

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

**28 August 2022**

Humble behaviour is the mark of the Christian, as it always was the mark of someone 'in favour with the Lord.' In the Gospel, we see Jesus watching the Pharisees: it's almost amusing to picture them shuffling for the best places, the polite 'After you!' to put themselves in a better position. How would they have reacted to his teaching? They may well have remembered the passage we read from the Old Testament and realised that Jesus was teaching the teachers something they should be well aware of.

**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: Ecclesiastics 3:17-20, 28-29** - Be gentle in carrying out your business - the greater you are the more you should behave humbly and then you will find favour with the Lord.

**Psalm: 67** - In your goodness O God, you prepared a home for the poor / The just shall rejoice at the presence of God / Father of the orphan, defender of the widow / You poured down O God a generous rain.

**Second: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24** - You have come to Mount Zion, city of the living God, where millions of angels have gathered for a festival ... where everyone is a "first born son" and citizen of heaven. You have come to God ... to Jesus the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**Gospel: Luke 14 1, 7-14** - Parable of the wedding banquet: always take the last seat - the one who exults himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself exalted.

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

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Withington, and for Fr. Brendan Curley, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school. May they find favour with the Lord by the humility of their service.

**4. BAPTISM**

We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Theo Andrew Winterbottom, who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

**5. DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

The Divine Mercy Prayer group will meet on Tuesday, 6 September at 7.30 pm in St Herbert's Sacristy.

**6. ST HERBERT'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL – JOB VACANCIES**

Would you like to contribute to moving our school forward on its mission in providing the best for our children? We are

currently looking to employ more lunch time supervisors. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to our staff team and help keep dinner times safe and fun for all our children. Your working hours would be 11:30 am – 1:00 pm; the main duty of the role is the supervision of children during that time. For more information and an application pack, please email; [enquiries@stherberts.education](mailto:enquiries@stherberts.education).

**7. THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE**

This September, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the 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 please do book ahead for all visits, Masses and services wherever possible.

**8. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE VISIT**

If you have an enhanced DBS check and would like to be part of the visit of St Bernadette's relics to our cathedral, we would love to hear from you!

Joining our team of stewards is a fantastic opportunity to ensure that everyone who visits the relics enters feeling welcomed, and leaves feeling renewed. There will be a training session at Salford Cathedral for volunteers on Saturday 17 September at 1pm. Please email [lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) by Thursday 8 September to get involved.

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 576; Offertory: 522; Communion: 133, 538; Recessional: 259.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 387; Offertory: 443; Communion: 418, 662; Recessional: 331.

**10. CARITAS SALFORD BIG SLEEP OUT**

The Caritas Big Sleep Out is returning to our diocese on Friday 16 September. Join us at Xaverian College Manchester or Holy Cross College Bury to raise funds to help Caritas Salford provide vital support to people across our diocese facing homelessness. To sign up, you can register online now at:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/big-sleep-out-2022/> or to register a team, please call Kirstie Davidson on 07949 174 369 or

email [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk)

**11. 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.

**12. SUNDAY SMILE**

A parishioner of a local church, whose name was Tom, saw an ad online for a Christian horse. So rather puzzled, he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "Yes, it's a Christian horse alright, and he is so easy to ride. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop."

Tom got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. Fascinated by it all, Tom yelled out, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" and the horse broke into a gallop.

Tom was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were heading for. Realising what was about to happen, he shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the very edge of the cliff.

Feeling so relieved Tom said, "Phew! That was close! Praise the Lord!"

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed.
  - TUESDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Requiem at 10.00 am for Ann Marie Rubacha (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:** 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

- Lately Dead:** Debbie Mulligan, Barbara Connell, Jim Healy
- RIP:** Janina Grobelnik, Ann Marie Rubacha
- Anniversary:** Margaret Kalthoeber, Edward Coonan
- Birthday Mass:** Matt Proctor
- Birthday Thanksgiving:** Lena 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.