

THE WORD THIS WEEK

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

2 October 2022

Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us - just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. 'Trust me', we say, 'all will be well.' And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about 'faith' we put the emphasis on 'believe and accept'. Today's readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of 'trust'. The request of the Apostles is interesting: 'Increase our faith' could also mean 'Make it easier for us,' or 'Prove that you are who you say you are.' Jesus replies that he can't do that - you can't make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

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: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 - How long Lord am I to cry for help ... the Lord answered, "Write the vision down ... see how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness".

Psalms: 94 - O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts / Come ring out our joy to the Lord / Come let us bow and bend low.

Second: II Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 - I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift [of the spirit] that God gave you ... you have been trusted to look after something precious.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-19 - If you had faith the size of this mustard seed, you could move a mulberry tree. Do what you have been told to do and say. "We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty".

3. OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: During the month of October, Rosary prayers will be said before the weekday Masses.

4. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: We pray for the people of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Oldham, for Fr. Derek Woodhead, for their parish primary schools, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph, and for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital. May they live in the spirit of St. Francis.

5. BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Zara Rose Golden and Abel Paul Connell, who were baptised in the Parish last weekend.

6. RED BOX: Fr Jan Klaver would like to thank all those who responded so generously to his appeal last weekend.

7. DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: A meeting of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group will take place on Tuesday, 4 October at 7.30 pm in St Herbert's Sacristy.

8. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning this Sunday 2nd October 2022 after the 9.30am Mass, Everybody Welcome!

9. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: Coffee and Tea will be available in the Parish Centre after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, 9 October.

10. FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2022: Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD'S local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa, and support communities around the world. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to cafod.org.uk/fast day

11. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be visiting us on the 8th and 9th of October with a view to starting a new group of the Society in our Parish. The Society is active across the world and has about 60 groups in our Diocese. It helps people in any sort of need, be it loneliness, poverty, homelessness, ill health and so on. I do hope that we can start a new group here! Mark Thompson, President, Society of Saint Vincent De Paul.

12. HOPE IN THE FUTURE – STAGE 5 LAUNCH: Tuesday 4th October 2022, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St John Henry Newman Catholic College, Oldham, OL9 9QY.

As we embark on the fifth and final Stage of Hope in the Future, entitled 'Sharing the Hope', we turn our attention to putting our Faith into action through caring for those most in need in our local area and caring for our Common Home.

The event will include an overview of the Stage, a keynote from Raymond Friel (Chief Executive of Caritas Social Action Network), opportunities for questions, and a commissioning service led by Bishop John. A resource pack, along with details of the planned Deanery Days, will be distributed at the event.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance:256; Offertory: 639; Communion: 165, 538; Recessional: 307.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 557; Offertory: 284; Communion: 349, 169; Recessional: 303.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

There will be light refreshments served, and opportunities to visit the exhibits of charities and organisations, from 6:00pm. Places may be limited but if you would like to attend please email fergus.reynolds@me.com, who will request a place for you.

13. FREE COMMUNITY SHARE EVENT FOR HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK: Caritas Salford has arranged a free community share event to take place on Saturday 8th October, as part of Hate Crime Awareness Week. The event, which will take place from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF, will provide information, activities and food from different religious and cultural groups, both Deaf and hearing people (BSL interpreters will support the session). The event aims to reduce perceptions of difference, educate about Hate Crime and provide a networking space for people, charities and organisations to also learn from each other and remove misconceptions. For more information or to book a place, email Dr Minna Moffatt-Feldman on m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk.

14. SCHOOL NEWS - Corpus Christi: This week has been very busy for us at Corpus Christi. This week we officially commissioned our Pupil Chaplains in our new school year mass, and we commissioned our Mini Vinnies on the feast of St Vincent De Paul. Both events were lovely to share as a school and parish community. We look forward to the events and gatherings they organise this year. We also received many kind donations for our 'Go Green' event for our Laudato Si fundraising event. We look forward to launching our new team and starting to work together to look after our common home.

15. CORPUS CHRISTI 'A' TEAM: Church cleaning this Monday morning from 9.00 am finishing by 10.00 am for by a cuppa and Liz's cakes.

16. SUNDAY SMILE: A rather shy priest greets the wedding guests to the church. He's very nervous and doesn't say much. As the couple approach the sanctuary the priest steps up and gives the best speech anyone has ever heard. He's full of confidence, incredibly expressive and has everyone in fits of laughter! After the ceremony, the priest is extremely shy again and barely says a word to anyone as he goes into the sacristy. The groom approaches him and asks, "Why are you so shy? You seemed like a different person when you were giving that speech!" "I know," says the priest, "but that was just my altar ego!"

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm.
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary 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: Janette Gerrard

Lately Dead: Marie Whitworth (nee Kearns), Joyce Cunningham, Monsignor Tom Mulheran

RIP: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Birthday Anniversary: Rita Bennett

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, 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.