

SIXTH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

14 May 2023

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So, in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world.

This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

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 Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8.14-17.

We continue to proclaim the growth of the Church through the ministry of the Apostles, on whom the Spirit had been sent; this ministry reveals the meaning of the death and resurrection of the Lord: that all might be saved.

Psalms: 65 Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second: I Peter 3:13-18 - Reverence Christ in your hearts ... have your answer ready for those who ask you the reason for your hope ... Christ himself has died for sins - in the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 - I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate ... that spirit of Truth. ... anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me: and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father.

3. 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. BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Ruby Grace Briers, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

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 are on sale from this weekend. Tickets numbers are limited, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

6. 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.

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

8. CHILDREN'S LITURGY (CORPUS CHRISTI): This Sunday will be the final Children's Liturgy at Corpus Christi church for a few weeks. The school is on a half term break so we will resume on 11th June on the feast of Corpus Christi. Thank you for your continued support and it's good to see the numbers have increased.

9. CORPUS CHRISTI 'A' TEAM CLEANERS: We will be cleaning the Church on the following Mondays, starting 9am and finishing by 10 am with a cuppa: 15 and 29th May, 12 and 26th June, 3 and 17th July.

10. 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:

Saturday 13th May 2023, 10am-12pm

Newman Catholic College Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 9QY
Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621729970077

Tuesday, 16 May 2023, 7 pm – 9 pm

Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 0LU
Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621737402307

11. CORONATION CAKE: Thanks to Christine Dennis, of Chadderton Historical Society, for donating to St. Herbert's Coffee Morning the cake made to resemble St. Edward's Crown. It was much admired *and* enjoyed!

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

13. TRIBUTE TO A WELL-LOVED PRIEST: Parishioners will be pleased to know that the road leading from Broadway into Newman Catholic College and the adjacent new housing estate, has recently been named 'Canon Dolan Way' after the priest who served St. Edward's Church, Lees, for 47 years. Eugene Dolan was Chairman of Governors at the school and died in December 2017.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory:122, 641;
Communion: 681, 141; Recessional: 529.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 492; Offertory: 175;
Communion: 284. 588; Recessional: 678.

14. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week our Year 6 pupil have worked extremely hard whilst completing their SATs. We are extremely proud of them all and the hardworking attitude they have shown this week and during their preparation for them. Many of them will be enjoying their trip to France next week after such a busy week.

On Saturday our sacramental programme children will be making their next step on their sacramental journey. They will be making their first reconciliation at Corpus Christi Church. We ask our parish family to remember them in their prayers.

Date for Diary: **On Saturday 10th June**, our Laudato Si' children at school have organised a community clean up in the local area and we would love to see many of our parish family there. It will take place at 10am-12pm. More details will follow next week.

St Herbert's: Year 6 has had a very busy week. They have had 4 days of SATs papers. They arrived at school at 8.15am to have breakfast with their friends. We are very proud of them. They have all worked really hard to prepare for them. They are now finished, and they can look

forward to transition to their chosen secondary school. Well done Year 6 you have been amazing this week.

Our Year 5 football team entered a football competition at North Chadderton secondary school and we are pleased to say they won! Brilliant Year 5.

We have only one more week at school then we are off for two weeks. Let's hope the weather is kind for us.

15. SUNDAY SMILE

St. Thomas the Dubious, that excellent school, recently promised its students a Coronation Disco when they had finished their history exams. However, these answers weren't really expected (4):

- The King wore a scarlet robe trimmed with vermin.
- King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery.
- Alexander the Great conquered Persia, Egypt and Japan. Sadly he died with no hair.
- Louis XVI was gelatined to death.
- The navy of Queen Elizabeth defeated the Spanish Armadillo.
- King Alfred conquered the Dames.
- Napoleon wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear children.

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
ASCENSION THURSDAY: (Holy Day of Obligation)	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Parish & School Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Funeral Service at 10.30 am for Lawrence Hilton (RIP)
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary 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: Patricia Lynch (nee Ashworth), Lawrence Hilton

RIP: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary: Susan Elizabeth Adams (1st Anniversary), Pilar Gacutan

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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- 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.