

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

2 July 2023

The Gospel and First Reading this Sunday can be summed up in one word: 'hospitality'. But not hospitality in general - this is a very specific hospitality: welcoming the word of God. We must welcome the message of salvation into our homes and hearts and show this by welcoming the messenger who brings us this good news. Perhaps when we consider the messages we allow into our homes nowadays, this theme reveals its relevance to us: television, radio and newspapers are all welcome in our homes. Surely the Gospel tells us to keep our eyes peeled for the 'holy man' who brings real news. This Gospel also tells us about our mission: if we are welcomed or rejected, we should neither be proud nor worry for ourselves, but for Christ, because it is Christ who is welcomed or rejected.

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: Kings 4:8-11, 14-16: The prophet Elisha is given hospitality by a woman who recognises that he is a holy man of God.

Psalm: 88 - I will sing forever of your love O Lord / Happy the people who acclaim such a king / For it is you O Lord who are the glory of their strength.

Second: Romans 6:3-4,8-11 - You too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matt 10: 37-42 - Anyone who does not take his cross and follow my footsteps is not worthy of me ... anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

3. PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: will take place this weekend. There will be baskets at the back of each church for the collection. 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>

4. PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY YOUTH MEETING

(YOUNG@CHURCH): There will be a meeting for all existing and new members (those who wish to join) of Young@Church after the **11 o'clock Mass at St Herbert's Church this Sunday, 2 July.**

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 on Sunday 9th July at Corpus Christi 9.30 am Mass and St Herbert's Church at 11.00 am Mass.

7. DIVINE MERCY BARBECUE: Thank you to everyone who attended on Sunday 25th June. Also, thank you to everyone who

worked so hard to make it an enjoyable day, despite the weather!! There is still one prize to be claimed from the free draw: White ticket: 126-130 .

8. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, **this Sunday 2nd July after the 9.30am Mass.** Tea, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes! Everybody Welcome!!

9. FRIENDS OF ST HERBERT'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

PFA: will take place on 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. 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>

10. SEA SUNDAY: is the weekend 8th/9th July. It 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.

11. SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST ELIZABETH OF

PORTUGAL – 4 JULY: was born into the Royal family of Aragon in 1271. She is known for her care of the poor; after the death of her husband, she gave away her worldly goods and joined the Third Order of Saint Francis. She died in 1336.

12. 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

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 730; Offertory: 366, 175; Communion: 634, 538; Recessional: 259.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 736; Offertory: 801; Communion: 662, 681; Recessional: 353.

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St Chad (North Manchester) - Thursday 27th July 2023, 7pm - 8pm – St Patrick's RC Church, Livesey St, Manchester M4 5HF

13. PARENT/TODDLER GROUP: is now closed for the summer. It will re-open in September.

14. CORPUS CHRISTI 'A' TEAM CLEANERS: These are the next dates for cleaning at Corpus Christi on alternate Mondays, from 9am: 3rd, 17th, 31st July. Many, many thanks to Maria McDonagh who has graciously retired from the team after many years of faithful service. We are only a small team and always in need of an extra pair of hands. We start about 9am on alternate Mondays and are finished by 10 am, including tea or coffee and cakes. Give your name & mobile number to Welcomers Tony or Nick please.

15. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week it was lovely to gather with our parish family to celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Thank you to our Pupil Chaplains for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the Mass. It was lovely this week to meet our new families joining us at Corpus Christi. This week we held intake meetings for

our Nursery and Reception children. We look forward to September and welcoming them to the school and our family. We were very proud of our children Robin and Sparrow classes. Our reception children led their class assembly all about Minibeasts. They were fantastic! Well done children.

St Herbert's: We would like to say congratulations to Year 3 who received, for the first time, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Please keep them and their families in your prayers that they may continue to receive Holy Communion for the rest of their lives and become one with Christ. This week the whole school celebrated "Laudato Si." We focussed on nurturing our common home with love through a Prayerful Liturgy and completing activities across the day.

Choral speaking also took place this week - the children were amazing, full of expression and clarity. Class 7 and Class 3 were the winners - well done!

Football is hopefully coming home to us! The football team is through to the finals after winning against Corpus Christi – It was an exciting game and both teams played with great sportsmanship.

Finally, we are holding a summer fayre on Sunday 9th July – It would be lovely to see you all there after 11.00am Mass.

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 St Herbert's: Funeral Service at 12.00 noon for James Lochery (RIP)
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: Madden Family

Lately Dead: James Lochery, Walter Richardson, Michael Stone, Barbara Crowthers, Jean Allen

RIP: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary: Florence Ramsden, George Ramsden

Birthday Intentions: Irene Vivian Abajori

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.