

THE WORD THIS WEEK

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

16 October 2022

Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, 'Lord, it is enough!' Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say 'Lord, I can go no further.' Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

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 17:8-13 - As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage in a battle against the Amalikites.

Psalm: 120 - Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth / I lift up my eyes to the mountains / May he never allow you to stumble / The Lord is your guard and your shade / The Lord will guard you from evil.

Second: II Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 - Scripture is inspired by God and can therefore be used for teaching people to be holy. Your duty is to proclaim the message - with patience and the intention of teaching.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 - Parable of the judge and the persistent widow: God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him ... but when the Son of Man comes, will he find any on earth?

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. Patrick, for Fr. Philip Sumner, and for their parish primary schools. In this month of the Holy Rosary may they come to imitate the lives of Jesus and Mary.

4. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Jax Michael Smith, who was 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 next Sunday, 23rd October. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

6. CAFOD: Thank you for giving so generously to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your gifts will support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table, particularly those affected by the global food crisis in countries

such as Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, and help fight the causes of hunger long term. You can still donate online at cafod.org.uk/fast day. Thank you.

7. 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 from the weekend of 22/23 October. 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.

8. 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.

9. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: Raffle tickets will be on sale on 23 October after 11.00 clock Mass. Tickets £1.00 - first prize £100.

10. THE 89TH SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – COME HERE IN PROCESSION
July 28th - August 3rd 2023 (dates TBC)

We invite you to register your interest in information about travelling on pilgrimage with us to Lourdes next summer, as an individual or as part of a parish / school / college group. We can also help organise an information meeting in your area. Please visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or call the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209. Thank you.

11. COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME: Caritas Salford has continued to support refugees fleeing 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:
www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 121; Offertory: 801; Communion: 133, 628; Recessional: 147.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 560; Communion: 419, 397; Recessional: 202.

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12. 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!

13. PARKINSON'S UK OLDHAM BRANCH AUTUMN FAIR: Sunday, 16 October from 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm in St Herbert's Parish Centre.

14. XAVERIAN CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Xaverian College will be having an Open Day for students and their families on **Sunday 16th October, 10:30am-2pm**. The day is 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

14. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: On Monday as a school we celebrated 'World Mental Health Day'. The whole school wore yellow and raised money for the charity 'Young Minds'. On this day, the children were given the opportunity to learn more about mental health and learn the importance

of looking after both our physical and mental health. Classes took part in 'hello yellow' activities throughout the day.

St Herbert's: We have been busy in school. Year 3 have begun their Sacramental Programme. Please keep them in your prayers. Last week we had a day of devotion to the Rosary. Each class had the opportunity to visit a Rosary Shrine where they said a decade of the Rosary and had time for quiet reflection. The Pupil Chaplains are visiting each class every Friday to lead worship to Mary. The school football team, who have been training hard, had their first match this week against St Matthews – They won 6-2!! Finally, we are having our Harvest Festival on Tuesday where the food we collect will be shared with families and local food banks. We would be grateful for any of the following items: of rice, pasta, biscuits, coffee, tea, cordial/juice, long life milk, cuppa soups, breakfast cereal and tinned food would be greatly appreciated.

15. SUNDAY SMILE

Desperate for a child, a couple asked their priest to pray for them. "I'm about to go on a three-year course to Rome," he replied. "I'll light a candle in St. Peter's for you." When the priest returned three years later, he found the wife was expecting again, and was also tending two sets of twins. Elated, the priest asked to speak to her husband and congratulate him. "He's gone to Rome," came the hurried reply, "to blow out that candle."

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; St Herbert's: Requiem at 11.30 am for Marie Whitworth (RIP)
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Funeral Service at 12.15 pm for Terrance Anthony Taylor (RIP)
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am Corpus Christi: Requiem at 12.45 pm for Veronica Chetwynd (RIP)
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

Thanksgiving: Anonymous, Marc Apostol
Lately Dead: Marie Whitworth, Terrance Anthony Taylor, Veronica Chetwynd, Maureen Kellehan, Steven Brophy, Teresa Joyce

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.