

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

**7 May 2023**

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our 'Mystagogy' - our training in the mystery of Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about 'who Jesus is, with another 'I am' statement: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a 'spiritual house' with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today's reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this 'spiritual house', the Church, as we journey to the Father.

**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 6: 1-7** - The apostles asked the community to elect seven men to take over the daily bread distribution, so that they themselves could focus on prayer and service of the Word.

**Psalm: 32** - May your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our hope in you / Ring out your joy to the Lord / For the word of the Lord is faithful / the Lord looks on those who revere him.

**Second: I Peter 2: 4-9** - The stone the builders rejected has proven to be the cornerstone ... you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation ... God called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**Gospel: John 14: 1-12** - Jesus said "I am going now to prepare a place for you ... I am the Way, the Truth and the Life ... whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself ... because I am going to the Father.

**3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Margaret Mary, New Moston, for Fr. Andrew Starkie, their parish priest, and for the Manchester Ordinariate Mission. We pray for their parish primary school and for the Presentation Sisters. May they ever sing the praises of God who has called them into his wonderful light.

**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. BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Isabella, Grace, Lorenzi Mateo Da Silva and Jacob Francis Dott, who were baptized in the Parish recently.

**6. SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III:** will 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. Ticket numbers are limited, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

**9. EASTER GARDEN:** We continue celebrating the Easter Season, the greatest Feast of the Church. If you have not already done so, please take a look at our Easter Garden displayed in St. Herbert's Church.

**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. PRAY IN MAY FOR MARY'S MEALS:** [Mary's Meals](#) is a global feeding charity, serving nutritious school meals to over 2.4 million children living in 18 countries around the world. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Throughout the month of May, Mary's Meals is inviting churches to join its [Pray in May](#) campaign, praying that its work continues to flourish and grow and that more children throughout the world will see their lives transformed by receiving a daily meal in a place of education. To find out more about volunteering as a local rep, or to arrange a talk from Mary's Meals, please contact: [fran.lawson@marysmeals.org](mailto:fran.lawson@marysmeals.org)  
You can learn more about Mary's Meals at: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**12. 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**

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 194; Offertory: 240, 175; Communion: 757; Recessional: 360.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 325; Offertory: 801; Communion: 307, 141; Recessional: 684.

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School, Swinton, M27 9QP  
Register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621695878107](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621695878107)

**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)

### 13. SCHOOL NEWS

**Corpus Christi:** This week has been a very exciting for all staff and children. We have been learning about our new king, Charles III, learning new interesting facts about him and his upcoming coronation. As a whole school we celebrated with an amazing "street" playground party. It was an amazing celebration! We look forward to watching the coronation on Saturday. Our Pupil Chaplains led a beautiful service for our crowning of Mary. It was a reverent service. The children all present Mary with their own flowers and blossoms. Thank you to our families for donating flowers for our service.

**St Herbert's:** We have had a lovely week. The children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years honoured Mary. We came to church and held a service and placed flowers at her

altar. A few weeks ago, the children were given a challenge to create either a crown, castle, a portrait of Charles or a coat of arms to celebrate the coronation. Wow! The results were fantastic, especially the castles and the crowns - I'm sure King Charles would be impressed. Have a look at the pictures on twitter! Finally, we ask that you keep Year 6 in your prayers as on Tuesday 9th May they begin their SATS test which will continue to the end of the week. They have worked extremely hard, and we are sure they will do well. Good luck year 6! Thank you, for all the food you continue to give to us. It is greatly appreciated.

### 15. SUNDAY SMILE

A man in confession tells the priest, "Father, I've stolen bricks from a construction site which I pass every day coming from work. I started taking just a few, but now I'm addicted and steal dozens every single day."

The priest sighs and says, "This is rather serious, and you need to stop immediately. Are you sorry for what you did?"

"Yes, Father," says the man.

The priest replies, "Then I want you to put £10 in the Poor Box, and also make a novena to St. Joseph."

The man was silent for a minute and then said, "Alright, Father, I'll put £10 in the Poor Box, but I don't know how to make a novena. However, if you have the plans, I've got the bricks."

### 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:** Patricia Lynch (nee Ashworth), Laurence Wiseman, George Wrigley

**RIP:** Elsie Lawson, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Anniversary:** Jack Rennie, Ellie McDermott, Hilda Wolstenholme

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Bill & Sue Whitehead

### 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.