

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

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

**4 September 2022**

This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really 'hate' our family to be the Lord's disciples? The point is that it is *relative*: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, 'who can know the intentions of God?'

**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: Wisdom 9:13-18** - Who can know the intentions of God? ... Who could have learned your intention, had you not granted Wisdom?

**Psalms: 89** - O Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to the next / You turn men back into dust / You sweep men away like a dream / Make us know the shortness of our life / In the morning fill us with your love.

**Second: Philemon 9:10, 12-17** - Paul sends Onesimus back to the community, not as a slave anymore but as a dear brother in Christ. He asks the community to welcome him.

**Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33** - Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple ... none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

**3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. John, Chorlton, and for Fr. Anthony Ekpunobi, their parish priest, and the Vincentian Fathers. We pray for their parish primary schools and for St. John Vianney school. May they know the wisdom of God, their refuge from one generation to the next.

**4. BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community, Charlotte Rose Stringer, who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

**5. CHILDREN'S LITURGY – CORPUS CHRISTI:** There will be a meeting for all staff this Sunday in the office at Corpus Christi during the Coffee Morning. The new Calendar for the Autumn term and a Contacts list will be available. Any parishioners who would like to help in teaching the children each Sunday are welcome to join us. We only provide lessons on Sundays during term time but that is still a lot. The Calendar is displayed at the back of Church.

**6. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING:** Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning this Sunday 4th September after the 9.30am Mass. Everybody Welcome!!

**7. DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** will meet on Tuesday, 6 September at 7.30 pm in St Herbert's Sacristy.

**8. 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).

**9. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

*Saturday 24 September, 2.30pm; Our Lady of Grace Church, Prestwich* Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham with a special Mass and reciting of the Rosary at Our Lady of Grace Church, Prestwich. Rosary and confessions will begin at 2.30pm and will be followed by a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, at 3pm. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about next year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham and to register your interest.

**10. DIOCESAN MASS OF WELCOME FOR THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE:**

I have six tickets (three for Corpus Christi and 3 for St Herbert's) for the Diocesan Mass of Welcome for the Relics of St Bernadette, which will be held at the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist on Tuesday, 20 September 2022 at 12.10 pm. Refreshments will be available after the Mass. The tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please see Fr Lawrence after the weekend Masses.

**11. HELP US ON OUR JOURNEY TO NET ZERO:**

As part of its ongoing commitment to caring for our common home, the Diocese of Salford is working hard to reduce its carbon emissions. To do this, research is being undertaken to calculate our existing carbon footprint, and we are hoping to find out more about travel around the diocese as part of that. As such, we would be very grateful if parishioners could complete a short survey to help us understand a little more about their own journeys to and from church.

Please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/travel-survey/> to find out more and to complete the survey.

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 286; Offertory: 141; Communion: 759, 7457; Recessional: 307.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 332; Offertory: 175; Communion: 346, 511; Recessional: 740.

**12. HOPE IN THE FUTURE – CELEBRATING STAGE 4**

We would like to celebrate the many and diverse ways our parishes, schools and deaneries have made Hope in the Future a reality over the past year. By sharing good practice and ideas from across the Diocese, we inspire and support each other. Activities may include:

- Developing Home, School, Parish links.
- Developing parish celebrations of Baptism, Sacramental preparation, weddings, funerals, Christmas, and Easter Liturgies
- Rebuilding of the parish community following the pandemic.
- Developing Shared Leadership Teams.

Any other projects to Form Missionary Disciples and Build Missionary Parishes.

[Please download and complete this form](#) and return via email with any photographs of the activity. Alternatively, email us directly including your parish, the activity and your consent for the information and photos to be shared.

All emails to [hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) by **Wednesday 7th September 2022**. These will be compiled into a booklet ready for the launch of Stage 5 in October 2022. Thank you.

**13. YOGA/CHAIR YOGA** will take start again in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 15 September at 6.15 pm. Beginners welcome. For further information, please contact Deborah via the Parish email address: [divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com)

**14. SUNDAY SMILE**

Penitent in Confession: "Father, I have stolen a fat hen from a neighbour's garden!"  
 Priest: "That is very wrong of you, my son!"  
 Penitent: "Would you like to have it, Father?"  
 Priest: "Most certainly not. Return it to the man from whom you stole it."  
 Penitent: "But I have offered it to him, and he won't take it."  
 Priest: "In that case, I think you may keep it yourself."  
 Penitent: "Thank you, Father."

Some time later, the Priest arrived back at the presbytery, to find that one of his hens was missing!

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Funeral Service at 1.00 pm for Andrea Margaret Mullen (RIP)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am <b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

**Missa pro populo**

- Lately Dead:** Clare Lamb, Kathleen Greavy
- RIP:** Janina Grobelnik, Andrea Margaret Mullen, Colin Tonge, Jim Healy, Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Anniversary:** Claire Kershaw, Victor Heyes, Alec Wiseman
- Birthday Anniversary:** Raymond Mazza, David Fenton

**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.