

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**18 June 2023**

The people of Israel were chosen by God, to be his own people. This Moses proclaims in the first reading. And having chosen a people, God does not abandon them: they may be like sheep without a shepherd, but God sends them the Good Shepherd, who feels sorry for them, and entrusts his disciples with the task of giving them new heart. The same God has chosen us and gives us the same Shepherd. But we must be careful to take to ourselves the call of Jesus: we must pray for labourers to give new heart to the lost sheep of our society. We must also remember our own responsibility - as a kingdom of priests and a consecrated nation those of us in the Church have a mission to fulfil: to live out the Covenant, and truly to be a consecrated nation.

**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: Exodus 19:2-6** - The Israelites camped in the wilderness facing the mountain. Moses went up to God, and God said, "If you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine".

**Psalms 99** - We are his people the sheep of his flock / Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth / How that he, the Lord is God / Indeed how good is the Lord.

**Second: Romans 5:6-11** - What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8** - Jesus sends the apostles out to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand, and to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out devils.

**3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton, for Fr. Ernest Atah, their parish priest, and for Fr. Blaise Ugoeze. We pray for their primary schools and St. Ambrose Barlow High School, as well as the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and the sisters of Our Lady of Evron. May they be the Lord's people, sheep of his flock.

**4. BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Divine Mercy parish community Darryll Michael Lotanna Nicholas, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

**5. VINCENTIAN PRIESTS AND BROTHERS – MISSION APPEAL:** Vincentian Priests and Brothers will be making a Mission Appeal in our parish this weekend at all Masses. Please let us try to support them as much as possible. Thank you.

**6. FATHERS' DAY:** Happy Fathers' Day to all. May God bless you and your families.

**7. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS ON 25 JUNE - ST HERBERT'S:** The First Holy Communion Mass for St Herbert's Primary School will take place next Sunday at the 11.00 am Mass.

**8. GARDEN PARTY/ BARBECUE:** will take place in Corpus Christi Gardens on Sunday 25th. June from 2pm- 5pm. Tickets £4. For Catering purposes, this weekend 17th/18th June will be the last chance to buy your tickets, as all the food and drinks have to be purchased prior to the barbecue. We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

**9. RED MISSION BOXES: DONATION TO MISSIO – CORPUS CHRISTI:** On behalf of Missio may I acknowledge receipt and say thank to whoever left a substantial anonymous donation in one of the red mission boxes at the back of Corpus Christi church. If you wish you can ring me on 07804152093 Maria McDonough

**10. DIOCESE OF SALFORD SYNOD 2023-2025 PRAYER:**

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese.

May each new day bring us closer to your son, Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love.

As we continue our Synodal journey, draw us closer to each other.

May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us. St Joseph pray for us.**

**11. SALFORD CATHEDRAL 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS:**

*Sunday 25th June, 11am; Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE.* Salford Cathedral is celebrating its 175th anniversary later this month with a Solemn High Mass. Bishop John will celebrate this special Mass at 11am on Sunday 25th June. The Mass marks the 175th anniversary of the opening of St John the Evangelist Church and will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral House and Gardens.

If you would like to join us in this celebration, please RSVP to [cathedral.admin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:cathedral.admin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or by post to Cathedral House, 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE.

**12. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP:** takes place on Thursdays, in St Herbert's Parish Centre from 1.00 pm – 2.45 pm. £1.00. All welcome.

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 121; Offertory: 286, 175; Communion: 759, 628; Recessional: 298.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 693; Offertory: 641; Communion: 538, 256; Recessional: 303.

**13. CARITAS SALFORD REFUGEE WEEK**

**RESOURCES:** As part its Refugee Week activities this year, Caritas Salford has produced a toolkit on Welcoming Communities and Compassion. Refugees who use Caritas' services have shared what this means to them and what this looks like in action. Take a look at what you can do in your parish or wider community for Refugee Week this June and beyond, to show your support and help create a more welcoming community for all:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/refugee-week-2/>

**14. SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA – 21 JUNE:**

St Aloysius Gonzaga was born into a noble family in 1568. He entered the Jesuits aged 17. He worked to help the victims of the Roman plague from which he died, aged 23.

**15. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** This week our Year 6 pupil attended mass at St Mary's, Failsworth along with all the other Catholic primary schools in Oldham. They united as a Catholic Federation to share mass with fellow Year 6 pupil, before they all head of to high school soon. It was a lovely mass, and the children were a credit to us.

Well done to our Year 1 pupil who took part in their phonics screening this week. They all were amazing and tried their best. We are very proud of them all.

Our sacramental children attended their final programme session with week. They now prepare for their next sacrament, and this Saturday (17th) they will be making their First Holy Communion. We ask our parish family to remember our children in their prayers as they make their sacrament and continue their faith journey. God bless them all.

**St Herbert's:** It's been a busy two weeks at school! The school football team is through to the semi-finals against Corpus Christi – should be a good match. The team also came second in the Catholic rally. The girls have been successful too -they came second at the same rally playing netball! Now is the time for school trips - and Reception visited Redditch Vale Farm where they were able to handle and feed the animals as well as having a tractor ride and playing on the fantastic play area. Class 5 were given a lesson in flower arranging by Emma from Baytree Flower and Coffee Shop – their displays were fantastic and I'm sure their families were very impressed! The whole school had the opportunity to take part in a karate workshop which they all enjoyed! 34 children are now taking part in an afterschool club for Karate. Finally, year 6 went to St Mary's RC Church to take part in a very special mass with Bishop John before they move to their chosen secondary school.

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

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| <b>MONDAY:</b>    | Both churches closed.  |
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>   | <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | <b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am   |
| <b>THURSDAY:</b>  | <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am  |
| <b>FRIDAY:</b>    | <b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 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<br><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

**Special Intention:** Susan Greenhalgh

**Lately Dead:** Declan Barr

**RIP:** Patricia Pelham, Assunta Vincenzina Lewandowski, Annette Irving, Silvia

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Luke Burke, 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, 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.