

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A

11 June 2023

The Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Christ - is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a 'thing' that we receive - however reverently - it is a person, a relationship, a belonging and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: 'Receive what you are - the Body of Christ'. The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ's words to our reality: 'who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.' The people of the Old Testament had God living in their midst, walking with them on their journey, feeding and nourishing them with the gift of manna from heaven. Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, journeying 'in communion' with us - living within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper. And as St Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other - God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body.

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: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 - Moses reminds the people that God fed them in the desert with manna, and brought them out of slavery in Egypt

Psalm: 147 - O praise the Lord Jerusalem / He established peace on your borders / He makes his word known to Jacob.

Second: I Corinthians 10: 16-17 - The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ ... there is only one loaf - though there are many of us, we form a single body.

Gospel: John 6: 51-58 - I am the living bread come down from heaven ... Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: This week we pray for the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope, Salford, for Canon Michael Cooke, their parish priest, and for Fr. Mark Paver, for their parish primary school, for Fr. Dominic Alih and the chaplaincy to the Salford Royal Hospital and for the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries. May the Eucharist be the source and summit of their parish life.

4. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy parish community Olive Delilah Hampton, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

5. FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY, 11 June 2023: Come and join us to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, this Sunday 11 June after the 9.30am Mass. Everybody is welcome! We wish everyone a happy feast day.

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 numbers are limited, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

7. RED MISSION BOXES – ST HERBERT'S: The total monies collected from the Red Mission Boxes was £636.22. Many thanks for your support.

8. VINCENTIAN PRIESTS AND BROTHERS – MISSION APPEAL: Vincentian Priests and Brothers will do Mission Appeal in our parish at the weekend Masses of June 17th/18th 2023. Please let us try to support them as much as possible. Thank you.

9. 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLDHAM CHOIR: To celebrate their 60th Anniversary, The Oldham Choir presents A Summer Bouquet with guests Saddleworth Male Voice Choir at St Edward's R C Church, Spring Lane, Lees, OL4 5AJ, on Saturday 8th July 2023 at 7.30pm. Tickets: £8, accompanied children under 16 free admission. In aid of Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Contact Louise Brennan 07944 802665 for tickets or pay on the door.

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

11. FRIENDS OF ST HERBERT'S SCHOOL PFA – SUMMER FAIR: will take place on Sunday, 9th July 2023 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>

12. REMINDER ABOUT CHEQUES: Cheques to the Parish/St Herbert's Church or Corpus Christi Church should now be made payable to the Parish of Divine Mercy. Thank you.

13. ITEMS FOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER: Items for the newsletter should be sent to Fr Lawrence using the Parish email address, by 12 noon on Thursdays.- divinemercyoldham@gmail.com Thank you.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory: 348, 801; Communion: 538, 681; Recessional: 500.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 146; Offertory: 273; Communion: 500, 560; Recessional: 828.

13. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week our staff and children returned full of energy and excitement for the last half term of this academic year. We started off the week sharing some AMAZING news. We are delighted to announce that the school retained its 'Outstanding' status at the most recent inspection in March 2023. Please see our website for the full report. We are very proud of this achievement. The staff, children and governors have worked extremely hard, and we thank our parish family for their continued support.

This week our leaders of Pupil Chaplains and Mini Vinnies interviewed their newest candidates for the next academic year. Children filled in application forms and those successful had an interview. Congratulations to our new Chaplains and Mini Vinnies. We can't wait to work with them all soon.

This week we celebrated 40 years of our school Corpus Christi being officially opened on this site, and what a week to do it! We held our own 80s day and went back in time. The children absolutely loved it (and the staff too).

On Saturday 10th June, our Laudato Si team host their annual 'BIG' Corpus clean up in the local community. Our event is running 10am-12pm. We welcome our parish to join us and support our event.

Equipment can be collected from our main office at school, refreshments will be available after the event too. Any you can donate to the event will be greatly appreciated.

15. SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST ANTHONY OF PADUA (PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH) – 13 JUNE

St Anthony of Padua was born in Lisbon in 1195. He first joined the Canons regular of Saint Augustine, but after being inspired by the stories of Franciscan martyrdoms in Morocco, he joined the Friars Minor. Though he desired to preach in Africa, he ended up in Italy, where he established a reputation as a great preacher and theologian. He died in Padua in 1231, aged 36.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 12 noon for Assunta Vincenzina Lewandowski RIP
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 10.00 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: Andrew Foster, For the 'Park Life' event at Heaton Park, Methodist Church, Rita Murphy

Lately Dead: Assunta Vincenzina Lewandowski, Patricia Pelham, Laurence Wiseman

Anniversary: Brian Field, Annie Byrne, Colin Ankers, Sharon Howarth

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, 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.