

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

**30 April 2023**

This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel today 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'.

Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we 'go through Jesus, the gate' by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

**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: Acts 2:14, 36-41** - Peter preached: God made this Jesus who you crucified both Lord and King - what must we do? - You must repent and be baptised in Jesus's name ... that very day, about three thousand were added to their number.

**Psalm: 23** - The Lord is my shepherd / he guides me along the right path / You have prepared a banquet for me / Surely goodness and kindness.

**Second: I Peter 2:20-25** - Merit in the sight of God is bearing punishment patiently ... now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel: John 10: 1-10** - Jesus said "I am the gate of the sheepfold, anyone who enters through me will be safe ... I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.

**3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Clare, Blackley, and for Fr. Jeremiah and Fr. Colin, the Franciscan friars there. We pray for the Good Shepherd Sisters, for the parish primary school and Our Lady's High School. May they know the Lord as their Shepherd and have life to the full.

**4. ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY:** During the month of May, the Rosary will be said before weekday Mass during the Private Prayer sessions.

**5. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Just a friendly reminder that our next meeting will be held at Corpus Christi Sacristy on Sunday 30th April after 9.30am mass.

The main discussions will be centred around

1) group members

2) future development of the food pantry.

Currently we are a small but friendly group and if anyone who originally expressed an interest in joining the SVP would like to attend you will be very welcome.

**6. SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III:** to be held at Corpus Christi on Sunday, 7th May after the 9.30am Mass

and at St Herbert's after the 11.00 am Mass. Come and join us! Everyone is invited!

**7. PRAYER CARDS FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III:** These are available at the back of both churches. Please pick up a copy. Thank you.

**8. GARDEN PARTY/ BARBECUE:** will take place in Corpus Christi Gardens on Sunday 25th June, from 2pm- 5pm. Tickets £4. For further details, please see the posters at the back of either Church. Tickets are on sale from this weekend. Tickets numbers are limited, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

**9. EASTER GARDEN:** During this Easter Season visit the Easter Garden created in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Herbert's Church. This portrays all the events of Holy Week and the Resurrection.

**10. PIETY STALL (CORPUS CHRISTI):** First Holy Communion Cards and gifts are now available from the Piety Stall at the back of Church.

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

**12. HOPE IN THE FUTURE MEETING:** The next meeting for the Parish Hope in the Future Group will be at 6.00 pm at Corpus Christi Primary School next Thursday, 4th May.

**13. DIOCESAN SYNOD INFORMATION SESSIONS:** The Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation will be holding a series of information sessions to help you find out more about the synod and how you can get involved. The programme will be the same across all events and will take place on the following dates:

**Thursday 11th May 2023, 7pm-9pm**

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School, Swinton, M27 9QP

Register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621695878107](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621695878107)

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 661; Offertory: 801, 362; Communion: 165, 500; Recessional: 307.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 649; Offertory: 146; Communion: 165, 588; Recessional: 492.

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

### Saturday 13th May 2023, 10am-12pm

Newman Catholic College Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 9QY.

Register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621729970077](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621729970077)

### Tuesday 16th May 2023, 7pm-9pm

Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 0LU

Register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621737402307](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621737402307)

## 14. SCHOOL NEWS

**Corpus Christi:** This week our families were able to meet with our class teachers and discuss their child's learning and progress made this year. It was a lovely opportunity for families to look at their books and share all their amazing work.

Our children in Swallow Class also led a lovely class assembly all about the King's Coronation. Next week we will be learning more about King Charles III and participating in different activities to learn more about our new monarch.

This week we replaced our usual well-being Wednesday and celebrated 'Well-being Friday'.

The whole school were lucky enough to watch a performance of 'The Secret Garden'. It was a lovely morning, and the children were well behaved throughout.

## 15. SUNDAY SMILE:

*The comedian at a St. George's Day Social in a local Parish Centre had everyone in stitches. Here are a few of his one-liners (3):*

My grandfather invented the cold air balloon, but it never really took off.

I went to the doctors the other day and he said, "Go to Bournemouth, it's great for flu." So, I went – and I got it.

I never buy anything with velcro. It's a total rip-off.

An old soldier survived mustard gas in the war, and then pepper spray by the local police. He's now a seasoned veteran.

I went on a once in a lifetime holiday. Never again.

Which country's capital is growing the fastest? Ireland. Its capital is Dublin every day.

## WEEKDAY CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Both churches closed.
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.30 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

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST

## MASS REQUESTS

### Missa pro populo

**Lately Dead:** John Terrett

**RIP:** Elsie Lawson, Daniel Moore, The Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Anniversary:** Vincent Grobelnik, Ann-Marie Grobelnik, Jack Huntington

**Birthday Anniversary:** Mary Cathrine Nangle, Francis Elwell

## 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.