

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1 October 2023

The prophet Ezekiel was speaking in Babylon during the exile of the Jews there after the destruction of Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, the second generation of exiles were questioning why they should suffer for the failures of their forefathers. This was, however, a new phase in the development of morality, for beforehand the sense of solidarity with family or clan had been so strong that it was assumed that punishment for the sins and failures of an individual would affect the whole clan or family. Now the individual is to be held responsible for his or her own sins only. Furthermore, the individual cannot simply rely on good deeds of the past, nor feel irremediably condemned for failures in the past. Conversion in both directions is possible: just as the good person can become evil, so the evil person can change direction. At the end the Lord promises conversion to the good, a new heart and a new spirit, so that even the sinner can repent and live.

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: Ezekiel 18:25-28 - The sinner who renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest deserves to live.

Psalms 24 - Remember your mercy Lord / Lord make me know your ways / The Lord is good and upright.

Second: Philippians 2: 1-11 - Always consider the other person to be better than yourself - in your minds you must be the same as Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32 - Parable of the disobedient son.

3. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Phoenix Earnshaw and Aria Dolecki, who were baptised in the Parish last weekend.

4. OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF MARY: During the month of October, the Rosary will be said before weekday Mass during the Private Prayer session.

5. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, this Sunday 1st October after the 9.30am Mass. Tea, Coffee and a selection of Cakes!! Everyone Welcome.

6. RED MISSION BOXES – ST HERBERT'S: For the foreseeable future the Red Mission boxes will only be emptied once a year. The date for the next collection will be April 2024. The exact date will be announced in the Parish newsletter closer to the time. Lilian Lally

7. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: is on Friday, 6 October. Please take an envelope today and return next week. You can give online at cafod.org.uk Thank you.

8. PLAYGROUP: will reopen on Thursday, 5 October at St Herbert's Parish Centre from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. £2.00 includes refreshments. All welcome.

9. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St Francis -4 October: was born in Assisi in 1182. After a profound conversion he embraced poverty and turned to God. Preaching the love of God, he gathered brothers around him who became the Friars Minor. He bore in his body the wounds of Christ and died in 1226.

St Faustina Kowalska – 5 October: was born in Poland in 1905. At the age of 20 she entered religious life. For many years, while suffering ill-health, she received vision of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. She died in Krakow on 5 October 1938.

10. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: St Herbert's Coffee Morning Ladies wish to thank all those who attended and donated to the Macmillan Coffee Fund raising event last Sunday. The excellent amount raised was £360. Well done to you all.

11. HARVEST FESTIVAL: This year's Harvest Festival will be celebrated at all Masses in the Parish on the weekend of 14th/15th October. Parishioners are kindly asked to bring along items of food, non-perishable, and place them before the altar. These will then be given to the SVP foodbank for distribution.

12. CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK: As we approach Challenge Poverty Week (2 October to 8 October 2023), our diocesan charity Caritas Salford remains committed to tackling poverty and its causes. There are too many children, families, and individuals living in poverty in our diocese:

- 302,158 children living in poverty
- 4,978 households across the diocese living in unstable temporary accommodation
- Poverty in our area is consistently higher for disabled people
- 217,657 households are in fuel poverty in our diocese - that's just over 15% of all households

Caritas Salford not only works alongside people experiencing poverty and crisis to provide much-needed support, but it also works hard to call out and tackle the causes of that poverty too. To find out more about Caritas Salford and its work in our diocese, head to: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/about/policy-and-advocacy/>

13. VOLUNTEER VAN DRIVER URGENTLY NEEDED: Could you help? Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity that supports people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire, is in urgent need of the support of a volunteer van driver. Van drivers are vital to Caritas services and are essential to their day-to-day running. If you can drive and want to help Caritas to support people across the diocese, then please contact their volunteer coordinator Matt on m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk or visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer/>

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 604; Offertory: 175,801; Communion: 538, 757; Recessional: 147.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 262; Offertory: 148; Communion: 500, 557; Recessional: 672.

14. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week has been a busy time for some of our Faith Life groups in school. We officially commissioned our Pupil Chaplaincy and Mini Vinnies. It is always great to see our faith life teams expand and develop every year, and they continue to go from strength to strength. The children received their ties and certificates during the commissioning ceremonies.

This week we also gathered in Church with our school and parish community for our first mass of the new academic year. Our Pupil Chaplains led a reverent mass all about our 'mission' this year. The children were delighted to be back in church and their singing was extremely uplifting. Next week our Mini Vinnies are leading our Harvest assembly in the school hall at 9am and we would like to welcome our parish to join us in our Harvest celebrations. This year our Harvest collections are being donated to our parish pantry led by the SVP. We hope to see many of you there.

St Herbert's: Year 3 began their Sacramental journey where they learnt about the Faith Journey. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. We held a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday which was full to the rafters of families. They were entertained by the children from nursery to year 6 who, as usual, were fantastic! Thank you to all our families for the delicious cakes that were sent in to help us raise money for Macmillan

Nurses. On Saturday some children represented the school at cross country in Chadderton Hall Park. All completed the course, and we also had 5 medal winners. Well done! Thank for your continued support in providing food for our vulnerable families we are truly grateful. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

15. SUNDAY SMILES: *The new Year 7 intake at St. Thomas the Dubious High School, are still causing teachers some concern with their lack of knowledge and attitudes to work. Here are more of the stories heard in the staff room this past week. (9)*

In a lesson on fractions, Sandra was asked to explain the difference between the numerator and the denominator. She said that as far as she was concerned there was only a fine line between them.

Rodney was asked to give out the pencils at the start of an art lesson. He told his teacher that, as most of the pencils were broken, he couldn't see the point.

A boy in an English Literature class was unimpressed with the autobiography he was asked to read. He told the teacher that from what he had read so far the author was only interested in himself.

Jessica said to her teacher, "Miss, I can't wear my new glasses in your class because it's maths. The doctor said they are just for reading,"

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary 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: Anthony Sumers

Lately Dead: Marie Larkin

Anniversary: Amanda Whitney, Owen Roberts, Emily Roberts, David Johnson

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.