

THE WORD THIS WEEK

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

18 September 2022

How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: ‘Use money to win you friends,’ is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today’s Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange - is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden halfway down: ‘The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind’. Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies - to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding ‘friends in heaven’?

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: Amos 8:4-7 - A message against those who suppress the poor for their own gain: the Lord will not forget a single thing you have done.

Psalm: 112 - Praise the Lord who raises the poor / Praise O servants of the Lord / High above all nations is the Lord / From the dust he lifts the lowly.

Second: I Timothy 2:1-8 - There should be prayers offered to God for everyone - God wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. There is only one God, and one mediator, Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 - Parable of the dishonest / unjust steward: the children of the world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. ... The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great ones: if you cannot be trusted with money, who will trust you with genuine riches? You cannot be the slave of both God and money.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: We pray for the people of the parish of the Divine Mercy, Chadderton and Hollinwood, and for Fr. Lawrence Imoisili, of the Vincentian Fathers. We pray for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, for the parish primary schools and for John Henry Newman College. May they grow as people of prayer.

4. BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Delilah Anne Harrison Murphy, who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

5. QUEEN ELIZBETH II RIP: Floral tributes for Queen Elizabeth II (RIP) can be placed at Chadderton War Memorial. Please remember her in your prayers this weekend.

6. ST HERBERT’S TEA AND COFFEE MORNING: Tea and Coffee will be available after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday 18th September 2022

7. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN’S LITURGY

LESSONS: The children’s liturgy lessons for infant school children have resumed in the presbytery. They start at 9.30 and finish after the priest’s sermon. Teachers only have 20 minutes at most, so it is important the children are present before 9.30 Mass starts and the priest processes out with the altar servers at 9.30 am sharp. Please ensure your family arrives before 9.30 am so our lessons start and finish promptly. Thank you. If a family is late, there is a tray of worksheets (Kids Bulletin), colours and clipboards at the rear of Church.

8. FAITH FRIENDS/HELPERS NEEDED: Please consider helping to support our children on their Sacramental Programme journey to First Holy Communion. Our Church needs its children, its children need us. It does not require a lot of your time. If you are interested, please contact me, Trish Wildy on 07947 660389, or catch me in church (St Herbert’s).

9. THE RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE: Join us this week as we embark on a rare journey of faith as the relics of Saint Bernadette visit our cathedral.

Please see below for a full schedule of open visits, Masses, and services. Further information and booking details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour>. Anyone unable to book ahead is still more than welcome to join.

Tuesday 20th September

4-5pm - Open visits
5.30pm - Mass of Vocation
6.30 - 7.45pm - Open Visits
8pm - Youth Vigil
9pm - Torchlight Procession
Until midnight - Rosary on the hour

Wednesday 21st September

8am – Mass
9am - 11.30am - Open visits
12.10pm - Mass of Anointing (celebrated by Bishop Brain)
3pm - 5pm - Open Visits
5.30pm - Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell Service (celebrated by Bishop John)

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 439; Offertory: 252; Communion: 470, 759; Recessional: 558.
ST HERBERT’S: Entrance: 512; Offertory: 699; Communion: 462, 635; Recessional: 286.

10. PARENT/FAMILY TODDLER GROUP:

September in St Herbert's Parish Centre from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm. £1.00 including refreshments. All welcome. Ann & Pat

11. YOGA/CHAIR YOGA

A new six-week block of yoga and chair yoga sessions (15/9/22 – 20/10/22) will take place in St Herbert's Parish Centre on Thursday, 15 September at 6.15 pm to 7.15 pm. The cost is £5.00 per session. Beginners welcome.

11. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi

We have been back in school for two weeks now and what a busy couple of weeks it has been! It has been great to see all children back in school and enjoying the new term.

Our Pupil Chaplains returned into our classroom with our daily broadcast, and it has been lovely to unite back as a school in prayer and liturgy.

This week, Queen Elizabeth II has been on our minds a lot, and many classes have taken time out of their busy timetable to remember her and celebrate her wonderful life. We ask God to bless her family during this very sad time.

12. SUNDAY SMILE

Q. Who is the only Irishman mentioned in the Bible?

A. Nick O' Demus

Q. How do you know that they had motorbikes in the Old Testament?

A. Because "the roar of David's triumph was heard throughout Jerusalem."

Q: What do you call a sleepwalking nun?

A: A Roamin' Catholic

Q. Which female financier is mentioned in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the Bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What did the Jew say to the Gentile?

A: Jewish you were a Jew.

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: John Davenport, Holy Souls in Purgatory

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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