED STAMPS

Used stamps will no longer be collected at St Herbert's Church. We would like to thank everyone who has collected them over the past years. Claire & Elizabeth Lockett

5. SEA SUNDAY COLLECTION – 9/10 JULY 2022

Collection baskets will be available at the back of each church this weekend. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work which is dependent on voluntary donations. Please give generously. Thank you.

6. 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.

7. REGISTER NOW FOR THE CARITAS BIG SLEEP OUT

Date: Friday 16th September 2022

Venues: Xaverian College Manchester and Holy Cross College Bury.

NB: This event is for over 18s only

This is Caritas Salford's annual fundraising event for our Homelessness Services and we really do need you! Please consider being sponsored to spend the night outdoors to raise funds to help Caritas ensure people have the support they need to prevent them from becoming homeless; that people who do become homeless are helped to secure, safe accommodation with the support they need to make a new home; and that no one has to sleep rough.

Register at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/big-sleep-out-2022/> or email Kirstie Davidson

at ki.davidson@caritassalford.org.uk to register a team.

8. 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 to 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>

9. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: The end of the 2021/2022 academic year has arrived. It has been a great year and all children have made significant progress across the curriculum along with the fantastic array of exciting events, trips and visiting speakers have enriched the educational experience of every child from Nursery to Year Six.

This week has been very busy for our Year 6 pupils. On Wednesday night, along with their families, the children attended their graduation prom. The children looked amazing in their caps and gowns and each child received an award.

On Thursday the whole school attended church for our year 6

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 604; Offertory: 163; Communion: 681, 628; Recessional: 307.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 736; Offertory: 148; Communion: 681, 397; Recessional: 286.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

Leavers' Mass. The children helped Father Jude to lead the Mass in a reverent and spiritual way. We also presented our Sister Mary Francis award to someone who has lived our mission statement "*The pursuit of excellence whilst loving God and Others*" throughout their educational journey at Corpus Christi.

We would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils the best of luck as they leave us for high school. We ask the Lord to stay with them on their journey and guide them in the next stage of their lives.

We thank the parish for their continued support and love shown. We looked forward to seeing you all again in the next academic year. God Bless you all.

St Herbert's: Well, the holidays are finally here! Year 6 said farewell to St Herbert's -they had a Mass followed by a Party in the Parish Centre and then finally their Leavers assembly- yes there were tears!! They have been a super year group and we know as they start their new secondary school they will continue to shine. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

We would like to wish Miss Bailey and Mr Russell a happy wedding day- Miss Bailey is getting married at St Peter's and Mr Russell in Italy. We wish them every happiness.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to you the parishioners for the fantastic support you have given in providing food and toiletries for our vulnerable families. We will not be collecting during the holidays but will begin again on the 2nd/3rd of September. We have helped 13 families and they are truly grateful, so thank you again. We will see you in September.

10. SUNDAY SMILE

An impressive notice on a church door informed visitors: 'This is the Gate of Heaven. Enter ye all by this Door'. Underneath was pinned a handwritten note that read: This door is kept locked because of the draught. Please use the side door.

A sign outside an American Church read: Be an organ donor. Give your heart to Jesus

11. COSTA DEL CHADDERTON

This week's unprecedented heatwave saw a temperature of 36 degrees C registered within our parish. For those who can recall the long, hot summer of 1976, a reminder that the weather station then maintained by the children of St. Herbert's School, recorded a maximum temperature of 33 degrees.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christit: Funeral Service at 1.30 pm for Walter Dardsly (RIP) 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: NO MASS AT 9.30 am Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 10.00 am for Veronica Howarth (RIP)
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: Elizabeth Newbould

Lately Dead: Paul Mainon, Veronica Howarth, Walter Dardsly

Anniversary: :Paul Lawless

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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