

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

27 August 2023

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'

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 22: 19-23 - The prophet delivers God's message that he will give earthly authority ... to one who shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open.

Psalms 137 - Your love, O Lord is eternal, discard not the work of your hands / I thank you Lord with all my heart / I thank you for your faithfulness and love / The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly.

Second: Romans 11: 33-36 - Paul reflects on the depths of God and asks "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?"

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 - Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" and then "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, ..." Jesus blesses him, and declares him to be ... Peter, and on this rock I will build my church ...

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: This week as a Diocese we pray for the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Edward's parish, Longsight and Rusholme, with Fr. Rob Morland, SMA, and Fr Armand Maku, SMA. We pray for the parish primary schools and for Xaverian Sixth Form College, together with the Little Sisters of the Poor, the SMA Fathers, and the priests of Opus Dei. May all be welcome in the Church of God.

4. 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. These 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. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, ST ANNE LINE AND ST MARGARET WARD (MARTYRS)- 30 September

St Margaret Clitherow was born in York in 1556, and died

there on 25 March 1586. At 15 years of age, she married a butcher, John Clitherow, and three years later became a Catholic. She hid priests in their house and in 1586 the secret hiding places were discovered. She refused to plead at her trial and was, therefore, crushed to death.

St Margaret Ward was born in Congleton, Cheshire. She entered into the service of a family in London. She was arrested after assisting a priest to escape from prison, but refused to reveal his hiding place or renounce her faith. Margaret Ward was tried at the Old Bailey and executed in 1588.

St Anne Line was born at Dunmow (Essex) c. 1565, and was hanged at Tyburn on 27 February 1601. In her teens, she became a Catholic and was disinherited. In 1585 she married Roger Line who was exiled for his faith, leaving her destitute. She kept house for priests. After people had been seen at her house for Mass, she was arrested, tried and condemned to death.

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH, Priest and Martyr-1 September

St Edmund was born in 1585 in Haydock, was ordained at Douai and began his work in Lancashire, including Salmesbury and Walton-le-Dale. He was amazingly zealous in his work, despite one arrest. He was finally arrested in 1628, imprisoned and martyred in Lancaster.

6. HOPE IN THE FUTURE CELEBRATION EVENT – SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 6:30pm - 9pm; The Edge, Riveredge, Wigan WN3 5AB

Join the Diocese of Salford's Formation Department for a special event celebrating our six-year Hope in the Future journey. The event will include praise and worship music, inspirational speakers, small-group discussions, and a time of prayer led by Bishop John. The event is open to all and is ideal for those who have been involved in Hope in the Future in their parish, deanery, or school, those who would like to learn more about it or begin their own journey, and for individuals seeking to grow as Missionary Disciples. Further details will be available in September.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 647; Offertory: 641, 175; Communion: 628, 309; Recessional: 529.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 647; Offertory: 122; Communion: 462, 557; Recessional: 604.

7. HELP END CHILD POVERTY IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

As mentioned in recent updates, Caritas Diocese of Salford's latest appeal has been raising awareness of the appalling levels of child poverty in our diocese. There are more than 300,000 children living in poverty in our communities, a shocking statistic that is impacting real, young lives every day. The appeal is running for a few more weeks, so please do support if you're able. Find out more on the Caritas website

now: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/poverty/>

8. DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS MASS: Sunday 10th September, 5.30pm (confessions between 4.45pm - 5.15pm; St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW

Don't miss our next diocesan Mass for Young Adults as it returns to St Augustine's in Manchester following our World Youth Day pilgrimage! Canon Michael Cooke, Vicar General for the Diocese of Salford, will lead this month's celebration of Mass at 5.30pm on Sunday 10th September.

Join us after Mass as we catch up over pizza and enjoy a talk from this month's inspiring guest speaker. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Mass. All are welcome!

9. SUNDAY SMILES

St. Thomas the Dubious, that excellent school, has just received its GCSE results. The staff are glad that students have avoided some of these answers given in their mock exams. (7)

English Language:

Q. What is emphasis in reading?

A. Putting more distress in one place than another.

Q. What is meant by an abstract noun?

A. One that cannot be heard, seen, touched or smelled.

Q. Describe how poetry is different to other styles of writing.

A. Poetry is when every line starts with a capital letter and doesn't reach the right side of the page.

Q. Write the longest sentence you can think of, using appropriate punctuation.

A. 50 years up to life.

Q. What does antonym mean?

A. I don't know what it means, but you've spelled his name wrong.

Q. What is a double negative?

A. The general rule of grammar is that double negatives are a no-no.

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 11.00 am for Diane Ashton (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

- RIP:** Mario McDonnell, Diane Ashton
- Anniversary:** Simeon Bernard Ogbonna, Edward Coonan, Margaret Kalthoeber
- Birthday:** Matt Procter

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.