

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

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

**11 September 2022**

The message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but which the Lord still wishes to emphasise. Our human approach to forgiveness is so often flawed - we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions. Jesus wants to remind his listeners - and us - that God's forgiveness is overflowing and bountiful. Saint Paul was well aware of this: he had persecuted the Church, calling himself 'the greatest of sinners'; and yet, thanks to the 'inexhaustible patience' of God, he can count himself a believer. We must be open to the gift of forgiveness for ourselves, and also (as the Parable of the Elder Brother shows) open to that forgiveness offered to other whom we would condemn.

**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: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14** - Moses convinces the Lord to show mercy to the people who he bought out of Egypt, even though they were sinning.

**Psalm: 50** - I will leave this place and go to my father / Have mercy to me O God in your kindness / A pure heart create for me O God / O Lord open my lips.

**Second: I Timothy 1: 12-17** - Jesus came to save sinners - he showed his mercy to the, as God's mercy was shown to Paul.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-32** - Parable of the missing sheep or missing drachma ... rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner ... the Prodigal Son.

**3. QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 – REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Our Parish joins the Diocese of Salford and the nation in mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth II and praying for her eternal rest. We also pray for the Royal Family at this time.

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

Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Cross and St. Helen, Ashton under Lyne, and for Fathers Jude Lemeh and Benneth Okonkwo, of the Vincentian Fathers. We pray for the Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel, for the parish primary schools and St. Damian's College, and for the chaplaincy to Tameside General Hospital. May the whole parish be blessed as it celebrates its Patronal Feast this coming Wednesday.

**5. BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Halle Rae Duffy and Kamalei Ifenliochi Ikediashi, who were baptised in the Parish last 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. PARENT/FAMILY TODDLER GROUP**

The Parent/Family Toddler Group will reopen on Thursday, 22 September in St Herbert's Parish Centre from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm. £1.00 including refreshments. All welcome. Ann & Pat.

**8. CORPUS CHRISTI 'A' TEAM CLEANING DATES**

The team will be cleaning the church on the following Monday dates this Autumn/Winter.  
19 Sept, 3 Oct, 17 Oct, 31 Oct  
14 Nov, 28 Nov, 12 Dec.

As a small team, we always love an extra hand if you are free on any of these dates. We start at 9am and finish by 10 with a cuppa & Liz's cake.

**9. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY LESSONS**

The children's liturgy lessons for infant school children resume this Sunday in the presbytery. They start at 9.30 and finish after the priest's sermon. The children return to Mass with the teachers and go back to their families. Two children are chosen to take the Host and Chalice to the priest, the Eucharistic Procession.

Parents are welcome to accompany the children in the lesson, especially if they are newcomers or pre-school age.

The lessons usually involve craft and colouring tasks based on the Sunday Gospel story. Teacher's 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 always a tray of worksheets (Kids Bulletin), colours and clipboards at the rear of Church.

**10. 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 or £25.00 for six sessions. Chair Yoga is an adapted form of yoga that makes it accessible for everyone. It allows you to modify your yoga practice based on your health, your mobility, and your current ability level. It offers a practice that includes seated poses on the chair and standing poses using the chair for balance and support. Beginners welcome. For further information, please contact Deborah via the Parish email address: [divinemercyoldham@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercyoldham@gmail.com)

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 131; Offertory: 557; Communion: 500, 656; Recessional: 529.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 99; Offertory: 122; Communion: 334, 560; Recessional: 131.

**11. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** This week we returned to school after a lovely summer break and what a busy week it has been! It has been great to see all children back in school and enjoying the new term. The children have come back to school motivated and excited for the year ahead. We look forward to all the exciting things planned for the busy half term.

At the end of the summer term, we interviewed our new Year 5 Pupil Chaplains. Congratulations to *Sienna, Jack, Jan, Gracious, Glorious, Olivia, Samuel, Lewis, Eliza and Chiagozie*. We look forward to seeing them grow in their new journey as they guide our school in Faith. We look forward to commissioning our Chaplains in our school Mass. We keep them in our prayers during this special time.

We also interviewed our new Year 5 Mini Vinnies. We also congratulate *Gabriel, Isabelle, Yohan, Ayana, Scarlett, Summer, David, Riley and Esuigen*. We look forward to seeing all the exciting things they have planned for this year, including their fundraising ideas for many different charities.

**12. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-LED TREE PLANTING PROJECTS:** Schools, community groups and non-governmental organisations within the UK can apply for grants of up to £10,000 for community-led tree-planting projects. Through the UK Community Tree Planting Programme, the International Tree Foundation aims to conserve, restore and protect the UK’s native species whilst raising community awareness of the importance of trees and forests to both the environment and human well-being. Applications can be submitted at any time until the 16th December 2022. Find out More at [www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-community-tree-planting/](http://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-community-tree-planting/)

**12. SUNDAY SMILE: Items found in Church Newsletters:**  
 The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.  
 A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the parish. Please submit your favourite recipe in full but also provide a brief antidote with it.  
 The Life Group meets on Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowwhip.  
 The visiting monster today is Rev. Jack Bains.  
 On behalf of Barbara Rutledge and her grieving family, our sincere thanks to all those sending cards and flowers and contributing to the death of her husband.

**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:** Janina Grobelnik, Jim Healy, 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.