

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

**21 May 2023**

The final chapter of the discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper sums up the life and purpose of Jesus. It is strikingly modelled on the 'Our Father'. It is shot through with the warmth of the relationship of Jesus to his Father, with six invocations of the 'Father', and with the fact that Jesus came to do the will of the Father. May Jesus Christ help us to do the will of the Father, Amen.

**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 1:12-14** - After Jesus ascended, the apostles returned to the upper room and joined in continuous prayer.

**Psalm: 26** - I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living / The Lord is my light and my help / There is one thing I ask of the Lord / O Lord hear my voice when I call.

**Second 1 Peter 4:13-16** - If anyone should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it - he should thank God that he has been called one.

**Gospel: John 17:1-11** - Jesus prayed "Father ... glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you ... I have finished the work that you gave me to do ... I have made your name known ... I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world.

**3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE:** Within this deanery is situated the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Dormition (Assumption) of Mary, which belongs to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of Great Britain. Let us then pray for the parishioners of the Ukrainian Catholic Church here in Manchester, together with Fr. Andriy Tsaputa, their parish priest. May they know the peace of the Risen Lord.

**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 Emily, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

**6. 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.

**7. EASTER GARDEN:** Although the Easter Season is drawing to its close, parishioners still have the opportunity of admiring the Easter Garden created in St. Herbert's Church.

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

**9. CORPUS CHRISTI 'A' TEAM CLEANERS:** We will be cleaning the Church on the following Mondays, starting 9am and finishing by 10am with a cuppa: 29th May, 12 and 26th June, 3 and 17th July.

**10. 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>

**11. 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.

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

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 493; Offertory: 443; Communion: 165, 681; Recessional: 147.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 493; Offertory: 362; Communion: 312, 343; Recessional: 311.

**14. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** This week we welcomed our parents from Reception into school for our space-themed stay and play session. It was great to spend time with them and share the amazing rocket projects the children did at home. Our Year 5 children led our beautiful Ascension Mass on Thursday at Corpus Christi Church. It was a lovely Mass and it was great to share it with our parish family. Thank you for supporting us.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, we are hosting our local community clean up with our Laudato Si team. We would like to welcome our parish family to join us and help us look after our local community. The event will be running 10am-12pm. We will be collecting our equipment from the main reception at Corpus Christi School. We hope to see many of you there.

We are all looking forward to our 2-week half term and we look forward to seeing you all when we return on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**15. SUNDAY SMILE**

A teacher was teaching his class about King Henry VIII and his break with the Catholic Church so that he could divorce Catherine of Aragon to marry Anne Boleyn. As he did so, he saw one boy aimlessly looking out of the window, obviously not paying attention.

"Jimmy!" the teacher exclaimed, "what nationality was Catherine of Aragon?"

Jimmy replied promptly, "Irish, Sir!"

Becoming puzzled and rather angry, the teacher asked, "Irish, and what makes you think that Catherine of Aragon was from Ireland?"

Jimmy answered, "Well, with a name like Catherine O'Faragon, she could hardly be anything else, could she?"

**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**

**RIP:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Anniversary:** James Wood, David Ramsden

**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.