

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**14 August 2022**

On the Feast of the Assumption of Mary it is important to get things in the right order. Christ is the first-born from the dead. In him all will be brought to life, but all in their proper order. Mary is the first after her Son, and raised by her Son because she is part of his Body, the Church. The perfection of the Mother of the Saviour is won for her by her Son. He draws her after him in his retinue. In the second reading, is the teaching about bodily resurrection. This is not merely immortality of the soul, but the resurrection of the whole person, an animated body, not a soul hidden in a body. It is particularly fitting with regard to Mary, the physical mother of Jesus, who gave to him her genes, her personality, her features and her talents. If any son takes after his mother physically, it must have been Jesus. **MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN, PRAY FOR US.**

**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: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10** - A sign appeared in heaven, a woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, with 12 stars for a crown, pregnant and in labour ... a second sign, a dragon ready to eat the child ...

**Psalms 44** - On your right hand stands the Queen in garments of gold / The daughters of kings are among your loved ones / So will the king desire your beauty.

**Second: I Paul 15:20-26** - Death and the resurrection have come through one man - eventually he will do away with every power, sovereignty and authority and hand the Kingdom to God the Father.

**Gospel: Luke 1:39-56** - Mary's visit to Elizabeth: my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

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

Let us pray for the people of the parish of The English Martyrs, Whalley Range, and for Canon Michael Cleary. We pray for St. Bede's College. In celebrating Mary's Assumption into heaven, may they rejoice, one day, to share her glory.

**4. BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Lola Indie Rose Beamish, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

**5. COMBONI SISTERS' MISSION APPEAL**

The Parish raised £648.48 for the Comboni Sisters' Mission Appeal. Thank you all very much for your generosity.

**5. SEA SUNDAY APPEAL**

On behalf of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), may I offer a huge thanks to all those parishioners of Divine Mercy who gave so generously in supporting our Sea Sunday collection over the past three weeks from the baskets/envelopes in church. The final total is £644.35 (not including Gift Aid donations). We also thank those people who have contributed online to Stella Maris but, unfortunately, we do not have a total amount for them. For those Seafarers who spend their lives both living and working at sea often for many months at a time, year on year especially during these most difficult of times they will be forever grateful to you all. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. Parish contact Jim Begley.

**6. FAITH FRIEND HELPERS NEEDED**

Would you help to support our children on their Sacramental Programme journey to First Holy Communion? All enquiries welcome. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact me, Trish Wildy on 07947 660389, or catch me in church (St Herbert's). Thanks.

**7. COFFEE MORNING AT ST HERBERT'S CHURCH**

Join us for a cuppa and chat in after 11.00 am Mass today in St Herbert's Parish centre after Mass, this Sunday, 14th August. All welcome!

**8. THE RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE**

This September, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 343; Offertory: 141; Communion: 759, 309; Recessional: 360.  
**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 532; Offertory: 141; Communion: 165, 628; Recessional: 343.

very first time, including a stop at Salford Cathedral. This very special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people across the diocese to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes from our very own cathedral.

Throughout the two-day period, parishioners will have the opportunity to visit the relics, in addition to joining us for a number of Masses, services, and other events.

Please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour/> to find out more and book your visit now.

**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.

**9. SUNDAY SMILE**

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were very good friends. At a picnic one day, the priest was eating a ham sandwich.

“You know,” he said to his friend, “this ham sandwich is absolutely delicious. I know you’re not supposed to eat ham, but I don’t understand why such a good thing should be denied you. When will you give in and just try it?”

To which the rabbi promptly replied, “At your wedding, Father!”

**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:** Myra Fisher
- Lately Dead:** Janina Grobelnik, Mary McCarthy
- RIP:** Michael Larkin, Barrie Hick, Darren Edward Veevers
- Anniversary:** Annie Ankers
- Birthday Anniversary:** Mr & Mrs Austin Abhulimen

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

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