

THE WORD THIS WEEK

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

6 November 2022

It is fortuitous that this passage of the Gospel is normally read near to the beginning of November, when we have celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, since it is a strong proclamation of the reality of life after death and the resurrection of the body. This Sunday is not without its difficulties, however, since this message is framed in two very sensitive passages: we have a story of cruelty and martyrdom in the first reading, and a controversial (and possibly upsetting) question about marriage in the Gospel. Remember that the example that the Sadducees bring is ridiculous, legalistic and completely misses the point: Jesus's reply does not mean that we are not with our loved ones after death - quite the contrary; he proclaims that we will all become one with God and each other as children 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: Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 - Seven brothers are tortured for their faith - they die confident that the King of the world will raise them up again.

Psalms 16: I shall be filled when I awake with the sight of your glory O Lord / Lord hear a cause that is just / I kept my feet firmly in your paths / Guard me as the apple of your eye

Second: II Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5: Pray that the Lord may strengthen ... may the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38 - The Sadducees try to trick Jesus with a question about brothers marrying their brother's widow. Jesus teaches them about the resurrection - God is God of the living, not the dead.

3. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish Community Emilia Mae Roach, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

4. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING: A meeting will take place for all those interested in joining our new parish group of the Saint Vincent De Paul this **Sunday 6 November at 12 Noon** in at St Herbert's Parish Centre, following the 11.00 am Mass. Please do come along to be part of this new group and to plan our work.

5. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: A total of £582.70 was raised by the Parish. Thank you very much for your generosity

6. NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD: In the month of November we remember especially our deceased loved ones. There will be a Tree of Remembrance at both churches for you to put on the names of your loved ones as we offer prayers for them throughout the month.

There will also be a box at the entrance of each church in which you can put the names of those you want us to pray for. "May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen".

7. BLESSING OF GRAVES: The usual service and blessing of graves will take place at the Catholic section of Chadderton Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, 13 November at 2.30 pm.

8. POPPY WREATH: Anyone wishing to lay the parish Poppy Wreath at Chadderton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, please contact Michael Lawson on 652-3930.

9. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for our monthly COFFEE MORNING this Sunday, 6 November after the 9.30 am. Mass. Tea, coffee and home-made Cakes. Everybody Welcome!

10. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: Our final Coffee Morning at St Herbert's this year will be on 13th November after 11.00 pm Mass when we shall be presenting cheques to representatives to three local Charities. All are welcome.

11. CHRISTMAS MEAL AT THE SAN ROCCO: Just a reminder that the balance for the Christmas lunch at San Rocco must be paid by the 20 November. You will then get a menu for you to pre-order.

12. NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE: Tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance are now on sale. Price: £18.00 including buffet.

13. 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!

14. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS FAIR: will be held on Sunday, 27 November 2022 in Corpus Christi School Hall. Doors 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.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory: 479; Communion: 538, 759; Recessional: 97.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 557; Offertory: 801; Communion: 307, 511; Recessional: 453.

15. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: is on the 27 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. Please support the Christmas Fair. Thank you.

16. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week the children and staff returned refreshed and ready for the busy half-term ahead. The children have been busy exploring new topics of learning and are eager to get started.

This week we shared a whole school assembly for All Saint's Day and talked about many different saints and why we celebrate this day. All classes did activities about All Saint's Day and made references to their own class saints.

It was great to see so many families at our parent consultations this week. Teachers enjoyed meeting families to discuss the children's progress so far in the academic year.

Our new Laudato Si group officially started this week and it was great to see the enthusiasm that the children hold.

Next week they look forward to learning about hedgehogs and making hedgehog homes in our forest school.

St Herbert's: The children have returned after the half-term break with smiles on their faces. The whole school went to Church on Tuesday to celebrate All Saints Day. It was the first time for the reception class and the children sat beautifully throughout the Mass.

Upper Key stage 2 children are busy practicing their Christmas production of Scrooge. They are excited to be able to perform a show after being unable to do so for the last two years.

SUNDAY SMILE:

A priest was on a plane which was flying from Edinburgh to London, when it ran into some very severe weather which resulted in turbulence.

As it got worse, the passengers became more and more agitated and alarmed, and even the airline stewards began to look concerned.

Finally, one of them noticed the priest's clerical collar so she approached him, and said, "Sir, this is becoming really frightening. Do you suppose you could, I don't know ... do something religious?"

"Why, of course I can", replied the priest. So, he stood up, went among the passengers, and took a collection.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

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| 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 AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Lately Dead: Peter Geraghty, Eunice Irvine

RIP: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary: Lena Flood, Dinah Slater

Birthday: George & Florence Ramsden

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.