

THE WORD THIS WEEK

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

25 September 2022

Following on from last week ('You cannot be the slave of both God and money') we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility - the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people's lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets. They have Moses and the prophets, but they obviously haven't listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.' Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become!

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 6: 1, 4-7 - Woe to those who sprawl on their divans and do not care - they will be the first to be exiled.

Psalm: 145 - My soul give praise to the Lord / It is the Lord who keeps faith forever / It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind / He upholds the widow and the orphan.

Second: I Timothy 6: 11-16 - Fight the good fight of faith ... until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ who at the due time will be revealed as King of kings and Lord of Lords.

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31 - The parable of Lazarus and the rich man ... whose brothers have Moses and the prophets as warning.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

This week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of the Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, with Fr. Michael Job and Fr. John Adio, and for their parish primary schools. May they be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle.

4. BAPTISM

We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Isabella Osahenoma Iguodala, who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

5. MILL HILL APPEAL – 24/25 SEPTEMBER 2022

Fr Jan Klaver from the Mill Hill Missionary will be making an appeal at all Masses this weekend.

6. 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.

7. 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

8. XAVERIAN SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Xaverian Catholic Sixth Form College will be holding Open Days on Saturday, 8 October and Sunday, 16 October from 10.30 am – 2.00 pm. These days are an opportunity to visit the Xaverian Campus and discuss courses, admissions and other matters with subject teachers and senior staff. Feel free to come along, or for further details contact Xaverian on 0161 249 2145 or email admissions@xaverian.ac.uk

9. DIOCESAN WALK FOR CREATION

On Sunday 2 October, we will be holding a special walk to reflect on the beauty of the earth and our call to be guardians of creation. The 5.3 mile circular walk will begin at the Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall at 12.30 pm and will stop at Roe Green, Worsley (approx 1.30 pm) and St Charles RC Church, Swinton (approx 2.30 pm) before returning to the Laudato Si' Centre.

All are welcome to attend and join us at any of our reflection points. Find out more at

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocesan-walk-for-creation/>

10. WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

As we mark the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Caritas Salford continues its working supporting refugees fleeing Ukraine and other countries around the world via its Community Sponsorship programme. You can find out more about the programme and how you can get involved and support families in your community here:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/>

11. PARENT TODDLER GROUP

The Parent/Toddler Group will take place in St Herbert's Parish Centre every Thursday from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm; Term-time only. £1.00 including refreshments. All welcome. Ann and Pat.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 604; Offertory: 214; Communion: 628, 681; Recessional: 730.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 390; Offertory: 362; Communion: 334, 164; Recessional: 604.

12. YOGA/CHAIR YOGA

Yoga and chair yoga sessions will take place in St Herbert's Parish Centre on Thursdays from 6.15 pm to 7.15 pm. £5.00 per session. Beginners welcome.

13. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi

This week our Pupil Chaplains and Mini Vinnies have started their weekly meetings and are actively planning for their year ahead. We have many exciting things planned with our groups and we look forward to what they will bring to the faith life of our school and parish.

This year we will also see further development with our Laudato Si group, who will be working actively to help make changes to our common home.

Next Friday we are hosting a 'Go Green' event. We are asking for donations to help support our group, a list of items can be found on our school newsletter this week.

We look forward to gathering with our parish family next Thursday for our new school year mass. At the mass we will be commissioning our new Pupil Chaplains.

14. SUNDAY SMILE

At the back of a church a notice was promoting the youth choir's cake sale. One of the parishioners, an English teacher, couldn't resist the temptation to correct the last line, which read "Donations Excepted." She crossed out the misused word and pencilled in "Donations Accepted."

Leaving the church after the Service, she glanced at the announcement again, this time noting yet another pencilled-in alteration. It now read "Donations Expected."

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

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: Anonymous, Angela Fenton, Veronica Chetwynd

RIP: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary: Jimmy Davies, Ludmila Doninvirska, Bronislawa Herbst, Helena Weight

Birthday Mass: Mr Leo & Mrs Doreen Mazza

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.