

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

20 August 2023

Today is one of those occasions when, even though the second reading is not chosen to correspond to the theme of the Gospel and first reading, it does in fact fit very well. Indeed, much of the letter to the Romans is explained in this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word: the whole theme is summed up in this: the Messiah came first of all to the people of Israel, to whom the promises were made in the past - but it could not remain there. The good news had to be taken to the ends of the earth, so that all peoples, indeed the whole of creation could welcome the Messiah and take a place in the Kingdom of God. All nations are welcome on God's holy mountain: 'Let all the peoples praise you, O God!'

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: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 - Have a care for justice, act with integrity ... Foreigners ... I will bring to my holy mountain ... for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples...

Psalm 66 - Let all the peoples praise you, O God / O God, be gracious and bless us / Let the nations be glad and exult / Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Second: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32 - Paul identifies himself as an apostle to the Gentiles and makes it clear that all can receive God's mercy.

Gospel: Matthew: 15:21-28 - The Canaanite woman asks Jesus for healing for her daughter who is tormented by a demon." The disciples urged him to send her away, and he initially refuses to help. But she persists, saying that even the dogs get crumbs from the master's table. He sees the greatness of her faith and the daughter is healed.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: Let us pray in this coming week for the parishes of St. Kentigern, Fallowfield, and the English Martyrs, Whalley Range, with Canon Michael Cleary, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for St. Bede's College.

4. MARY'S MEALS - THANK YOU: Just to say a huge THANK YOU for the warm welcome I received on my visits to Corpus Christi and St Herbert's this weekend. It was a pleasure to meet so many of the parishioners and we are very grateful for the support received.

A total of £303.70 was collected from gifts made by the congregations after Masses, and this generosity is enough to feed at least 15 young people with Mary's Meals for a whole school year, or at 10p per meal, enough to provide 3037 nutritious meals!

Many thanks again for your continued support and prayers for Mary's Meals and our mission. Fran Lawson

4. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St Pius X (Pope): was born in Riese (Italy) into a poor family in 1835. He was ordained and worked as a parish priest for 17

years before being made spiritual director at the seminary, then Bishop of Mantua, Patriarch of Venice and finally Pope in 1903. He sought to renew Christian life by emphasizing charity and the Eucharist; he worked to avoid war in 1914, but died shortly after its outbreak.

St Bartholomew (Apostle) – 24 August: was born in Cana, and was led to Jesus by Philip. After the Ascension, tradition has it that he preached the Gospel in India and suffered martyrdom.

5. ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: Thank you very much to all those who have donated food items to the Food Pantry. We are continuing to collect donations, which can be left in the boxes at the back of each church. Popular items, which are running low, are long-life milk, teabags, coffee, sugar and tinned meats, eg stewed steak, sausage and beans. These are just suggestions and we are grateful for any food items. Many thanks for your continued support.

5. CELEBRATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY EVENT AND MASS – CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD: *Saturday 16th September, 10.30am start; Sacred Heart RC Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, M18 7JW*

Caritas Diocese of Salford is inviting people across the diocese to join them in a celebration of human life and dignity next month. The day will involve hearing from people who have experienced barriers to inclusion, sharing practical examples of how parishes and communities can support people facing such barriers, and will end with a Mass for the intention of "The Preservation of Human Dignity", celebrated by Bishop John. Find out more and register at <https://tinyurl.com/caritassalford>

6. OUR FAITH, OUR PLANET, OUR COMMITMENTS; *Thursday 14th September 2023, 6.30pm - 9.30pm; Manchester Museum*

An annual conference on climate change is set to take place next month to discuss ways people can work together to reduce our carbon footprint. Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Commitment takes place on Thursday 14th September and will include a series of workshops and networking opportunities to help communities work together for the good of our common home. Find out more and register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-faith-our-planet-our-commitments-tickets-676670799577?aff=oddtcreator>

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 121; Offertory: 362; Communion: 165, 141; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 343; Offertory: 177; Communion: 635, 462; Recessional: 828.

7. DIOCESE OF SALFORD: VACANCY: Senior Finance Officer (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent; **Working hours:** 35 hours per week, Mon – Fri; **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP; **Salary:** £28,119 - £31,176 per annum, depending on skills and experience.

Find out more and apply at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

8. SCIE REVIEW OF CSSA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

The CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) has commissioned the SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) to undertake a review of its policies and procedures. The review aims to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church and make representations where it is evident or perceived that the current policies and procedures are outdated, or there is a gap or no policy for a situation. To help the review team take into consideration as many views as possible, the

CSSA is requesting that people right across the Catholic Church in England and Wales - including clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners, survivors, and more - complete the following survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>

10. SUNDAY SMILES

The comedian at the Summer Evening Social, held in a local parish centre, knew how to raise a laugh with his one-liners. Here are a few (6):

I suffer from Kleptomania, but when it gets bad I take something for it.

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet but I don't know why.

I was addicted to the hokey cokey, but then I turned myself around.

My friend said to me, "What rhymes with orange?" I said, "No it doesn't."

It's difficult to actually say what my wife does. Some sunny summer Saturdays and some sunny summer Sundays, she sells super shining seashells on the sloping sandy sea shore.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed.
- TUESDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Mass of the Angels at 10.30 am for Mario McDonnell (RIP)
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: Mario McDonnell

Anniversary: Jim Healy (1st Anniversary), Claire Kershaw (1st Anniversary), Annie Ankers

Birthday Anniversary: Sheila Robinson

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.