

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A

5 March 2023

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So, the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special 'calling', to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

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: Genesis 12: 1-4 - God calls Abraham to leave his country and family and go the land that God will show him.

Psalms 32 - May your love be upon us O Lord as we place our hope in You / The word of the Lord is faithful / The Lord looks on those who revere him / Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

Second: II Timothy 1:8-10 - rely on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 - Jesus is transfigured, his face shines like the sun ... God says, "This is my Son the Beloved, he enjoys my favour, listen to him".

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT REFLECTION: Copies of the Second Sunday in Lent Reflection are available at the back of each church.

4. LENTEN MASSES AND SERVICES

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

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. CORPUS CHRISI COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, This Sunday, 5th March, after the 9.30am Mass. Tea, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes! Everybody Welcome!!

6. MEMBERSHIP OF PARISH COMMITTEES: Members have now been appointed and a list of the Committees and members has been posted at the back of each church.

7. GIFT AID DONATIONS 2023-24: Thank you very much to all those who have donated to the Parish whether via Gift

Aid or Non-Gift Aid envelopes, by Standing Order or via the baskets.

If you are a UK taxpayer, we would ask you to please consider donating via the Gift Aid envelope scheme. This does not cost you anymore than your usual donation. It does, however, allow the Parish to claim back 25% of your donation. So, for every £1.00 you donate we can claim back an extra 25p. Last year the Parish claimed back a total of £13,234.79. All you need to do is to fill in a form (just your name and address are required). These forms will be available at the back of each church along with the new Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid envelopes, (which start on 9 April), from Ken Coop (Corpus Christi) and Deborah Kearney (St Herbert's) from 12/13 March. For further information, please email divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com. Thank you.

8. CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: This LENT your donations to CAFOD'S Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

Please give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD'S development and emergency response work all over the world. Thank you.

9. FAMILY NIGHT: There is a family night on the 17th March in the Parish Centre. Games and dancing for all the family. Tickets Adult £5.00 Child £2.50 including supper.

10. ST HERBERT'S PILGRIMAGE: Payment for the pilgrimage for St Herbert's Isle is now due. Adults £15.00 Child £10.00. This can be paid with cash or cheque which should be made payable to the Parish of Divine Mercy. Thank you. There are places available for anyone wishing to come along. – It's a lovely day.

11. HOPE IN THE FUTURE FORMATION DAY: The diocese is running a 'Formation Day' for those who want an opportunity to learn more about the needs of their community and how best to respond. The session for our Deanery will be on 18th March. Further information and registration details are on the poster at the back of each church.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 168; Offertory: 638, 122 ;
Communion: 656, 657; Recessional: 361.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 456; Offertory: 366;
Communion: 256, 252; Recessional: 286.

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

13. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week we had a visit from our School Improvement Partner, Mr Clive Davies. He was extremely impressed with all elements of our school. He commented that the children's learning, behaviour and attitudes to learning are excellent along with the pupil work books and the consistency of our curriculum. We are all delighted with his report.

This week we celebrated 'World Book Day'- our theme this year was 'You're a reader' and as a school we were promoting vocabulary. Our children took part in a vocabulary parade in the school hall, and they looked AMAZING! We were surrounded by vocabulary everywhere. You can see pictures on our school website and social media.

Next week we start our class Lenten masses in Church and we can't wait to join our parish family on Thursday 9th March. Leading our mass next week is Kingfisher and Swallow Class. We hope to see you there.

St Herbert's: On Wednesday and Thursday, we held "Breakfast with a Book sessions." Parents were invited into school to have breakfast with their child while reading. The session finished with Mr Russell reading two funny poems. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. It was World Book Day on Thursday when the children came into school dressed as a character out of their favourite books. Thank you to the parishioners who came into school, dressed as a character, to read a story to the children. They loved it!

14. SUNDAY SMILE

Items found in Church Newsletters:

The choir will meet at Mrs Langham's home on Tuesday night for fun and sinning.

A warm welcome to all who have come today.

Helpers are needed for the annual spring clean of the parish centre. The tables and chairs require cleaning down while the widows need special attention.

Notice from the Mums Who Care ladies group: There will be no Mums who care this week.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: NO MASS St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 10.00 am for Anne Rachel Hayes (RIP) Lenten Deanery Mass at St Patrick's at 7.00 pm. Theme: Interfaith Work and Nostra Aetate.
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: Stations of the Cross 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

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Lately Dead: Anne Rachel Hayes

RIP: Fr D O'Kane, Sr Philomena Jordan, John Belfield

Anniversary: Kevin McDonough

Birthday Anniversary: James Wood, Emma Robinson

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.