

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

25 June 2023

Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So, we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the 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: Jeremiah 20:10-13 - The prophet is disparaged from every side but knows that God is near ... praise the Lord for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil ones.

Psalm: 68 - In your great love answer me O God / It is for you that I suffer taunts / This is my prayer to you / The poor when they see it will be glad.

Second: Romans 5:12-15 - Sin entered the world through one man ... divine grace coming through ... Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel: Matt 10: 26-33 - Do not be afraid ... you are worth more than a hundred sparrows ... if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in heaven.

3. VINCENTIAN PRIESTS AND BROTHERS – MISSION APPEAL: A total of £629.71 was raised by the Parish for the Vincentian Mission Appeal. Thank you very much for your contributions.

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

5. 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.

6. PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM IN PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: *Saturday 5th August, 12 noon Mass, Walsingham.*

Catholics around the country will be heading to Walsingham this August to pray and reflect on the sanctity of life. Archbishop Kevin McDonald will lead the pilgrimage on Saturday 5th August and celebrate Mass at 12 noon. For more information please visit:

<https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>

7. PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: The annual collection for Peter's Pence takes place on the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul each year. However, in our Parish, this will take place next weekend. Baskets will be available at the back of each church for donations. The Secretariat for the Economy has sent a reminder to all bishops' conferences regarding the importance of this collection in the work of the Holy See. Further information regarding the collection, as well as supporting materials, can be found

at <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/giornate-dell-obolo.html>

8. SALFORD DIOCESE VACANCIES: LAUDATO SI' CENTRE ENVIRONMENT AND LEARNING OFFICER:

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent; **Working hours:** 35 hours per week Mon-Fri, though some evening and weekend work will be required. **Location:** Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND; **Salary** £34,608 - £37,073 per annum, depending on skills & experience;

About: The Diocese of Salford is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic Environment and Learning Officer to support transformation in keeping with Pope Francis's Laudato Si' encyclical, and to develop and deliver programmes at the Laudato Si' Centre, the flagship environment centre for the diocese. The Laudato Si' Centre is based at Wardley Hall and includes the walled garden and woodland, for schools, parishes and community groups, with a focus on learning, spirituality and wellbeing. **Closing date for applications:** 12 noon on Tuesday 27th June 2023. For all the details please visit: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – ST ROBERT OF NEWMISTER: **Appointment Type:** Part-time, 12-month fixed term contract; **Working hours:** 6 hours per week,

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: ; Offertory: ; Communion: ;
Recessional: .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 476; Offertory: 560;
Communion: 165, 349, 169, 256; Recessional: 604.

working pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest;
Location: St Mary's Presbytery, Elbow Street, Levenshulme, Manchester M19 3PY; **Salary** £11.26 per hr;
About: The parish of St Robert of Newminster is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide administrative support to the parish including office administration, secretarial and basic accounting duties. **Closing date for applications:** 12 noon Wednesday 28th June 2023. For all the details please visit: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

9. SAINTS OF THE WEEK - ST IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH: St Irenaeus, a name which means 'peace', was born in c130. He became Bishop of Lyons and was a great teacher against the errors of his time. His writings were formative in the development of Christian Theology. He died in c200.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL – THURSDAY, 29 JUNE (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION): The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome were Christians who died (with SS Peter & Paul) in the first great Roman persecution under the Emperor Nero in the year 67. The pagan write Tacitus records their deaths.

11. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: As the end of the academic year fast approaches, school is a hive of activities - from class assemblies to preparations for the Year 6 events. The children, as always, rise to all the challenges, always giving 100% in all they do. We are very busy here at Corpus Christi.

Next week our Pupil Chaplains will be leading their final mass of the year for the Feast of St Peter and Paul. We look forward to celebrating this day with our parish family and we hope to see many of you there.

St Herbert's: It's a very special time for the Year 3 children, as on Sunday they make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayer as they receive this special sacrament.

This week Year 6 has been to Robinwood Outdoor Pursuits Centre. They had a fantastic time taking part in various activities. They returned to school worn out and looking dishevelled! We will be having a "Summer Fayre" on Sunday, 9 July. We hope you will join us in the Parish Centre.

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.

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
THURSDAY: SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of Obligation	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am (Parish/School Mass) St Herbert's: Funeral Service at 1.00 pm for Gwendoline Hanson RIP St Herbert's: Mass at 6.30 pm: Feast of St Peter and St Paul
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

Lately Dead: Jean Allen, Josie Bourke, James Lockery, Walter Richardson

RIP: Gwendoline Hanson, Sylvia McLaren

Anniversary: Mary & Fred Adams, Angelina Mazza, Peter Matthews

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, 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.