

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

30 July 2023

What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.

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

I Kings 3:5-12 - The Lord appears to Solomon in a dream - Solomon asks for wisdom and a heart to understand: discerning between good and evil. It pleased the Lord that Solomon asked for this, not for riches for himself.

Psalms 118 - Lord how I love your law / My part I have resolved O Lord / Let your love be ready to console me / This is why I love your commands / Your will is wonderful: indeed.

Second: Romans 8: 26-30 - God co-operates with all those who love him ... they are the ones who he intended to become true images of his Son.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52 - The parable of the treasure in the field ... the one who finds it sells everything he owns and buys the field. The parable of the pearl merchant ... parable of the dragnet cast into the sea - this is how it will be at the end of time; the angels will separate the good from the wicked. Jesus uses all these parables to show what the kingdom of Heaven is like.

3. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community, Esme Maria Frances Cholewa, who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

4. WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Mark Christopher Airey and Lorraine Catherine Boyle, who were married at St Herbert's Church last weekend.

5. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St Ignatius of Loyola (Priest) - 31 July: was born in 1491. After a life in the army, he converted to a deep spiritual life. He studied in Paris, and gathered companions around himself who later became the Society of Jesus. They were effective in teaching and evangelizing. He died in 1556.

St John Mary Vianney (Priest) - 4 August: was born in Lyons in 1786. After years of struggle he was ordained and sent to Ars, where by preaching and holiness, he drew people

back to the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance. He died in 1859.

6. WORLD YOUTH DAY - PRAY AT HOME : Online - 31st July - 7th August

This week, young adults from the Diocese of Salford will be travelling to Lisbon to celebrate World Youth Day 2023. Bringing together people from all countries and backgrounds, World Youth Day is a joyful celebration of faith, connecting people from all over the world. Inspired by this spirit of connectivity, the Diocese of Salford has created a special Pray at Home series, inviting people from our diocese to join our young pilgrims in prayer this World Youth Day.

Find out more

at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/resources-links/world-youth-day-pray-at-home/>

7. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Thank you, parents and children, for your excellent support during the last term. The staff are now having a break like the school's during the summer holidays. We resume normal service from 10th September. In the meantime there are clipboards with worksheets and colours as you come into church so children can help themselves. Please return the boards and colours. Enjoy your holidays.

8. ST EUPHRASIA'S CARE HOME: St Euphrasia's Care Home in Blackley, Manchester, is extending its offer of a respite and day care service to wider members of the community. The all-female home traditionally provides care for the Good Shepherd Sisters but is now taking enquiries from all ladies looking for day care. Visitors can enjoy a warm home-cooked meal, an assisted bath or shower, good company, daily Mass, and a friendly, peaceful environment to recharge their and their carer's batteries. For more information, please email euphrasia116@gmail.com.

9. ROCHDALE HEARTBEAT: is still collecting empty ink cartridges (printing). This collection enables them to receive much needed money so they can continue to buy

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 801, 362; Communion: ; 681, 759; Recessional: 168.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 362; Communion: 447, 605; Recessional: 274.

defibrillators. **Please note empty cartridges only.** A box is available at the back of each church. Thank you.

10. CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD NEWSLETTER: Did you know that our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing update, news and event details?
To join the mailing list, please email Rachel Taylor: comms@caritassalford.org.uk

11. EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: *Mother of God and St James Church, Heywood Way, Salford, M6 5UJ*
Tuesday 8th August, 7.30pm
A priest with an internationally-renowned healing ministry is returning to our diocese for an upcoming Eucharistic Healing Service.
Fr John Baptist Bashobora will be travelling from Uganda to St James and All Souls in Salford for the service on Tuesday 8th August at 7.30pm.
Previous Healing Services have received beautiful and great feedback with testimonies of significant healings taking place, physically and spiritually.

All are welcome to attend - please join us and spread the word!

12. SUNDAY SMILES

St. Thomas the Dubious is an excellent school and its students are just starting their end-of-year exams. However, the teachers have read some rather unusual answers during the past week (5):

The Dutch people use water power to drive their windmills.
The adder is a poisonous snake.
The 19th-century was when people stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine.
The Earth makes a revolution every 24 hours.
Another Greek myth was Jason and the Golden Fleas.
Pompeii was destroyed by an overflow of saliva from the Vatican.
Hitler's instrument of terror was the Gespacho.

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: **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

RIP: Kath Farragher
Anniversary: Alice Tesorero (1st), David McClellan, Sandra Mortin, Mary Fawley, Eileen Huntington
Thanksgiving: John Wrigley, Marc & Matthew Apostol
Birthday Anniversary: Colin Ankers

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.