

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**19 February 2023**

'Love your neighbour as yourself.' These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community - the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God's instructions were about how that community had to work - without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same - instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The 'wisdom of this world', which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance, and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus' teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

**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: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18** - Be holy, for I your God am Holy. [resolve conflicts with your brother] Love your neighbour as yourself.

**Psalms 102** - The Lord is compassion and love / My soul give thanks to the Lord / It is he who forgives all your guilt / As far as the east is from the west.

**Second: I Corinthians 3:16-23** - The wisdom of the world is foolishness to God ... you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48** - Jesus says to turn the other cheek. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. You must be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**3. BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Julian Graeme, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

**4. LENTEN MASSES AND SERVICES**

**ASH WEDNESDAY:**

St Herbert's: 10.00 am – Parish/School Mass

Corpus Christi: 1.30 pm – School Mass

Corpus Christi: Evening Mass – 6.30 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** On Fridays at St Herbert's at 9.30 am before Mass.

**DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES/SERVICES**  
(No Masses at Corpus Christi on these Tuesdays)

**28 February:** SS Aidan & Oswald at 7.00 pm. Theme: Environment (Bishop John to preach)

**7 March:** St Patrick's at 7.00 pm. Theme: Interfaith Work and Nostra Aetate.

**14 March:** St Edwards at 7.00 pm. Theme: Church & Lumen Gentium

**21 March:** Holy Family at 7.00 pm. Theme: Lent.

**28 March:** St Herbert's at 7.00 pm. Penitential Service (no Mass)

**5. CONFIRMATION:** Details about the 2023 programme of preparation, including the process of enrolment, will be coming out to the families of **Year 8 students** next

week. Please register your interest, including name and contact details with your parish priest. Last year over 90 students successfully completed the 6-week programme and were confirmed over the weekend of Pentecost. **Parents, in particular, may wish to make note of the date of Pentecost 2023 - 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May.** Fr Callum Brown

**6. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP will be holding their first food pantry at Corpus Christi Presbytery, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm-3pm. Initially the pantry will be held once a month with the aim of increasing the frequency and possibly alternating the site between Corpus Christi and St Herbert's, depending on demand and the number of volunteers. We would welcome anyone who would like to help in any way. My contact email is [e.hardingham7@ntlworld.com](mailto:e.hardingham7@ntlworld.com). I am also making a plea for donations of food. I know everyone is tightening their purse strings at the moment but any contribution, no matter how small would be gratefully received. Examples include tinned food, jars of sauces, pasta, rice, cereals, tea, coffee, longlife milk, cordials etc. Any donations can be left in the boxes which are situated at the back of both churches. Thanking you in anticipation for your generosity. The SVP Society.

**7. EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA:** Following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, Caritas Salford is receiving regular updates from their partner agencies as part of the Caritas International network. We encourage anyone wanting to find out the latest information on the emergency or who wishes to offer support or donations to visit the website of our partner agency, **CAFOD**. **CAFOD** is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International and members of the Disasters Emergency Committee. Donations made to CAFOD as part of this response will be match funded (to a max. £5M) by the UK Government. For more information or to donate, please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/turkey-syria-earthquake-what-has-happened>

**8. EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** Visitors to St. Herbert's, for the Funeral Masses for Fr. David O'Kane, were able to pick up copies of the Parish History to read more about his years at the church. No charge was made but donations to CAFOD's

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 576; Offertory: 470, 425; Communion: 656, 681; Recessional: 307.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 186; Offertory: 284; Communion: 346, 681; Recessional: 303.

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

Earthquake Appeal realised £122. Many thanks to all who contributed.

### 9. THE 89th SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

28th July - 3rd August 2023

We are delighted to announce that travel and accommodation booking is now available for this summer's pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John Arnold. Full details are available on the pilgrimage website: [www.salfordlourdes.co.uk](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk). All bookings and enquiries can be made via Joe Walsh Tours, (ATOL 11313), by phone on 0808 1890468, or by email: [info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk). All are welcome.

**10. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP:** takes place every Thursday in St Herbert's Parish Centre from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm. £1.00. All welcome.

### 11. LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ST JOSEPH'S NURSING HOME LONGSIGHT, MANCHESTER

**REGISTERED NURSE – NIGHTS VACANCY**

Job Types: Full-time, Permanent; Salary: From £40,000.00 per year. Please contact Jane on 0161 273

4147 or email [jane.powner@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:jane.powner@lsplondon.co.uk)

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

**13. CHADDERTON PLAGUE 1646:** Please pick up an information sheet with your Newsletter and read about the serious Plague that infected Chadderton in 1646.

### 14. SUNDAY SMILE

A woman, who was attending a family wedding in her local church, turned to her husband and said, "You've always disliked my relatives." The husband immediately turned to his wife and said, "That's just not true. In fact, I like your mother-in-law more than I like mine."

A Sunday School teacher asked her children on the way to the Service, "And why should we always be quiet in church?" One little girl quickly replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Fr. Dunne was having dinner with his friend Fr. Gallagher, who was a local chess champion. Unfortunately, there was a check tablecloth on their table and it took them nearly an hour to pass the salt and pepper.

## WEEKDAY CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Both churches closed.
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am – Parish/School Mass
	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> School Mass at 1.30 pm
	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Evening Mass at 6.30 pm
<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> Stations of the Cross 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

## MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

### Special Intention:

**Lately Dead:** Ann Hayes, Patrick Sheehy, Pat Poulton, Mark Gerard Bradbury

**RIP:** Fr D O'Kane, Sr Philomena Jordan

**Anniversary:** Ann Carlisle, David Curry, Mary Riley, Anthony Adams (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Birthday Anniversary:** Colin Prince

## 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.