

THE WORD THIS WEEK

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

9 July 2023

Today's Gospel in an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is 'kind and full of compassion.'

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: Zechariah 9:9-10 - Rejoice [Israel] ... your king comes to you ... he will proclaim peace for the nations.

Psalm 144 - I will bless your name forever, O God my King / I will give you glory / The Lord is kind and full of compassion / All your creatures shall thank you O Lord / The Lord is faithful in all his words.

Second: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 - The Spirit of God has made his home in you ... he will give life to your own mortal bodies through the spirit living in you ...

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 - Jesus blesses the father for hiding things from the learned and revealing them to children ... no one knows the Son except the Father ... come to me all who labour, and I will give you rest ... yes, my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

3. PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: A total of £184.13 was raised for the St Peter's Pence Collection. Thank you very much for your donations.

4. SEA SUNDAY: This weekend is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an appeal at each mass. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. A collection will be taken after each mass.

5. COULD YOU BE A CARITAS PARISH REP? Do you want to help put love into action? Would you like to learn more about how you can help your community, share ideas and news with other parishes? Caritas Parish Reps are a vital link between the work done at Caritas Salford to support people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire who are experiencing poverty, discrimination and homelessness, and the work done in parishes through local social action. By becoming a Parish Rep you can become the point of contact between Caritas Salford and your parish – the role is flexible and can fit around the needs of your parish. Matthew Yates will speak to us briefly this Sunday 9th July at Corpus Christi 9.30 am Mass and St Herbert's Church at 11.00 am Mass.

6. FRIENDS OF ST HERBERT'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR PFA: will take place this Sunday, 9th July 2023 from 12.30 pm at St Herbert's Parish Centre. Please note that there will be restricted parking. Some of the car park will be taken up with

stalls - which will be from the games room to the Middleton Rd exit. Therefore the exit onto Middleton Road **will not** be accessible. All cars will leave via Broadway.

7. DEANERY SYNOD HOLY HOURS: Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour for our Diocesan Synod in each Deanery. All are invited to attend any of these times of prayer as we embark on our Diocesan Synod asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten us on this next stage of our journey. The time of prayer will include hymns, silence, scripture, and a reflection from Bishop John on the vision for our Synod. The dates, times, and venues for each time of prayer is as follows:

St Therese of Lisieux (Bury/Rochdale) - Sunday 9th July 2023, 6pm - 7pm – Sacred Heart RC Church, Kingsway, Rochdale OL16 5BX

Mount Carmel (Oldham) - Wednesday 12th July 2023, 7pm – 8pm – St Patrick's Oldham 40 Union Street West, OL8 1DL

8. BISHOP JOHN'S RUBY JUBILEE: To mark the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to priesthood, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass at 3pm on Sunday 16 July in Salford Cathedral. This Mass is open to all members of the diocese, without the need for tickets, and so you are welcome to come along if you wish to do so. There will be some light refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) after the Mass, respecting the bishop's wish to keep things simple on this occasion. Let us all keep Bishop John in our prayers as he celebrates this significant anniversary.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hosting-refugees-webinar-tickets-660276513827>

9. ST HERBERT'S SCHOOL FOOD BANK: Firstly, thank you for your support in giving food to our families. We, and they, really do appreciate it especially when times are hard for everyone. Our last food collection will be **Sunday 16th July** as we break up for the summer holidays the following week. We will provide food bags for families before we finish. We will resume collection on Sunday 3rd September. Thank you for all your support. "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving" Mother Teresa.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PANTRY WILL CONTINUE. Thank you.

10. SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH – 15 JULY: St Bonaventure was born in Italy in 1218, became a Franciscan and eventually

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 131; Offertory: 250, 443; Communion: 757, 628; Recessional: 168.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 243; Offertory: 284; Communion: 419, 309; Recessional: 672.

Minister General of the Order and Cardinal Bishop of Albano near Rome. He is remembered for his spiritual teaching. He died in 1274.

<https://caritas-salford.goassemble.com/opportunities/results>

11. UPDATES FROM CARITAS

HOSTING PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE – FREE

WEBINAR: Join Caritas Salford for a free webinar about the process involved in hosting people from Ukraine. Taking place on Tuesday 11 July from 6-7pm, the online session will also look at how this relates to hosting people from different places seeking safety. Hosting or sponsoring can offer people a chance at and resettlement and positive integration. The session will be a chance to learn more about hosting refugees and you can hear first-hand from current and previous hosts about the impacts and experiences of this. Sign up now here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hosting-refugees-webinar-tickets-660276513827>

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LOCAL

COMMUNITY: Looking to gain new skills or share your skills with others? Could you spare a few hours to volunteer with one of Caritas Salford's services in our local community? You can find out more about the latest volunteering opportunities with the charity, including van driving, supporting on the community allotment and many others, by visiting the website at:

12. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week our Year 6 performed their end of year spectacular! They performed 'Bugsy Malone' and what a performance it was. They were amazing and we were extremely proud of each and every one of them. Well done children.

Thank you to our parish family who attended community lunch with our Pupil Chaplains. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you had a wonderful time.

On Thursday, children transitioned into their new class and met their new teachers. The children had a lovely morning in their new classes and are excited for the next academic year.

St Herbert's: It's been another busy week at school this week. Year 3 and 4 had a lovely day at Blackpool Zoo and were blessed with lovely weather. Year 5 went to Salford Quays to visit the Imperial War Museum again a brilliant day. The younger children in Key stage 1 went to Skipton Castle where they imagined what life would be like living in a castle. Year 6 had an exciting day as they visited their chosen secondary school - they were a little nervous but on return to school they were all excited and looking forward to the next part of their educational journey. Please keep them in your prayers. Finally on Sunday (9th July) come and visit us at our school Fayre in the Parish Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

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
St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 11.15 am for Jean Allen (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:** Craig Edmondson
- Lately Dead:** Jean Allen, Michael Stone, Patricia Clarkin
- RIP:** James Lochery, Barbara Crowther
- Anniversary:** Vera Howarth
- Birthday Thanksgiving:** Matthew Apostol

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Wade Stevens, 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.