



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**5 February 2023**

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith ‘to be a people of good deeds’, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with ‘the word’ - we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found - their way to the Father.

**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: Isaiah 58: 7-10** - Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless poor ... your integrity will go before you ... cry and the Lord will answer ... your light will rise in the darkness.

**Psalm 111** - The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright / The just man will never waver / With a steadfast heart he will not fear.

**Second: I Corinthians 2: 1-5** - I came to tell you what God had guaranteed ... the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. ... And I did this so your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16**: You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? ... You are the light of the world: no one lights a lamp to put it under a tub, they put it on a lampstand to shine for all the household. Your light must shine in the sight of all.

**4. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR D O'KANE (RIP)**:

The arrangements for Fr O’Kane’s funeral are as follows:

**Wednesday, 8 February**: Vigil Mass at St Herbert’s Church at 7.00 pm – Reception into the church

**Thursday, 9 February**: Requiem Mass at St Herbert’s at 12.00 noon, followed by interment at Chadderton Cemetery.

**5. BAPTISM**: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Chikaima Adaeze, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

**6. WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**: Thank you very much to all who supported and donated to the White Flower Appeal last weekend. A total of £354.87 was raised. Neil Baldwin

**7. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**: Within our parish of The Divine Mercy, we are in the process of establishing the St Vincent de Paul Society. It was decided at our last meeting that our first project would be to re-establish the food pantry that used to run in the Parish before the covid outbreak. We would greatly welcome any volunteers to help

man the pantry and would especially welcome anyone previously involved who could offer advice and guidance on setting the food pantry up. Anyone who thinks they could spare a few hours a month to help us is welcome to attend our next meeting on 12 February after 11.00 am Mass in St Herbert’s Parish Centre, or you can contact myself via email for further enquiries [e.hardingham7@ntlworld.com](mailto:e.hardingham7@ntlworld.com) Thank you. Eileen Hardingham.

**8. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING**: Our monthly Coffee Mornings will start again on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February after the 9.30 am Mass. Teas, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes. Everybody Welcome!!

**9. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING**: Sunday Coffee Morning at St Herbert’s will be on 12th February following the 11.00 am Mass. Everyone is most welcome.

**10. WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS – A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT 2023**: Are available at the back of each church. Price: £1.00.

**11. PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO ST HERBERT'S ISLAND, KESWICK - Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Details**: Leave by coach from St. Herbert’s Church 8.30am. Short stop at Tebay Services on route to Keswick. Celebrate mass on the edge of Derwent Water overlooking St Herbert’s Island. Free time for lunch & visit to Keswick market before setting off to return at 4pm. Everyone welcome. We would especially encourage any families and anyone who has not experienced this wonderful spiritual journey previously.

**Price** between £14-£15 for adults & family tickets will be available (price dependent on numbers.)

Any Divine Mercy Parish members who are interested in the above, please add your name, number in your party and telephone number to the list at the back of each church or ask the Divine Mercy Social Committee for more details.

**12. LADIES' EVENING**: The ladies evening last Friday was a resounding success with ladies from our Parish being joined by ladies from other parishes in the community. The DJ would like to thank the ladies who attended for their donations for Francis House Hospice which totalled £270. Janette Sterritt

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**: Entrance: 439 ; Offertory: 558, 362; Communion: 165, 461; Recessional: 672 .

**ST HERBERT'S**: Entrance: 388; Offertory: 699; Communion: 334, 605; Recessional: 672.

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

**13. THE CHADDERTON PLAGUE OF 1646:** The coronavirus pandemic came as a great shock to us all, because we had come to believe that plagues and pestilence belonged to a bygone age, not to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Parishioners may not know that in 1646, Chadderton was stricken with a serious plague which killed many people. If you would like to learn more about this, and our mid-17<sup>th</sup> century township, please pick up an information sheet with your Newsletter. Michael Lawson

**14. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP:** takes place every Thursday in St Hebert's Parish Centre from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm. £1.00. All welcome. **Please note:** Playgroup will be closed on 9 February and 16 February. It will reopen on 23 February.

### 15. SCHOOL NEWS

**Corpus Christi:** This week our choir attended Young Voices at the AO arena. After practising their songs and dances since September, they were very excited to finally get to showcase them with other schools from around the country. Their behaviour was impeccable from start to finish. Thank you to the teachers for supporting the children and making it possible for them to attend.

We were very lucky to have Dove Class present their class assembly to the whole school. They gave an important message about saving the planet.

### 16. SUNDAY SMILE

Fr. Dempsey and his friend Fr. Cummings went camping. As it was getting late they pitched their tent and were soon fast asleep. A few hours later, they both woke up.

"Fr. Cummings, look up at the sky and tell me what you see," asked Fr. Dempsey.

"I can see millions and millions of stars, my dear friend," replied Fr. Cummings.

"Now tell me what that means?" his colleague queried.

Fr. Cummings continued, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies out there. Theologically, it is evident that God is all powerful and that we are quite insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Why, what does it tell you?"

Fr. Dempsey was silent for a moment then blurted out, "Fr. Cummings, you are a fool! It tells me that someone has stolen our tent!"

## 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

**St Herbert's:** Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm; Reception of Fr David O'Kane (RIP) into church.

### THURSDAY:

**Corpus Christi:** No Mass today

**St Herbert's:** Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon for Fr David O'Kane (RIP)

### FRIDAY:

**St Herbert's:** Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am

**St Herbert's:** Funeral Service at 11.00 am for William Collins (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

## MASS REQUESTS

### Missa pro populo

**Special Intention:** Sr Mary Victoria Wiseman, Vera Day, S'Agata & Marie

**Lately Dead:** Fr D O'Kane, William Collins

**RIP:** Holy Souls in Purgatory, John Leeming

**Anniversary:** Annie Theresa McDonnell, Owen McDonnell

**Birthday Anniversary:** Mary Coonan

**Wedding Anniversary:** Tomy & Ligy (25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)

## PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

John McCarthy, Gerard Healey, 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, 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.