

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

28 May 2023

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us because it marks the handing on of Jesus's ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

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: 1-11 - The gathered apostles heard the wind, were filled with the Holy Spirit, and able to speak in the languages of everyone in Jerusalem.

Psalm: 103 - Send forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth / Bless the Lord my soul / You take back your spirit they die / May the glory of the Lord last forever.

Second: Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 - There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit ... in whom we are all baptised.

Gospel: John 20: 19-23 - Peace be with you - as the Father sent me, so I am sending you - receive the Holy Spirit.

3. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy parish community Freddie Luke Randles, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

4. 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.

5. FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY, 11 June 2023: To celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, we are changing our Monthly Coffee Morning from Sunday 4 June, to Sunday 11 June after the 9.30am Mass. Come and join us! Everybody is welcome!

6. FRIENDS OF ST HERBERT'S SCHOOL PFA – SUMMER FAIR: will take place on Sunday, 9th July 2023 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Herbert's Parish Centre. Donations for the tombola stall can be left in the PFA Dropbox at school. External stall holders welcome. For more information, please visit our Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/events/916825202881620>

7. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP: is closed for the half-term holiday and will reopen on Thursday, 8 June.

8. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: On behalf of the SVP, I would like to thank all parishioners who have donated and continue to donate to the food pantry. Your kindness and generosity are gratefully appreciated.

Up to now we have held three food pantries at Corpus Christi Church. Initially attendance was low, but I am pleased to say that 6 people made use of the latest pantry held in May. Hopefully the numbers will continue to increase. Please spread the word if you know of anyone in need.

We would love to extend the service so that we can also hold a monthly food pantry at St Herbert's and our aim is to run one in the early evening so that it is accessible to working families who may be struggling on low incomes. However, we need more volunteers to make this viable.

If you would like to help, your assistance would be gratefully received.

To find out more you can either attend our next SVP meeting after 9.30 am Mass at Corpus Christi Presbytery on 4 June or contact myself via email e.hardingham7@ntlworld.com

9. MANCHESTER AND SALFORD ECUMENICAL WHIT WALKS: *Monday 29th May, 10am Cathedral Gardens, Manchester*

On the 29 May, the Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walks will return to the streets of Manchester once again. This is the first time the walks have taken place since 2019, when more than 1,000 people joined this 200-year-old tradition. This year the procession will leave Cathedral Gardens at 10.00am and will process to the centre of town for an Act of Worship, before returning to Manchester Cathedral.

10. REFUGEE WEEK – FREE ONLINE AWARENESS SESSION FROM CARITAS SALFORD:

Monday 5th June, 6-8pm;

Online

Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, runs services which support people from a refugee background who have

HYMNS

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ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 209; Offertory: 182; Communion: 343, 630; Recessional: 672 .

settled in Greater Manchester and Lancashire. As part of their Refugee Week activities this year, the team at Caritas is offering a free training session on 'Refugee Awareness' which will take place online on 5th June from 6pm to 8pm. The training will provide valuable insights into the challenges faced by refugees and is an opportunity to connect with refugee experiences and discover how you can help create a more welcoming environment for newcomers to our communities.

To reserve a place at the online session, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-awareness-training-tickets-635362495327>

11. DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS MASS

Sunday 11th June, 5.30pm (confessions between 4.45 - 5.15pm)

St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester
 Our next Young Adults Mass will take place on Sunday 11th June with a special reflection on the Sacred Heart. Fr Mark Paver will lead us in the celebration of Mass, which will begin at 5.30pm, before we welcome Charlotte Hibbert (School Chaplain at St Bede's) to give a short talk about the Sacred Heart and her relationship with Christ.

All are very welcome to attend.

12. SUNDAY SMILE

The comedian, who introduced the Party held recently at a local parish centre for the Eurovision Song Contest, was even more hilarious than some of the national entries. Here are a few of his one-liners (4):

Did you hear about the singer from Croatia who fell through the floorboards whilst rehearsing? It was just a stage he was going through.

Blanca Poloma, the Spanish singer, has said she would leave immediately if she didn't win. It could be a case of uno, dos ... and whoosh! She disappears without a tres!

The Australian entry by the group Voyager, is 'Promise'. Had it been 'Dancing Queen', accompanied by a didgeridoo it would certainly have been Abba-riginal!

Sadly, one of the members of the Albanian entry was killed under a collapsing piano whilst at rehearsal. His colleagues said it was a low key funeral.

The person in charge of designing the set for the Belgian entry, was dismissed from the job. However, he left without making a scene.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary 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

Special Intention: Private Intention

RIP: Helen Melia,

Anniversary: Hilda Kilroy, Michelle Stott, Alan Sharp

Thanksgiving Mass: Nemeria Wrigley and John Wrigley

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.