

THE WORD THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

23 April 2023

During the Season of Easter, we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing - and one especially important for the reader. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death.

This is very close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. The reader should take to herself or himself the words of the Gospel Acclamation: 'Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to 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 2:14, 22-23 - Peter addressed the crowd at Pentecost, comparing Jesus with the patriarch David: God raised this man Jesus to life and caused him to receive the Holy Spirit, whereas we have David's tomb with us.

Psalm: 15 - Show us, Lord, the path of life / Preserve me God I take refuge in you / I will bless the Lord who gives me council / And so my heart rejoices my soul is glad / You will show me the path of life.

Second: I Peter 1:17-21 - Through Christ you now have faith in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason.

Gospel: John 24: 13-35 - Jesus appears to the disciples on the road to Emmaus - they recognised him at the breaking of bread.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: Let us pray for the people of St. Anne's parish, Higher Openshaw, and for Fr. Chris Lough, the parish priest and area dean, together with the parish primary school. May they always know the Lord in the Breaking of Bread.

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.

4. 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. Come and join us ! Everyone is invited!!!

5. 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 will be on sale from the weekend of 29th/ 30th April. Tickets numbers are limited so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

6. EASTER GARDEN: When in St. Herbert's Church, please visit the Easter Garden which has been created in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This portrays all the events of Holy Week and Easter.

7. ST GEORGE'S DAY: The Feast of St. George, Patron Saint of England, falls on 23rd April. Let us pray for our nation that it will be governed in accordance with the values of the Gospel. (Please note, that since 23 April is on Sunday this year, the church celebrates it on Monday, 24 April.)

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

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

10. 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 pm and 8 pm. Many thanks.

11. DIOCESAN SYNOD INFORMATION SESSIONS – SAVE THE DATE: Bishop John has recently announced the launch of our own Diocesan Synod, inviting us all to prayerfully discern how we can best address the changing needs of our diocesan community.

To help us begin this journey, 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 - Salford area – venue TBC

Saturday 13th May 2023, 10am-12pm - Manchester area – venue TBC

Tuesday 16th May 2023, 7pm-9pm - Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 0LU

Further details to follow. You can read more about our Diocesan Synod at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/

12. LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS: The Diocese of Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Team is looking for people to join its incredible and committed team of volunteers and to play a vital role in its 2023 Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

HYMNS

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

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 146; Offertory: 498; Communion: 325, 414; Recessional: 353.

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To find out more, email lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2209. You can also visit the website at <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/volunteers> for more information and to apply online. Applications close 30th April 2023.

13. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: After a relaxing Easter break, the staff and children have enjoyed their first week back of the summer term. The children are enthusiastic for the exciting things planned for the half term ahead.

Next week our families meet with their child's class teacher to share their amazing learning and talk about their progress this year.

We look forward to gathering with our parish family this half term and sharing special occasions with them. We would also like to thank you for your support with our fundraising for Francis House and the sale of our chicks and rabbits.

St Herbert's: We have returned to school in Eastertide, a time for new life. School life has been busy! On Wednesday, Lancashire Cricket came into school to coach the children in Key Stage 2. The children really enjoyed it and who knows we might have a future

England Cricketer.

Year 3 spent Wednesday planting all the bulbs that came into school and now each class has a tub of bulbs outside their classroom that they will tend to. Hopefully we will see them blooming soon.

Please, if you are able, we would be grateful if you could continue to support our vulnerable families. Thank you -Stay with us Lord on our journey.

11. SUNDAY SMILE

A new vicar was visiting homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a calling card and wrote on the back of it 'Revelation 3: 20' and put it through the letterbox.

The next Sunday, when the Offertory envelopes were collected in, the vicar found that his visiting card had been returned alongside an envelope. Added to the card was the reference 'Genesis 3: 10'. The vicar burst into fits of laughter as he checked the citation. His biblical reference had stated, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." The reply from Genesis was, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked, so I hid myself".

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 10.30 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: Harry Shepherd

RIP: Elsie Lawson, Daniel Moore, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Dawn Francene Cookson-Martinez and Baby Robbie

Anniversary: Peter Riley

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.