

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

16 April 2023

Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are 'Mystagogy' - a type of teaching where the newly baptised ('neophytes') learn through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This 'Mystagogy' is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.

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: 42-47 - The whole community remained faithful to the teaching, the brotherhood and to breaking of bread and prayers ... they lived together and owned everything in common ... day by day the Lord added to their community.

Psalms: 117 - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end / Let the sons of Israel say / I was thrust, thrust down and falling / The stone which the builders rejected.

Second: I Peter 1: 3-9 - Blessed be God ... who in his great mercy has given us new birth ... by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31 - Jesus appears to the apostles while they are locked in the upper room. He wished Peace upon them and breathed the Holy Spirit on them. But Thomas was not there and doubted. Eight days later, Jesus came back and Thomas saw and believed. Jesus' response; Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Dunstan and St. John Vianney, Moston, for Fr. Martin Saunders, their parish priest, for St. Matthew's High School and its parish primary school. May they profess with Thomas 'My Lord and my God.'

4. THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter in each year. In a series of revelations to a Polish religious sister, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on this Sunday. The Divine Mercy is a devotion to Jesus Christ as revealed in apparitions of Jesus to Sister Faustina Kowalska and it focuses on what her diary describes as "God's loving mercy" towards all people, especially for sinners.

To celebrate our Feast Day, refreshments will be available in the Parish Centre after the 11.00 am Mass.

5. EASTER GARDEN

People visiting St. Herbert's Church are invited to see the Easter Garden which has been created in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This portrays all the events of Holy Week and Easter.

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

7. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP: is closed for the Easter holidays and will re-open on Thursday, 20 April.

8. RED MISSION BOXES (ST HERBERT'S): The Red Mission boxes will be emptied on Thursday 27th April 2023 in St Herbert's Parish Centre between 7 and 8pm. Many thanks.

9. CARITAS VACANCY: BANK ART/ACTIVITY TUTOR - Cornerstone Day Centre Hulme

Bank rate SC16 £14.34 per hour (plus holiday pay accrued pro-rata). Cornerstone Day Centre in Hulme is launching a new Arts Programme and has an exciting opportunity for Art Practitioners to run an Arts Project at the Centre for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The tutor will plan, deliver and evaluate an arts/activity project on a weekly basis over an agreed period. The art/activity session will be 2 hours of delivery and 1 hour for preparation and planning. The sessions are designed to improve people's skills, confidence and well-being and to deliver an outcome that will showcase people's skills and talents. You can view the full job description [here](https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/team-view/bank-art-activity-tutor-manchester/).

Please visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/team-view/bank-art-activity-tutor-manchester/> to apply. The closing date is **Monday 8 May 2023**.

9. MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

- *Friday 21st April, 7pm at Salford Cathedral*

The diocesan series of Masses for Vocations to the

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: ; Offertory: ; Communion: ;
Recessional: .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 156; Offertory: 492;
Communion: 184, 560; Recessional: 105.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

Priesthood returns in April to help inspire conversation and prayer around the call to priestly life. The next Mass will take place at 7pm on Friday, 21st April at Salford Cathedral. All are very welcome to attend.

To find out more about these Masses, please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/monthly-vocations-masses/>

10. LAUDATO SI' CENTRE PRAY WITH NATURE SERIES

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre would like to thank everyone across the diocese who has sent in photos for its Pray with Nature series this Lent. To find out more or view all of our photos, please visit <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/general/parishes-and-schools-take-part-in-pray-with-nature/>

11. SUNDAY SMILE

St. Thomas the Dubious, is an excellent school, but even so its students sometimes make strange mistakes in their exams. Here is another selection (3):

Queen Victoria sat on a thorn for 63 years.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. He died from an overdose of wedlock. Miguel Cervantes wrote Donkey Hotey. (Don Quixote) In some rocks there are to be found the fossil footprints of fishes.

A circle is a figure with no corners and only one side. John Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

Britain has a temporary climate.

12. WORDSEARCH

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V	O	R	S	A	M	O	H	T	F	FINGER	EIGHT	BELIEVE
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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
- 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 OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

- Lately Dead:** Paul Neary
- RIP:** Elsie Lawson, Daren Edward Veevers
- Anniversary:** Elizabeth Droган, Mary Leyland, Clare Droган, John Flynn, Mary Cathrine Nangle, Tony Robinson, George Chamberlain
- Birthday Anniversary:** Bernard Nangle
- Easter Mass:** For the Parish

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.