

THE WORD THIS WEEK

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

23 October 2022

A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life. Today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: 'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.' This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord's teaching! The sin of 'self-exaltation' consists in putting others in a lower place - as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today's Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying 'this prayer to himself,' rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn't talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

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: Sirach / Ecclesiastus 35 12-14, 16-19 - The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favourites. ... he hears the cry of the oppressed. The one who serves God willingly is heard; ... The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.

Psalm 34: The Lord hears the cry of the poor / I will bless the Lord at all times; / The Lord confronts the evildoers, / The Lord is close to the broken hearted.

Second: II Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 - I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ... the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. ... The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 - Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector / Publican

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Joseph, Mossley, and its primary school together with the parish of the Sacred Heart Uppermill (in the Diocese of Leeds), with Fr. James Clarke. May they ever hear the cry of the poor.

4. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Nevaeh Richardson and Angel Chibueze Udeh Iwurie, who were baptised in the Parish last weekend.

5. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP): Thank you to all those who responded so positively to the appeal to set up a new group of the SVP in our parish. There will be a first informal meeting of the group in St Herbert's Parish Centre after the 11.00 am Mass this Sunday, 23rd October. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

6. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Fair will be held on Sunday, 27 November 2022 in Corpus Christi School Hall. The doors will open at 10.30 am after the 9.30 am Mass. Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale at all

Masses. 1st prize £100, plus many more prizes. Price of ticket £1.00 each. The raffle will take place at the Christmas Fair and we would like to appeal for good quality prizes for the raffle and bottles for the Bottle Tombola. Please come along and make this event a huge success.

7. CHRISTMAS MEAL AT THE SAN ROCCO: The Parish Christmas Meal will take place at the San Rocco Restaurant on Broadway on 5 December at 12.30 pm. Cost £21.00 (inc. service charge). Details and list for names at the back of each church.

8. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: St Herbert's Christmas Fair is on the 27th of November 12.00 to 2.00pm. We would be grateful for raffles prizes, bottles, and fancy goods. Please leave any donations at the back of church near piety stall. Raffle tickets will be on sale after 11.00 clock Mass. Tickets £1.00 - first prize £100. Thanking you in advance.

9. CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT CORPUS CHRISTI: There is no lesson in the house this week or next as school is closed for Half Term break. Next lesson resumes on Sunday 6th November. Worksheets and colours are at the back of church.

10. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP: In St Herbert's Parish Centre every Thursday from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm (term-time only). £1.00 includes refreshments. Everybody welcome!

11. YOGA/CHAIR YOGA IN ST HERBERT'S PARISH CENTRE: A new six-week block of classes (27 October – 1 December) will start next Thursday in St Herbert's Parish Centre. Classes: 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm. Price: £25.00 for six sessions or £5.00 per session, including the use of a mat. Beginners welcome.

12. CARITAS JOB VACANCY:

Allotment and Food Bank Coordinator (Lalley Centre)
Appointment Type: Full-time, fixed-term contract for 12 months; **Working hours:** 37.5 hours per week; **Location:** The Lalley Centre, Collyhurst, Manchester M40 7RG; **Salary and benefits:** £27,000, and casual car allowance.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 286; Offertory: 163; Communion: 759, 500; Recessional: 644.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 476; Offertory: 641; Communion: 256, 500; Recessional: 263.

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About: Caritas are looking for a candidate who, using knowledge of environmental issues, food poverty and growth, will expand existing projects and develop new programmes run within our allotment and food bank to benefit the overall well being of the community. The role will involve working with local organisations in the health, environmental issues and Caritas projects. Please visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/> to apply.

13. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: After a busy half term and a wonderful start to the half-term, the staff and children are looking forward to a well-deserved half term break next week.

This week we held our first well-being Wednesday and thoughtful Thursday of the academic year and we welcomed back DRUHM official. They are specialist in helping people find their own BEAT and rhythm in everyday life, using the power of the DRUHM to connect people, break down barriers and give people confidence. Check out our school social media to see what we got up to.

This week our new PTFA held their first event of the academic year - our 'Ugly Bug Ball'. It was a great success

and the children had a wonderful time. Thank you to our all our families for supporting the event.

St Herbert's: We have been busy at school this week.

On Tuesday we held our Harvest festival, and it was wonderful to be able to invite grandparents to help us celebrate. The children read and sang beautifully. All the donations we received will go to families and local foodbanks in the area.

On Wednesday Upper Key stage 2 held a topic day based on Space -The children made star constellations and space mobile hats. They left school with planets orbiting around their heads. Next week we are on half-term holiday. Let's hope the sun shines!

14. SUNDAY SMILE

An attendant was working in the souvenir shop at Canterbury Cathedral one afternoon when he was approached by two American tourists. "Are you a monk?", one of the tourists asked. "No," the attendant explained, "I wear this robe as part of my job, but I'm not a member of any religious order."

"Then where are the monks?" the tourist queried.

The attendant replied. "Oh, there haven't been any monks here since about 1540."

Hearing this, the tourist looked at her watch and then announced to her friend, "Did you hear that, Dexter, we've missed the monks!"

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 St Herbert's: Requiem at 12.00 noon for Mrs Una Josephine Howe (RIP)
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 AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Lately Dead: Una Josephine Howe, Rita Raby

RIP: Marie Whitworth

Anniversary: John Tomkinson (1st), Mary Fenton

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
Beryl Murphy, 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.